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Federal Transit Administration Awards Salt Lake City with Alternative Analysis Grant
City among 24 Winning Proposals for Downtown Streetcar Study

SALT LAKE CITY – As part of a nationally competitive bid process, the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) of Salt Lake City has been awarded a \$470,000 Alternative Analysis Project grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to fund a feasibility study to further explore alignment options and operating concepts for a downtown streetcar system. Salt Lake City was one of 24 winners among 67 proposals in the nationwide competition for \$25.7 million in funds. The FTA noted the City's success in integrating the transportation project with redevelopment and sustainability goals.

"With this funding from the FTA, we take a giant step towards development of our downtown streetcar system and furthering multi-modal transportation in Utah's Capital City," said Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker. "With a daytime population that doubles every day, the City Creek development underway, and the expansive growth of our downtown core in Salt Lake City, the timing of this funding to increase our transit options couldn't be better."

Analysis of the streetcar system will be conducted by an RDA-led technical advisory team that includes the City's Transportation, Engineering, Housing and Urban Development, Planning, Sustainability and Economic Development divisions as well as the Utah Transit Authority. The study area encompasses downtown Salt Lake City from 500 East to 600 West and from South Temple to 900 South.

For more information on the FTA's Alternative Analysis project descriptions can be found at http://www.fta.dot.gov/news/news_events_12233.html.

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