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Salt Lake City Ranked #2 in Nation for Public Transportation

City's transit systems recognized for safety, efficiency and usage

SALT LAKE CITY – In another recent nod to Utah's Capital City, U.S. News & World Report announced today that Salt Lake City earned the #2 spot in its just-released national rankings of "Best Cities for Public Transportation."

The accolade follows a recognition issued earlier this month by the same publication for Salt Lake City's stellar job prospects – #2 nationally – and last year's #1 ranking by Forbes Magazine as the best commuter city in the country.

In this latest ranking, U.S. News touted the area's heavy transit investment (#1 in the nation in terms of public transit spending per capita) and ongoing system expansions. The magazine also noted the City's exceptional rate of ridership, with a #18 ranking in miles traveled in spite of a #43 ranking by population.

Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker said he was pleased, but not surprised, by the recognition.

"Salt Lake City's transit goals, and the progress we're making toward achieving them, are a reflection of the priorities for the City we all share," Mayor Becker said. "When we can put partnerships together and involve our residents, policy makers and transportation experts, we see success that is noted nationally. This is the kind of collaborative energy that gets things done and improves our City's livability now and into the future."

According to the publication, rankings were based on data collected on public investment in transportation, safety and ridership.

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