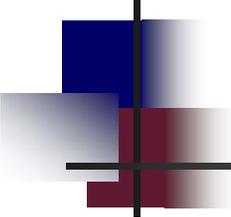


MPOs and Planning with NEPA

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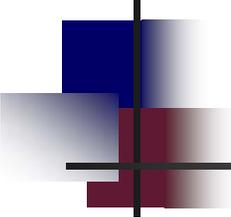


WFRC Environmental Activities

- Long Range Transportation Plans
- Environmental impact studies

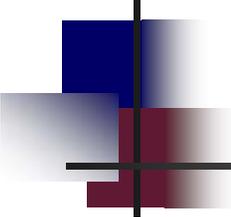
Planning with NEPA Workshop Participants

- WFRC
- MAG
- DIXIE MPO
- CACHE MPO
- FIVE COUNTY AOG
- UDOT
- UTA
- FHWA
- Environmental Protection Agency – Region 8
- US Fish & Wildlife Service (Utah Office)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (Utah Office)



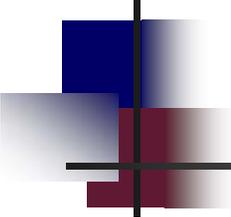
Planning with NEPA Action Items

- Establish a Coordinating Committee
- Establish a Memorandum of Agreement
- Integrate planning and environmental staffs
- Use various land use scenarios to develop transportation plans
- Determine relevant data availability



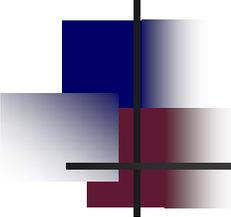
Planning with NEPA Action Items

- Use Envision Utah's visioning process
- Use advisory committees with local governments
- Convene the resource agencies
- Research funding of resource agency positions
- Investigate ways for FHWA to act as FTA's agent



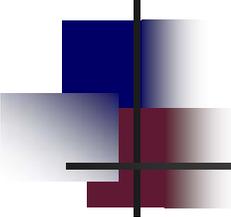
Planning with NEPA Action Items

- Use the Central Utah Project as a model
- Use a pilot corridor to test collaboration/cooperation
- Test the feasibility of merging planning and environmental GIS layers
- Provide training opportunities for planners



Planning with NEPA Action Items

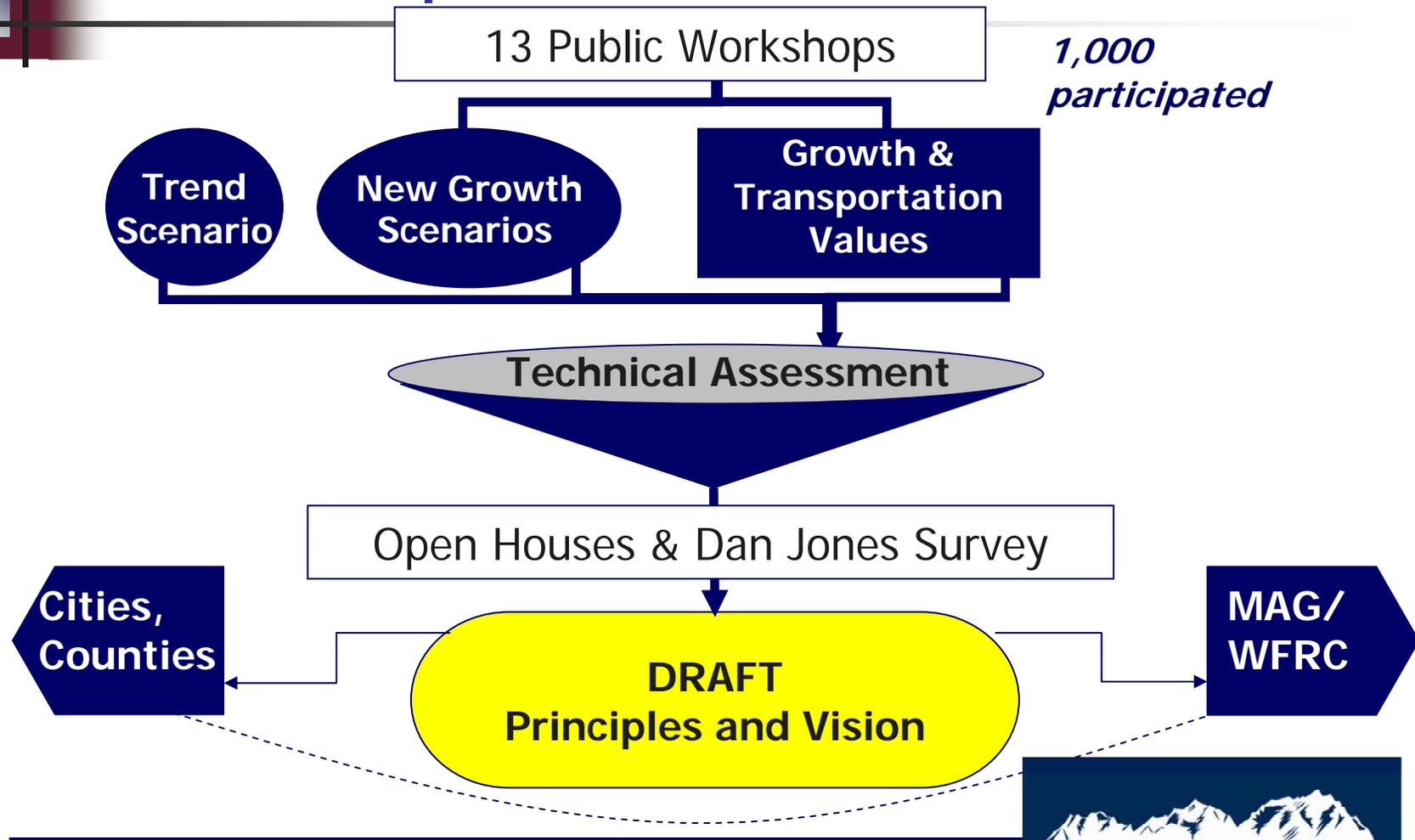
- Utilize UDOT's paper on purpose and need
- Develop an approach for analyzing secondary impacts
- Develop an approach for analyzing cumulative impacts

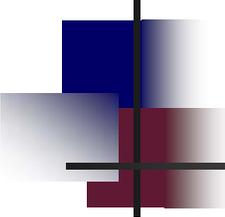


Progress in Addressing Actions Items

- Established Coordinating Committee
- Contacting resource agencies
- Developing environmental layers for GIS
- Wasatch Choices 2040
- Developed Purpose and Need guidance

Vision and Growth Principle Development Process



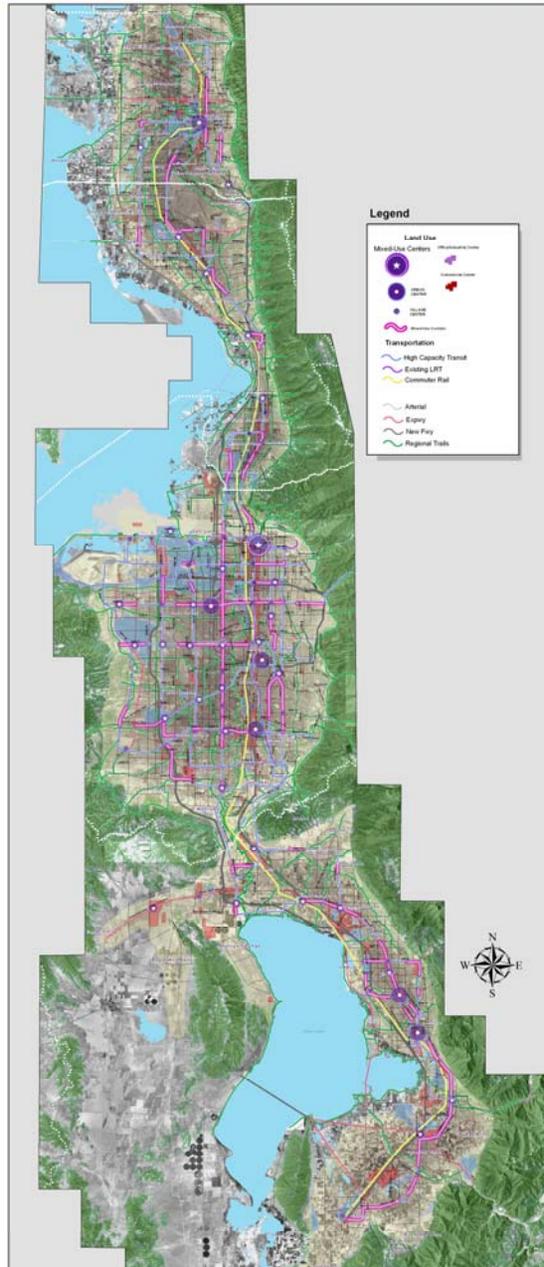


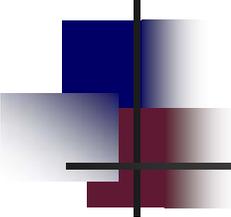
Growth Principles

1. Provide Public infrastructure that is efficient and adequately maintained
2. Provide regional mobility through a variety of interconnected transportation choices
3. Integrate local land-use with regional transportation systems
4. Provide housing for people in all life stages and incomes
5. Ensure public health & safety
6. Enhance the regional economy
7. Promote regional collaboration
8. Strengthen sense of community
9. Protect and enhance the environment

Vision

Vision Scenario





Future Efforts

- Address environmental factors in RTP
- Upgrade tools (Urban Sim)