



Federal regulations require UTA changes

Riders and residents invited to share transit ideas

Residents in Pleasant View, North Ogden and throughout northern Weber County are invited to provide comments to Utah Transit Authority (UTA) relative to area transit planning in light of plans to suspend FrontRunner commuter rail service between Pleasant View and Ogden beginning in August. Residents are invited to share their requirements and requests for transit service.

- **6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, March 12, Pleasant View Municipal Building, 520 W Elberta Drive, Pleasant View**
- **6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, North Ogden City Council Chambers, 505 E 2600 North, North Ogden**

Members of the UTA and Union Pacific teams will be there to answer questions and collect information.

While UTA's FrontRunner commuter rail is considered among the safest in the country, the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 mandates additional improvements to the FrontRunner system. Many of these features, known as Positive Train Control (PTC), were built into the system when constructed and others are being added to the system now, and will be completed by December 2018, as mandated by the Congress of the United States.

However, PTC implementation will require some changes to UTA's system as it is both complex and expensive. One of those changes includes the suspension of FrontRunner service to Pleasant View station from Ogden. The tracks north of Ogden station to Pleasant View are owned by Union Pacific and require that UTA install the Union Pacific PTC system on FrontRunner trains operating on this section of track. FrontRunner passengers riding to and from Pleasant View would have to transfer to differently outfitted trains at Ogden. This creates a significant challenge for riders and UTA, as well as additional costs estimated at more than \$1 million, and additional incremental operating expenses. Therefore, service to Pleasant View will be suspended effective Aug. 12, 2018.

UTA wants to hear from residents and riders to in order to help plan transit service for their area.

