

Transportation

Focus on moving people, not just cars

Focusing on options that increase opportunities to move people, not just cars, has multiplying benefits. One such example is providing safe walking routes to schools. Only 14% of Taylorsville students walk to school. By increasing small pedestrian and bike paths throughout our communities, we could decrease distances and improve safety for our kids who walk to schools. These small adjustments may encourage potentially 50% or more of our kids to walk to school and would take a substantial number of cars off the roads, especially during peak traffic periods. We would also have the additional benefits of improved air quality, healthier lifestyle for our families and a broader sense of community.

Incorporate active transportation, trails and recreation

Utahns value our outdoor lifestyle and don't feel that it should have to be eliminated because we live in an urban area. Whether for work, school, or play, having the ability to move about safely as a pedestrian or cyclist adds freedom and enjoyment to our means of getting around. We must be proactive in preserving what we love most about our community while decreasing negative impacts of growth. We'll achieve this by listening to our communities' needs.

Reduce time away from home and improve air quality

Taylorsville conducted a city-wide survey in 2019 where the impacts of population growth came back as the #1 concern. Kearns is currently conducting a transportation survey by residents and anticipates similar results. This is directly tied to congestion, pollution and lack of public and active transportation choices. Like you, getting around town is often my least favorite way to start and end my day. What else would you like to do with some free time and feeling better with improved air quality? Check out this commute chart.

How much of your life you waste commuting

Days spent commuting in a typical year, by daily commute time

