

# Inclusion of Active Transportation

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## Purpose

This Policy defines the Utah Department of Transportation's (Department) position on the inclusion of Active Transportation improvements in the funding, planning, design, operations, and maintenance of transportation facilities. Safety is an important driver within the Department and inclusion of Active Transportation improvements will provide opportunity to consider all users when addressing safety on the transportation system.

## Policy

It is the policy of the Department that the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, and other Active Transportation users will be routinely considered as an important aspect in the funding, planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of Department transportation facilities. Active Transportation needs for a project will be documented within the Project Definition Document process.

This policy applies statewide, to facilities in urban, suburban, and rural settings. All transportation activities that are funded by or through Department and planned, designed, constructed, or maintained on state facilities will adhere to this policy. These activities will be referred to as Projects for the purposes of this Policy.

## Definitions

**Active Transportation:** Refers to multimodal transportation solutions that connect people to the places and services they need or desire access to. Includes but not limited to work, school, businesses, government facilities, transit, recreation and community centers, health care, and other services that are essential to their livelihood and wellbeing, using "active" or non-motorized modes such as walking or bicycling. Includes multimodal transportation solutions that are used for recreation.

## **Procedures**

### **Active Transportation**

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**Responsibility:** Planning, Program Development and Maintenance

#### **Actions**

1. Consider the need to incorporate Active Transportation into the State Highway system as the Department develops plans for future work.
2. Expand current guidelines for delivering Projects and Programs to facilitate the implementation of this Policy.
3. Adjust maintenance budget allocations to allow implementation of this Policy.
4. Consider and integrate where appropriate into all planning studies and planning documents developed, accepted and promoted by the Department.

**Responsibility:** Project Managers

5. Evaluate and incorporate the needs of Active Transportation to the extent feasible within the Project's defined budget and purpose for all projects under their control.
6. Begin this consideration in the Concept phase to account for any additional costs and continue through Preconstruction and Construction.
7. Incorporate low-cost, no-cost, and commonsense improvements that address the needs of Active Transportation in all projects where feasible.
8. Carefully review and document project features that would be detrimental to Active Transportation through the Project Definition Document process prior to incorporation into the Project.

**Responsibility:** Preconstruction Staff (In-House and Consultants)

9. Evaluate all Projects during design to account for the safety, convenience, and efficiency of Active Transportation.

**Responsibility:** Construction Staff (In-House and Consultant)

10. Construct all Projects in such a way that Active Transportation users are allowed safe access through the Project where feasible.
11. Develop and clearly identify safe, alternative routes for users if this is not feasible.

**Responsibility:** Maintenance Staff

12. Maintain all Department facilities to account for the safety, convenience, and efficiency of Active Transportation.

**Responsibility:** Operations Staff

13. Operate all Department facilities taking into account the safety, convenience, and efficiency of Active Transportation.