



## 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce represents a broad and inclusive set of leadership voices from business, education, healthcare, military and local governments. We endorse these priorities as critical needs of the Weber County area.

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### Funding Priorities

#### Transportation

1. 5600 South Interchange and Widening (3500 W to 1900 W):  
UDOT Study Approved: \$10-\$12M  
2020 Cost Estimate Total: \$229M  
2025 Cost Estimate Total: \$286M
2. I-84/US-89 Interchange Improvements: \$400M  
Short Term Solution Estimate: \$60M  
Long Term Solution Estimate: \$400M
3. 1200 South Overpass at 500 West Railroad Crossing: \$40M
4. West Weber Corridor Preservation and Planning: \$352M
5. Pleasant View Skyline Drive 500 West to US-89: \$48M
6. I-84 Mt. Green Interchange to Trapper's Loop EIS Study: \$3.5M
7. Weber County Commuter Rail Right of Way Preservation: \$11M
8. Ogden 24<sup>th</sup> Street Widening from I-15 to Lincoln Ave. (including viaduct): \$48M  
24<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange: Funding approved
9. 12<sup>th</sup> Street/4600 West Capacity Improvements: \$10M

#### Economic Development

- Ogden Airport infrastructure improvements to support defense-related business: \$4M  
2019 Allocation: \$6M
- Former U-Star Innovation Center at Falcon Hill Operations: \$350K ongoing funding

#### Education and Workforce

- Increase baseline budget to statewide public education system: \$358M
- Outcome/Performance-based and market-demand funding for higher education: \$25M statewide, \$3.5M for Weber State University and Ogden-Weber Tech College
- Adult High School Completion in Weber School District: \$750K
- Composite Engineering Program (with USU): \$300K one-time funding, \$700K ongoing
- Systems Engineering Program: \$22K one-time funding, \$600K ongoing

#### Hill Air Force Base

- Roy Innovation Center/HAFB Entry Development: \$65M total including:  
Wardleigh Road Improvements, Infrastructure and Widening: \$19M  
Union Pacific Right of Way Purchase, 111 acres and 6.2 miles of rail line: \$24M  
Hill Air Force Base, Roy Gate Relocation: \$10M  
Hill Aerospace Museum Expansion: \$12M
- Hill Air Force Base Air Show, Air Show Foundation: \$100K (to recover 2020 cancellations)

#### Civic and Social

- State Domestic Violence Shelters: \$3.5M ongoing funding
- Egyptian Theatre Updates: \$864K one-time funding
- Ogden Nature Center: \$225K one-time, intent for ongoing

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### Platform Priorities

#### Transportation

- Total Reconstruction of I-15 600 North to 31<sup>st</sup> Street

## **Civic and Social**

- Provide universal access to high speed internet
- Strategic placement of smaller halfway houses throughout the state in support of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative
- State funding of Weber County homeless services and facilities to a level equitable to Salt Lake and other urban regions (based on share of shelters, crisis centers and subsidized housing provided)
- State-wide funding and policy support to address homeless programs and initiatives.
- State support to local municipalities to clarify need and appropriate course of action for low/moderate income housing requirements
- Local control of land usage including housing density regulation
- Initiatives that support county-led intergenerational poverty programs

## **Economic Development and Tourism**

- Inland Port initiative including a satellite location in the Northern Utah area
- Regional economic development support for Northern Utah
- Workforce support through Talent-Ready Utah
- Maintain current TRT distribution formula
- Temporary authority for municipalities to develop innovative ways to increase access to dining and hospitality businesses during COVID

## **Education and Workforce**

- Expansion of traditional and non-traditional apprenticeship partnerships
- Strategic workforce initiatives and use of stackable credentials
- Development of competency-based adult high school diploma/post-secondary credential
- Targeted elimination of state income tax on military retirement pay in order to recruit high-skill, high-wage professionals to fill critical openings

## **Healthcare**

- Funding of the social determinants of health, including food, housing and transportation
- Regulation of e-cigarette distribution and marketing
- Private sector model to provide health insurance for uninsured poverty-level Utahns
- Priorities that reduce obesity, high blood pressure, suicide and mental health issues
- Fully fund traditional Medicaid
- Incentives to encourage cost containment and efficiencies at all levels of the health system
- Policies that encourage increased healthcare quality and access while minimizing costs
- Research and projects that reduce opioid-related dependency and deaths
- Monitor potential impacts of legalized marijuana on the workforce

## **Water, Air and Energy**

- Water development and planning to responsibly meet Wasatch Front population growth
- Protection of existing funding mechanisms that support local public water agencies
- Statewide water financing program support for new and aging infrastructure
- Implementation of wise watering practices and conservation measures
- Study and mitigation efforts to address lower water levels of Great Salt Lake

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### **Service Areas**

The Ogden-Weber Chamber proudly represents organizations in the following cities and unincorporated areas of Weber County:

Eden	Marriott-	Pleasant View	Warren
Farr West	Slaterville	Reese	Washington
Harrisville	Nordic Valley	Riverdale	Terrace
Huntsville	North Ogden	Roy	West Haven
Hooper	Ogden	South Ogden	West Weber
Liberty	Plain City	Uintah	