



M A G

Expert Resources. Enriching Lives.

Happy New Year

In these first days of 2023, we have much to look forward to. Every new year presents a renewed opportunity to make the MAG region the best place to live, work and play. Designated as the Association of Governments for Summit, Utah and Wasatch Counties, MAG strives to accomplish the best work we can for those we serve. We thrive on seeing the communities in our area grow and succeed. Our emphasis areas include Informed Aging, Community & Economic Development and Planning for Growth. We have been working on some new and exciting things, and we are thrilled to share them with you all in this new year!

Upcoming Events

Jan. 23, 2023

MPO Technical Advisory
Committee Meeting

Jan. 26, 2023

MAG Executive Council

Feb. 2, 2023

MPO Board Meeting
Utah County COG Meeting

Feb. 23, 2023

Executive Council

March 6-16, 2023

March for Meals

News & Updates

- Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program
- Small Business Loan Program Grant
- Wasatch Back Rural Planning Organization
- TIP Projects
- Meals On Wheels Elected Officials Invitation



Aging & Family Services

Meals On Wheels

This year our annual March for Meals event will be held March 6-16. Each year we ask elected officials to donate their lunch break to deliver meals to homebound seniors served through Meals on Wheels. We are grateful for the continued community support as we rally around this vital service and celebrate our senior neighbors to ensure that older adults in our community can remain healthy and independent at home.

March for Meals celebrates the historical day in March of 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 and older. This legislation supported the rapid growth of the nationwide network of Meals On Wheels programs that collectively serve more than 247 million meals to over 2.8 million seniors each year.

By partnering with the MAG Meals on Wheels program you can change someone's day, maybe even someone's life. Please click here or call 801.229.3802 to find out how you can help. Together we can help fight hunger for our seniors, while meeting the needs of a generation that helped lead the way to building a strong and healthy community for us.



Volunteer

Meals On Wheels

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Donate your lunch break today and drop off a meal and a smile to a senior in your neighborhood. Make a difference with just an hour a week.

Visit mountainland.org/volunteermow/ to sign-up or call 801-229-3802.

Friendly Callers

Matches seniors with a volunteer for one-on-one weekly phone conversations. Volunteers are local from your community and together you can decide how long and how often you talk each week. Callers are matched by gender, schedule availability and where possible, by interest, veteran status, etc.

Community & Economic Development

Announcing MAG's New...

Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program! MAG's new Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program is here to assist residents with critical home repair and rehabilitation needs to keep our region's housing stock safe, accessible, and affordable. This program is geared toward rural communities, including Summit and Wasatch Counties and parts of Utah County. Eligible repairs and projects include roof replacement, wheel-chair accessible ramps, bringing electrical work up to code, increasing livable space to reduce overcrowding, and many more.

Loan amounts and terms are based on the resident's financial circumstances and are designed to assist those with low- and moderate-income. Contact our program coordinator kmitchell@magutah.org or (801) 229-3847 for more information, or to refer a resident or client.



From Left to Right: John Curtis, Utah Congressman Representative; Karol Patterson, MAG Small Business Loan Fund Coordinator.

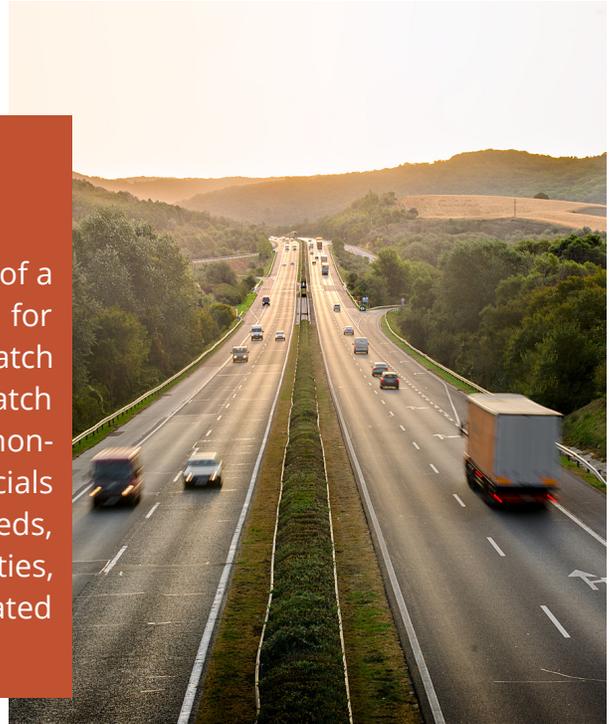
Small Business Loans

Our Small Business Loan Fund Coordinator, Karol Patterson, received an incredible grant that will go towards launching small businesses and empowering local families. She reported, " I am honored that Representative John Curtis took time out of his busy schedule to congratulate me on winning an EDA grant! The impact of this grant (\$800,000) towards assisting small business owners in the Mountainland District (Summit, Utah and Wasatch Counties) will be life-changing for many Utah families and entrepreneurs who cannot yet qualify for traditional loans. Our mission is to help businesses and startups become "bankable." Please reach out for more information!"

Regional Planning:

WASATCH BACK RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MAG staff are excited to announce the creation of a new multi-county transportation planning forum for Wasatch and Summit Counties called the Wasatch Back Rural Planning Organization (RPO). The Wasatch Back RPO is a voluntary organization made up of non-metropolitan communities and transportation officials that work together to identify transportation needs, create long-range transportation plans and priorities, and support other transportation and related planning efforts and processes.



For years, MAG staff has worked with the communities in Wasatch County, and UDOT Region 3 staff, to develop a transportation plan for that area. Many great projects have come from that process including the Heber Valley Corridor, where an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is currently being conducted. In early 2022, Summit County officials requested that MAG staff develop an RPO for their region. As these two regions continue to grow together, a joint Wasatch Back RPO that includes both counties and both UDOT Regions (Region 2 and Region 3) became the preferred model. MAG staff is working with the member jurisdictions to finalize the development of the Wasatch Back RPO. We anticipate the first meeting will be held early this year.

The Wasatch Back RPO will provide a forum for local government leaders to come together and collaborate to achieve their vision for the future of the region. MAG staff will administer the RPO and are excited about the opportunity the RPO will provide to these communities.

For more information email Bob Allen, Senior Planner & TIP Program Manager, at rallen@magutah.org.

ULI UTAH: WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

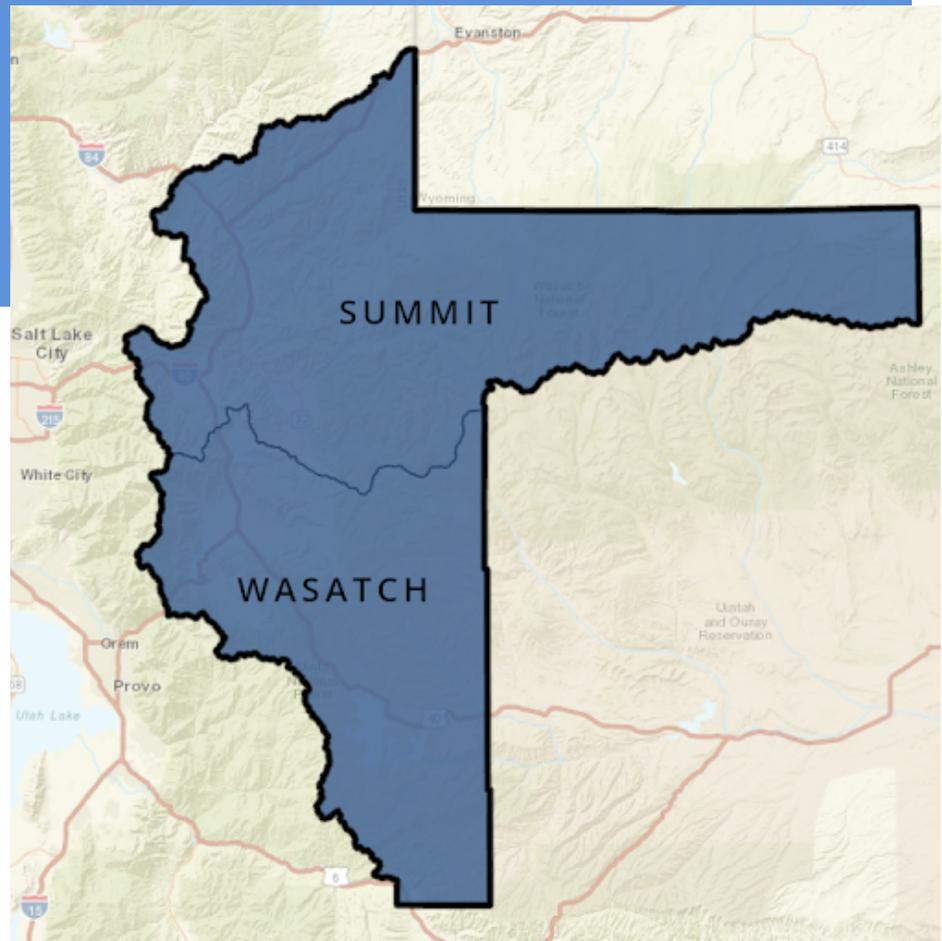
Mark your calendars for the February ULI Utah event, Women Making a Difference in the Public Sphere. MAG's Planning and Policy Director, LaNiece Davenport, will be joining Park City Mayor Nann Worel and other women leaders from the public sector to talk about the unique land-use challenges and opportunities Utah communities are facing. This event will be held in Salt Lake City on February 1st at 11:15 am. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

Map Of The Quarter: Corridor Preservation

Check out MAG's new [Corridor Preservation story-map](#). The story-map offers information on the planning and acquisition process that we use to preserve corridors for future transportation projects.

Corridor preservation allows for enhanced capacity of existing transportation corridors or to protect proposed corridors in advance of the need for and commencement of the transportation facility construction. Corridor preservation is a tool for long-range transportation planning rather than a strategy for meeting present highway project needs.

For more information email Jim Price, Senior Planner & Project Manager, at jprice@mountainland.org.



The area of the new multi-county transportation planning forum, the Wasatch Back Rural Planning Organization (RPO)