

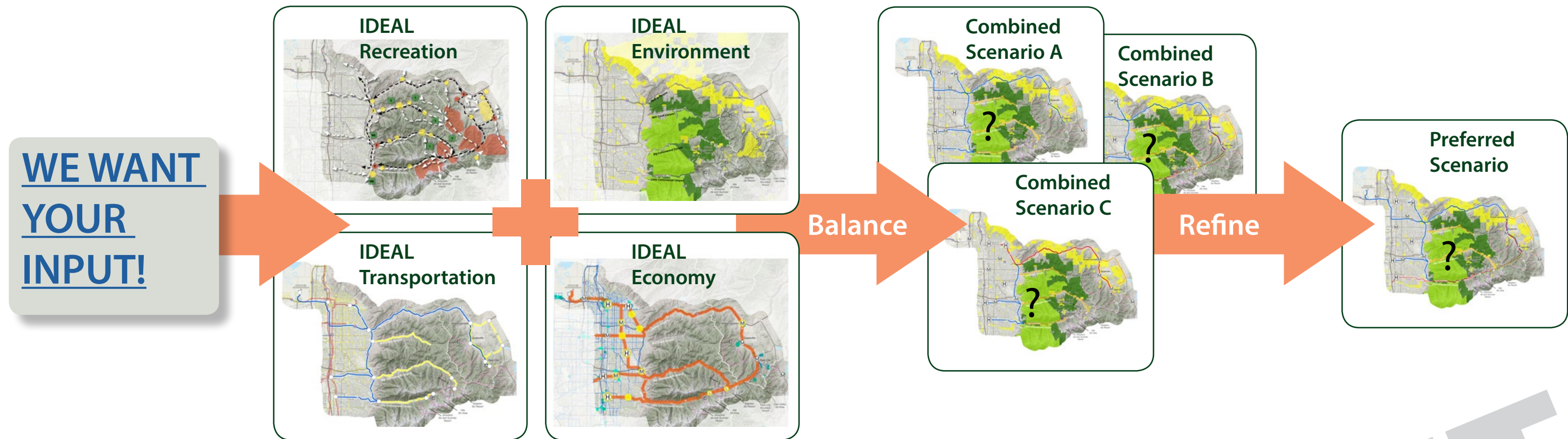


Today we're asking you to look at our IDEAL systems and respond to a short questionnaire. Please [visit](#) between now and October 16 to share your feedback!

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# MOUNTAIN ACCORD - A BALANCED APPROACH



## MOUNTAIN ACCORD

Mountain Accord brings together over 20 organizations that are committed to planning collaboratively and regionally to make critical and balanced decisions regarding the future of Utah's Central Wasatch mountains.

## A BALANCED APPROACH

A balanced approach includes the equal consideration and analysis of the four systems that make up the Central Wasatch Mountains—environment, recreation, transportation, and economy. "System groups" were formed around these four themes and were populated with policy-level and technical subject matter experts, community and advocacy groups, and staff from agencies and organizations with an interest or mandate related to that system.

## WHAT DOES A BALANCED APPROACH LOOK LIKE?

To move towards a preferred future scenario for the Central Wasatch Mountains, we asked each system group to *dream big* and consider their system in a perfect world. These ambitions are reflected in each group's *ideal system*.

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# RECREATION – WHAT WE'RE FACING TODAY

## What is the Recreation System?

The recreation system in the Central Wasatch is comprised of recreation infrastructure and the surrounding natural environment. The system:

- Provides unmatched accessibility to high-quality recreation for a large urban and suburban population
- Supports a wide range of activities and uses within a small area
- Fosters a high quality of life for residents and a unique community identity
- Attracts visitors from around the globe

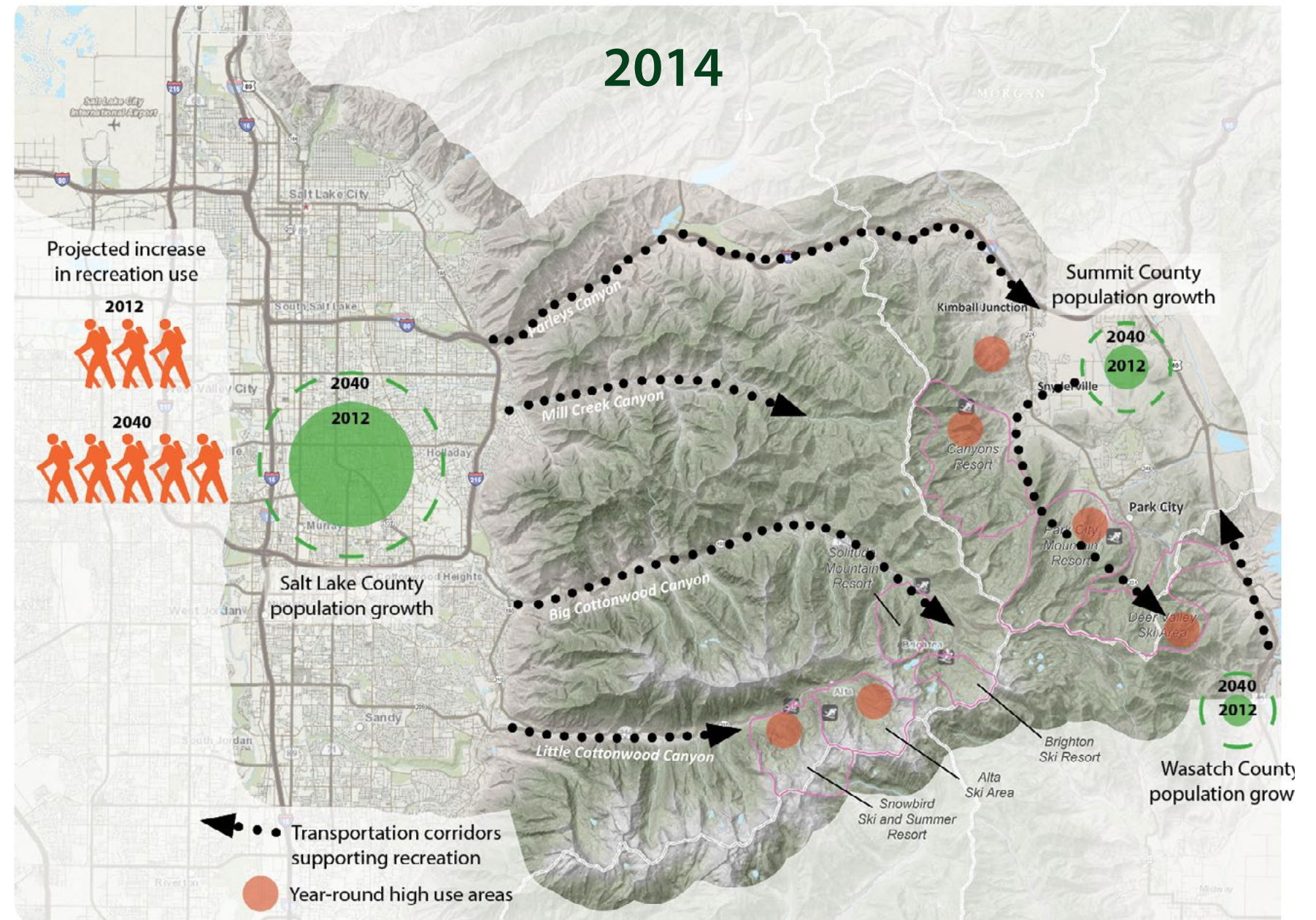
## What is the Recreation System Facing?

The recreation system is changing due to population growth, increases in recreational use, land development, climate change, and increased transportation congestion. Without action to address and plan for these trends we may experience:

- Decreased accessibility to recreation destinations
- Unplanned and unmanaged growth in recreational use at all locations
- Reactive management and limitations on recreation
- Crowding and degraded recreational experiences
- Decreased quality of life
- Decreased ability to attract visitors and employers

*Mountain Accord provides an opportunity to preserve and nurture our community's character and ensure that we leave our children diverse opportunities for accessible, high-quality outdoor recreation.*

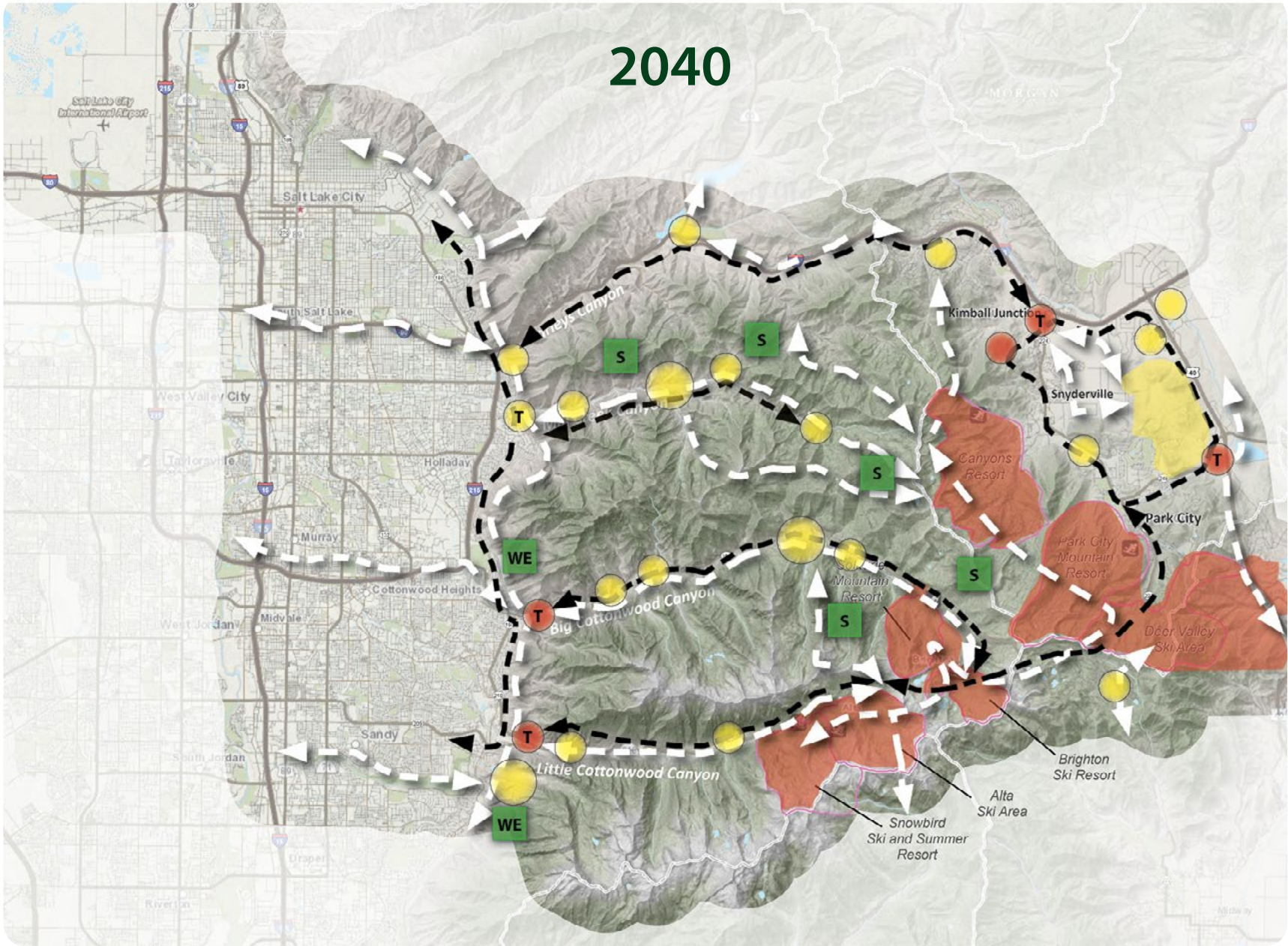
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Imagine if recreation was the ONLY consideration, this is the recreation system group's IDEAL future:

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### Draft Proposed Actions

#### Desired Outcome

- WE 1. Secure wilderness exchanges to complete the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.
- S 2. Place areas into special management to protect against future development and preserve natural landscapes.
- 3. Preserve lands that provide unique recreation experiences, are currently used for recreation, and are adjacent to existing open space.
- 4. Design and manage branded areas to attract *high levels* of use by supporting many activities and user groups.
- 5. Design and manage key recreation areas for *increased* use while maintaining existing character and recreation opportunities.
- T 6. Complete key nonmotorized urban and mountain trail connections to provide a more robust trail network.
- ↑ 7. Provide year-round, public transit service to connect users with recreation destinations.
- T 8. Establish transit-focused node to reduce vehicle use in the canyons.

### Draft Policy Actions

Establish and fund an organization to provide long-term recreational planning, management, and public education.



## What is the Environment System?

The system includes connections between the natural and built environments, as well as between the environments' major subsystems:

- Water
- Air
- Ecosystems
- Land

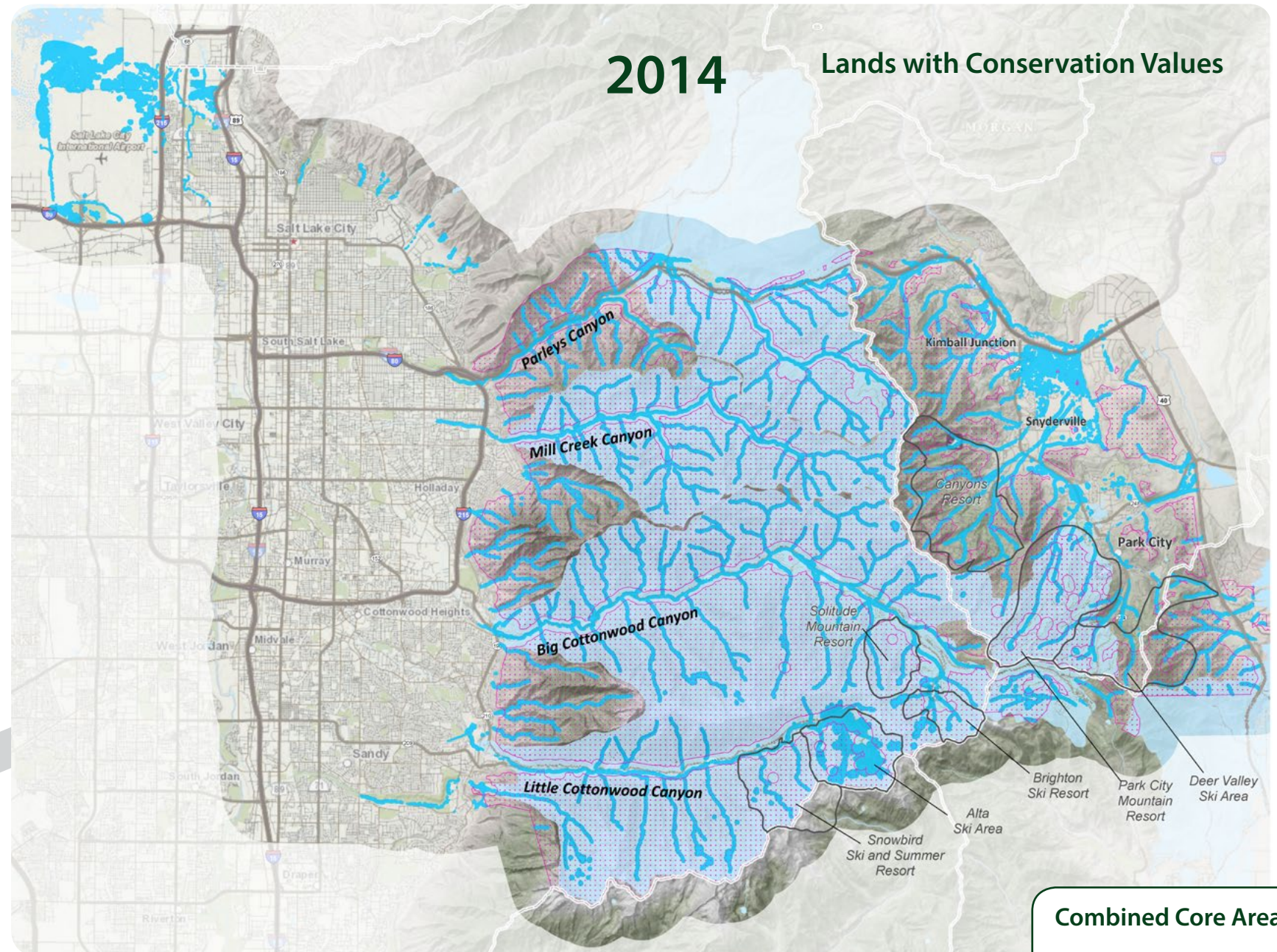
## What is the Environment System Facing?

Population growth, increased use and development, climate change, and increases in transportation congestion are affecting the environment system by:

- Degrading drinking water sources and watershed health
- Fragmenting ecosystems and increasing habitat loss
- Exacerbating existing air quality challenges
- Contributing to increased erosion and proliferation of invasive weeds

*Mountain Accord provides a platform to address threats, restore degraded areas, and protect our valuable natural resources.*

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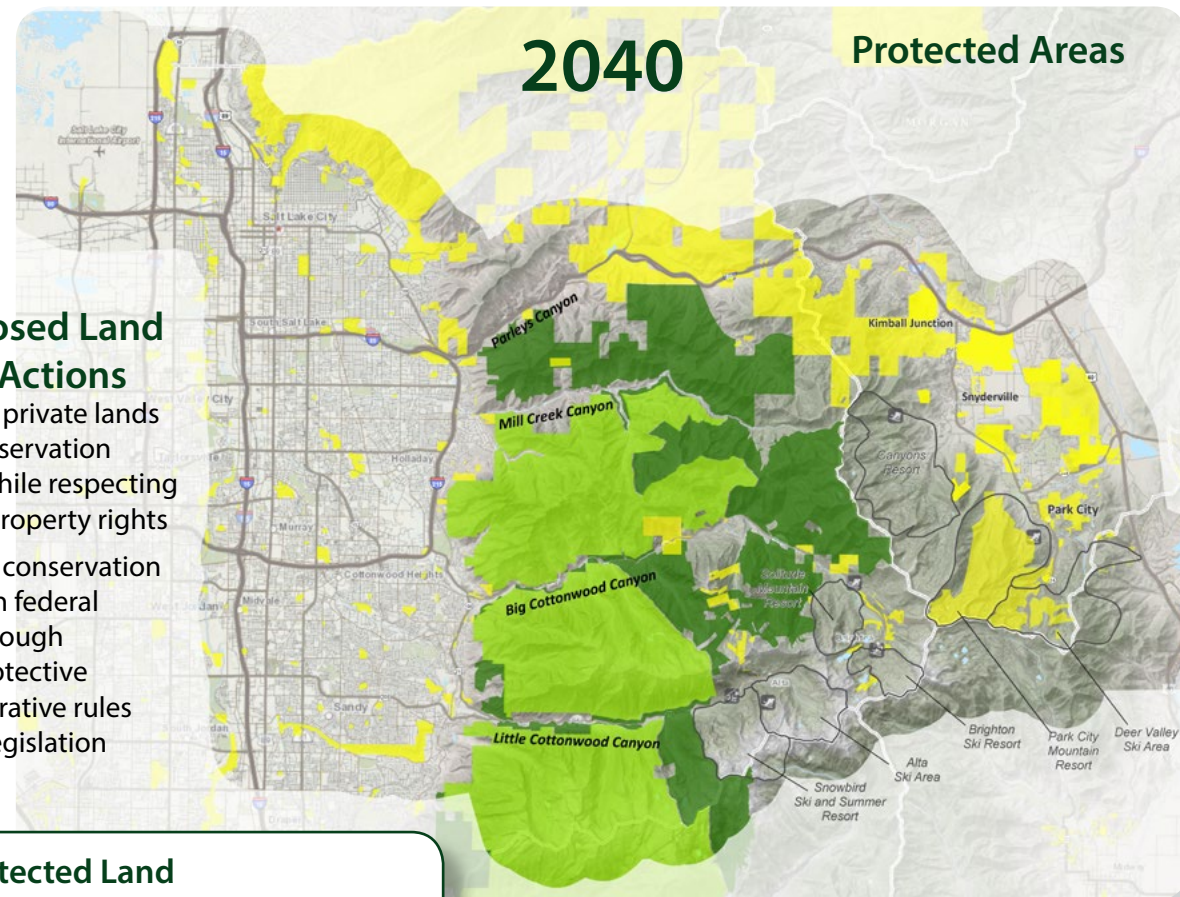


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## Draft Proposed Land Protection Actions

- Preserve private lands with conservation values while respecting private property rights
- Preserve conservation values on federal lands through more protective administrative rules and/or legislation



### Protected Land

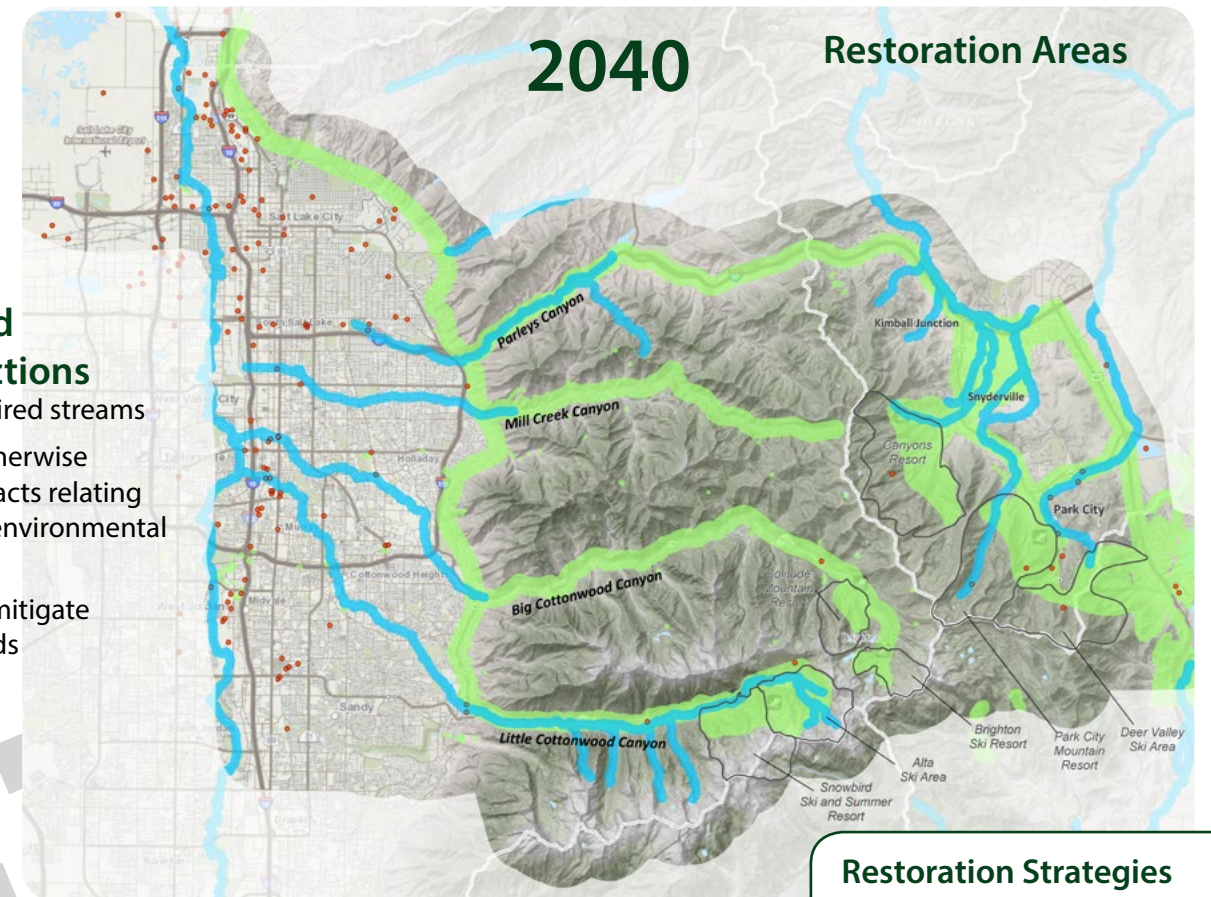
- Existing Protected City, County and Private Land
- Existing Federal Wilderness
- Federal Lands Considered for Additional Protection

## Draft Policy Actions

- Establish integrated governance structure with appropriate authority, funding, and personnel to implement land protection and restoration actions
- Identify and protect key wildlife corridors and minimize fragmentation
- Ensure no net increase in greenhouse gas emissions and minimize climate change impacts through preparedness planning and action
- Pursue funding for land conservation and ongoing land stewardship

## Draft Proposed Restoration Actions

- Restore impaired streams
- Restore or otherwise mitigate impacts relating to soils with environmental concerns
- Restore and mitigate invasive weeds



### Restoration Strategies

- Soils with Environmental Concerns
- Impaired Waters
- Invasive Plant Concentrations or Management Corridors



## What is the Economy System?

The economy system is comprised of the areas and corridors where people live, work, travel, spend money, and do business. The current system:

- Is economically diverse and has low unemployment
- Supports world-class tourism and a high quality of life
- Recognizes the Central Wasatch Mountains as a key asset to protect
- Is highly automobile-dependent and offers limited mobility options

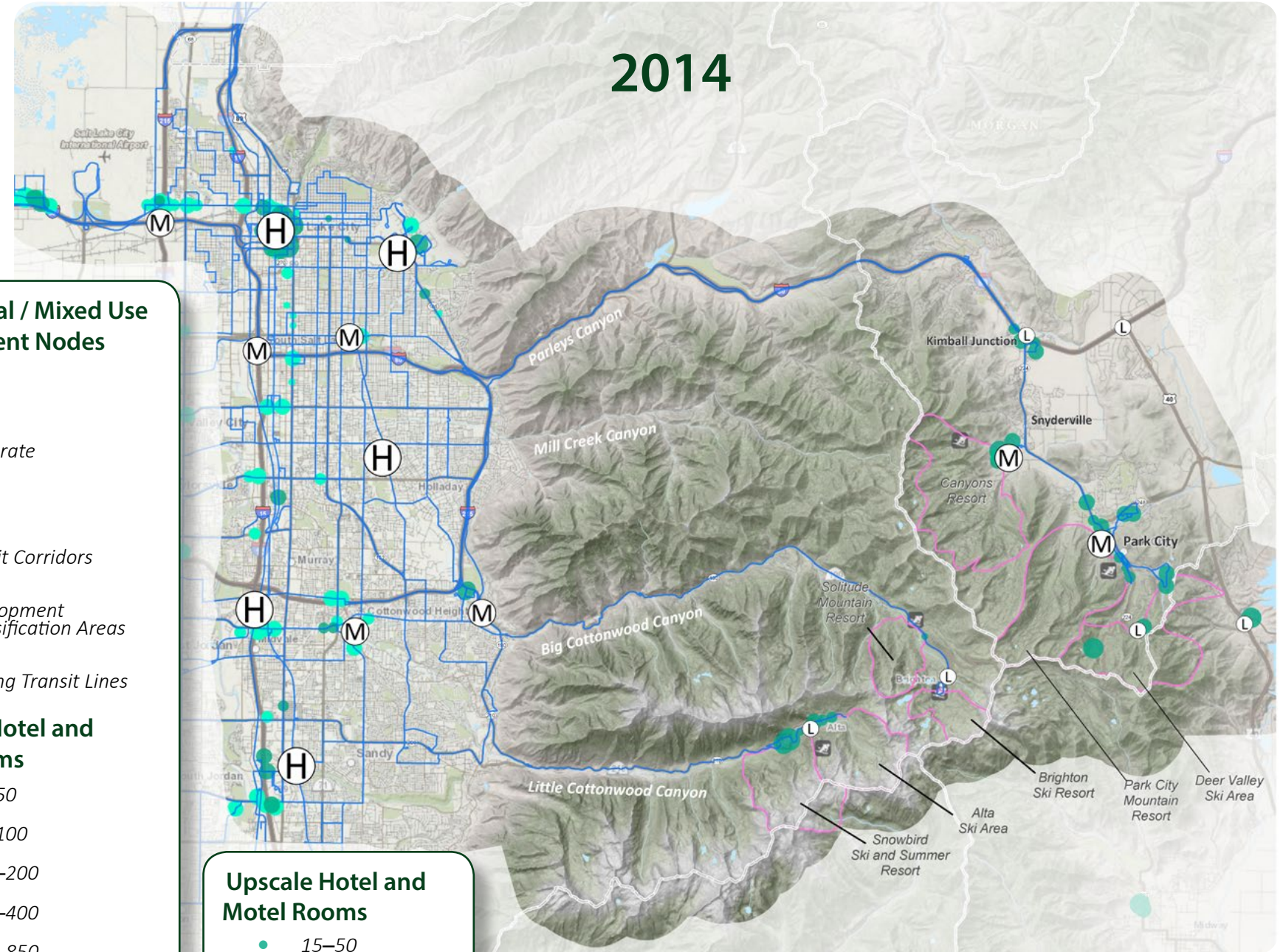
## What is the Economy System Facing?

Significant population and employment growth, intensifying land-use and development patterns, and increased tourism use will carry economic consequences:

- Crowded visitor experiences would limit growth in the tourism economy
- Increased congestion and longer commute times would affect productivity of employees
- Degradation of air and water quality would affect our ability to attract the best employers
- Growing commerce connections between Park City and Salt Lake City would be underserved

*Mountain Accord provides an opportunity to plan for sustainable growth, development, and transportation solutions that also preserve the natural resources and enhance the lives of residents and visitors.*

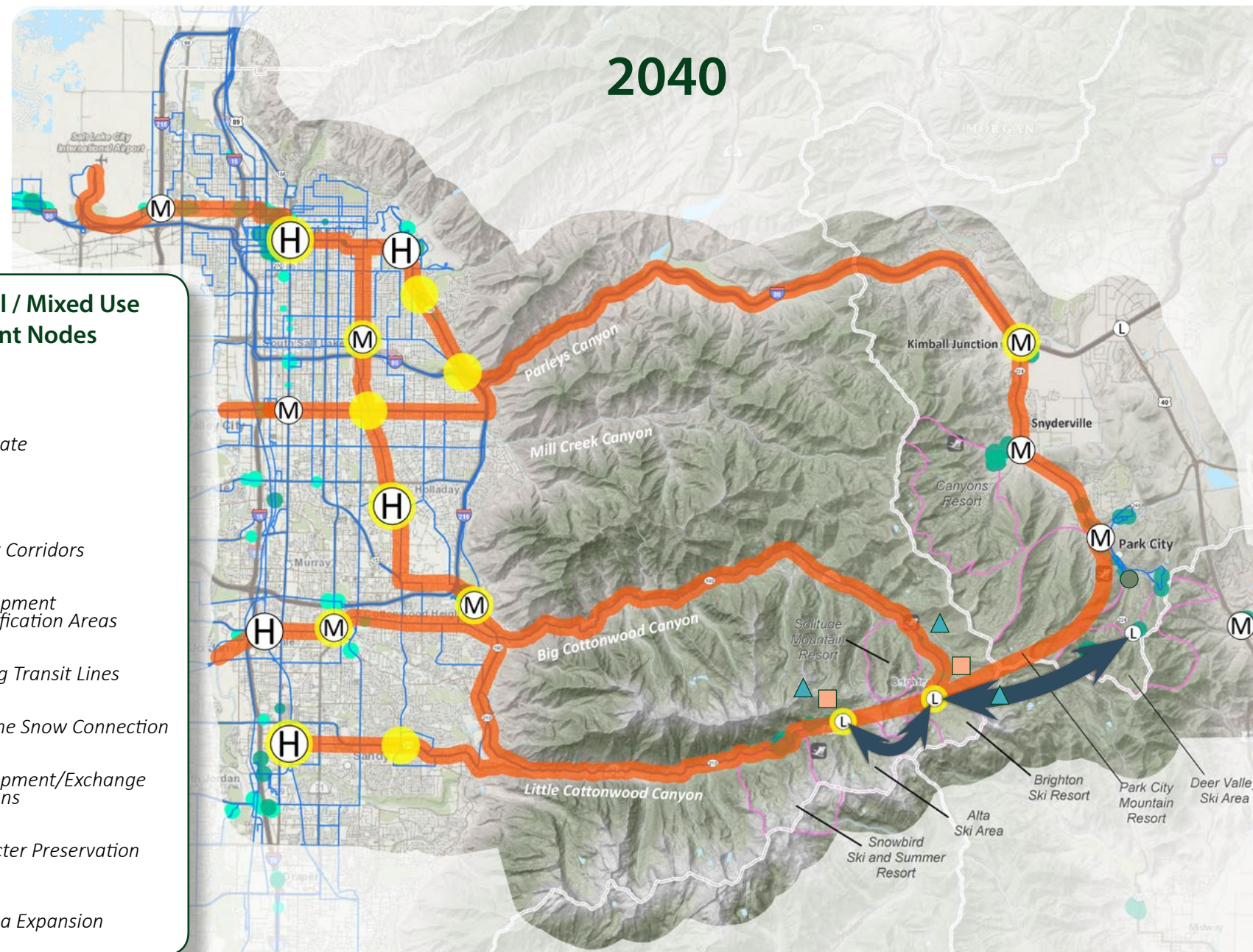
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## Draft Proposed Actions

- Invest in transit solutions connecting the Valley with the mountains and Park City area to support our growing regional economy
- Consider the connection of mountain resort areas with ski lifts to support tourism
- Support increased development at existing and new transit hubs, focusing on lodging accommodations and mixed-use development
- Protect the aesthetic and natural environment of the Wasatch from degradation

## Draft Policy Actions

- Increase resources available for reinvestment in the Central Wasatch natural and built environments that support our quality of life and economy
- Develop effective tools and approaches for resolving land-use and property-rights conflicts
- Ensure development and infrastructure enhance community character

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# TRANSPORTATION – WHAT WE'RE FACING TODAY

## What is the Transportation System?

The transportation system is comprised of roadways, transit corridors and parking infrastructure. The system:

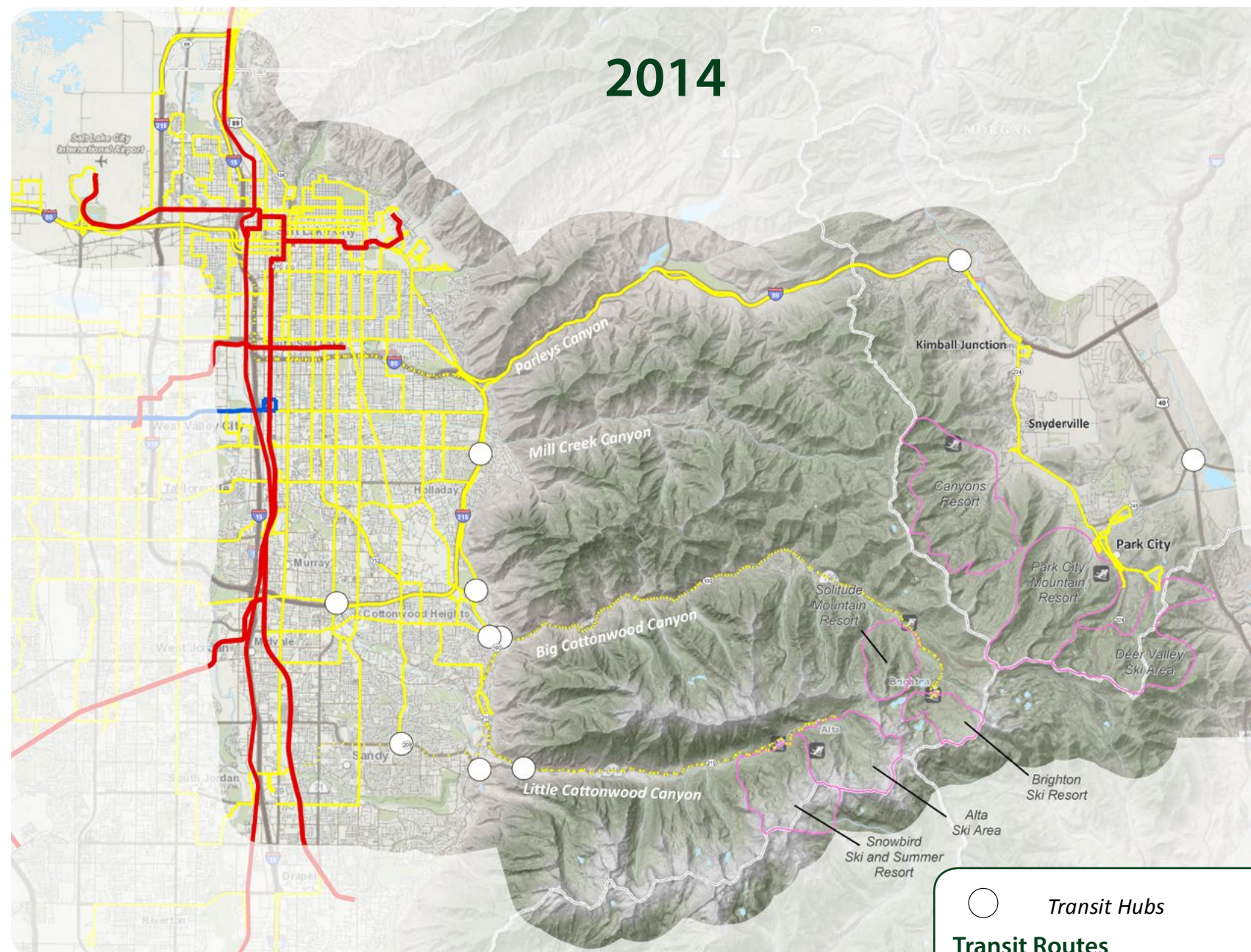
- Accommodates movement of people and goods to destinations throughout the Wasatch Front and Back, and also serves a key role in inter-state travel
- Provides access to outdoor recreation opportunities and ski areas that contribute to our quality of life
- Is affected by inclement weather, vehicle collisions, avalanche mitigation delays, and special events

## What is the Transportation System Facing?

- Population growth and increased mountain-oriented use will lead to peak period traffic congestion, transit overcrowding, and parking shortages
- Given the expansiveness of the study area and travel time to dispersed destinations, most people choose to drive private automobiles rather than use transit
- Increasing interest in active transportation, especially on-road cycling, introduces user conflicts and infrastructure needs

*Mountain Accord provides an opportunity to plan for increased use of transportation infrastructure and focusing on how the system integrates into recreation opportunities in the mountain areas.*

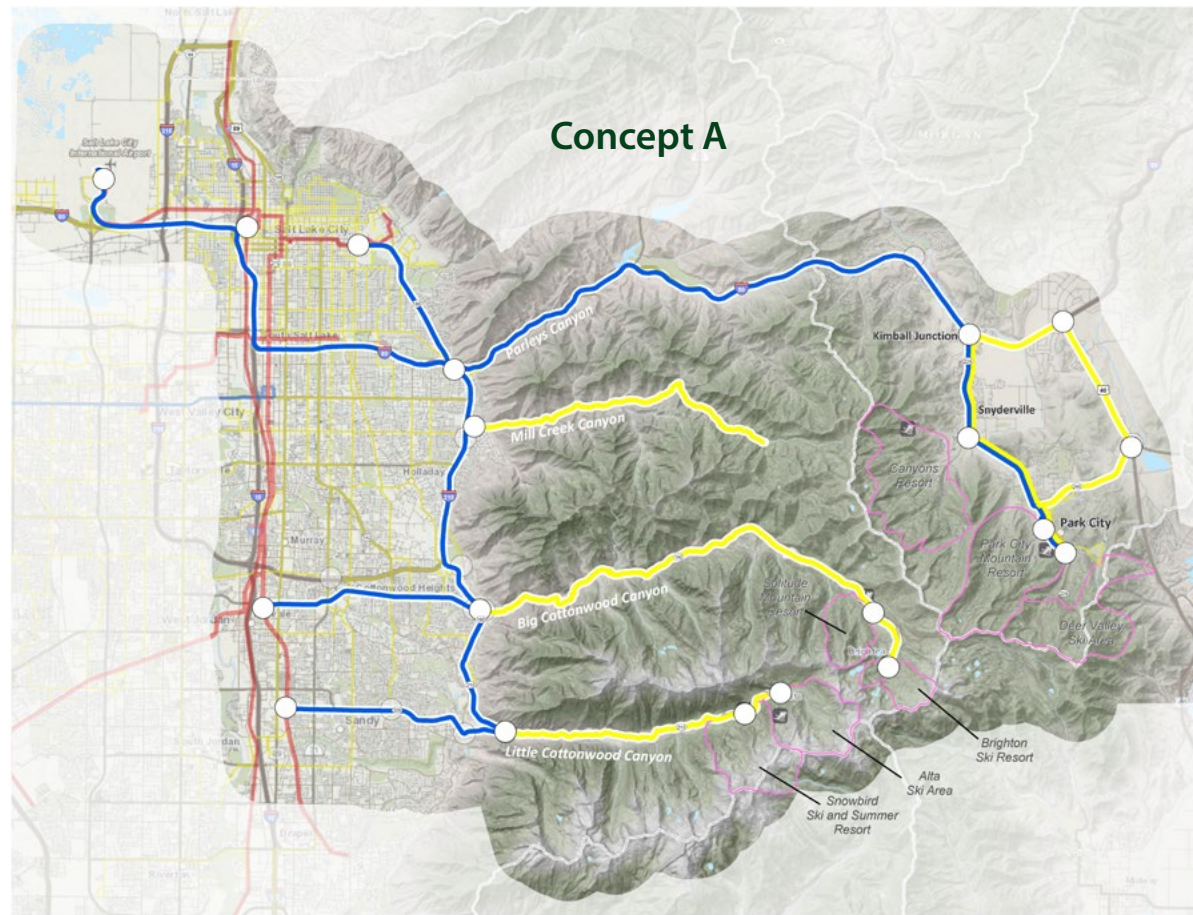
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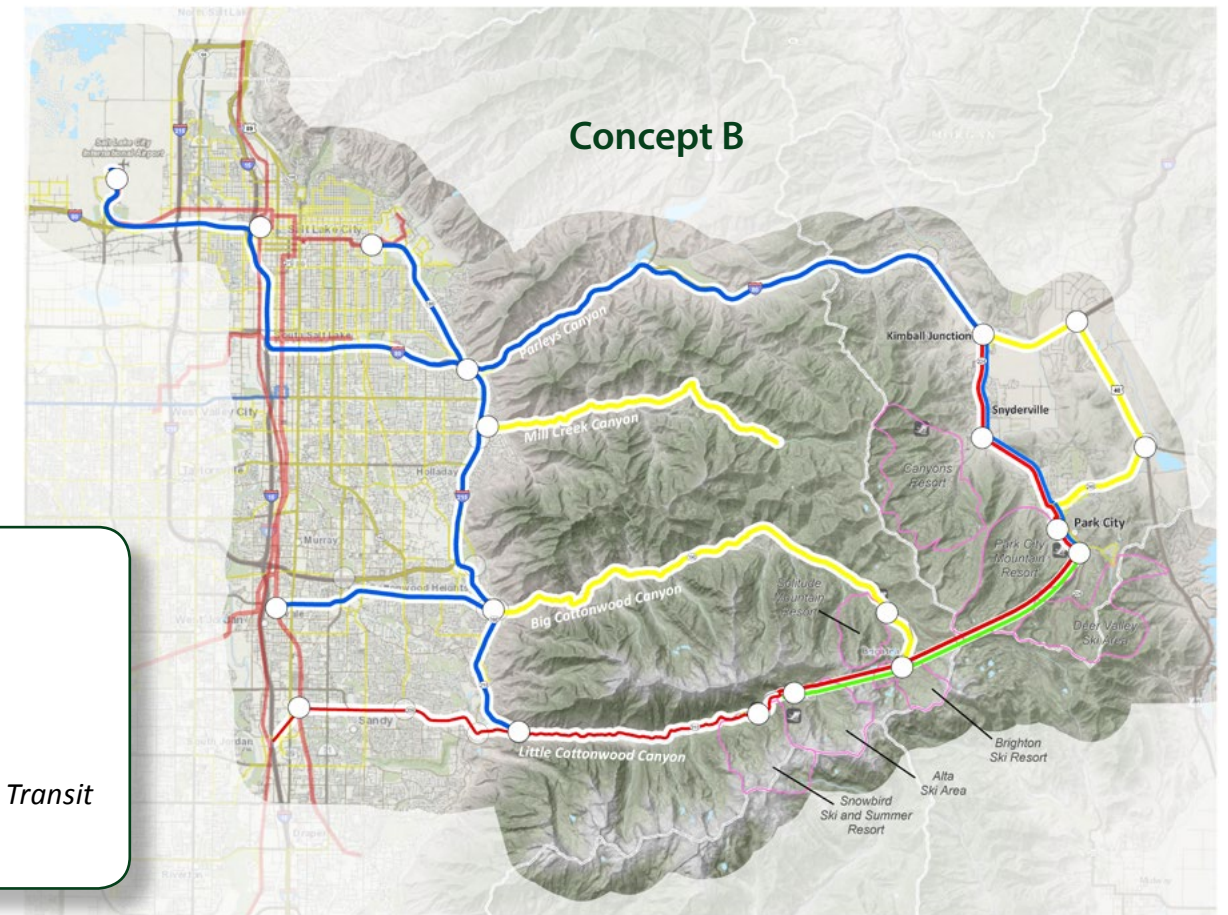
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Imagine if transportation was the **ONLY** consideration, this is the transportation system group's **IDEAL** future:



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○ Transit Hubs

**Transit Routes**

- Aerial / Tram
- Bus
- Express Bus/Bus Rapid Transit
- Rail

### Concept A Draft Proposed Actions

- Enhanced bus service in Salt Lake Valley and Parleys Canyon
- No new mountain connection

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### Concept B Draft Proposed Actions

- Enhanced bus service in Salt Lake Valley and Parleys Canyon
- Mountain connection via rail from Wasatch Front to Wasatch Back

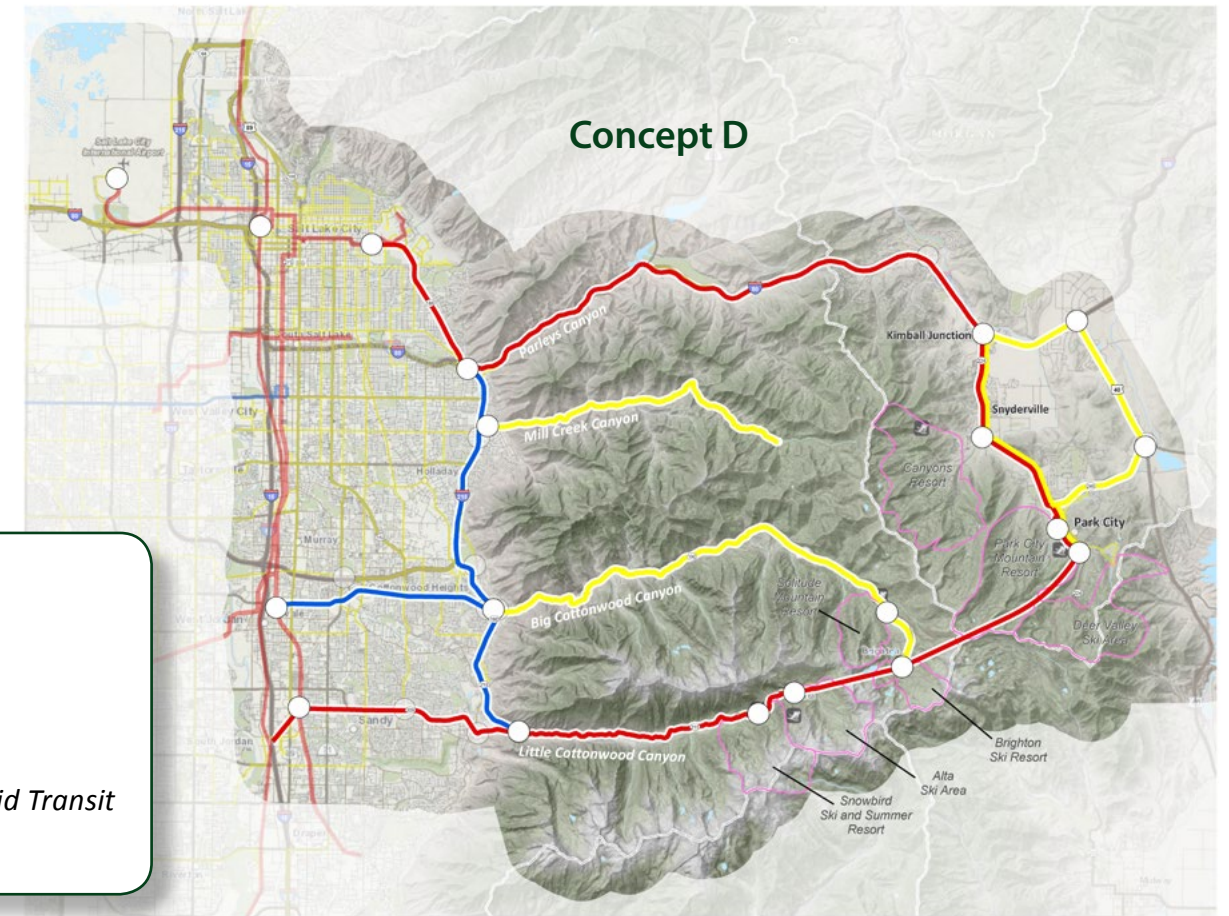
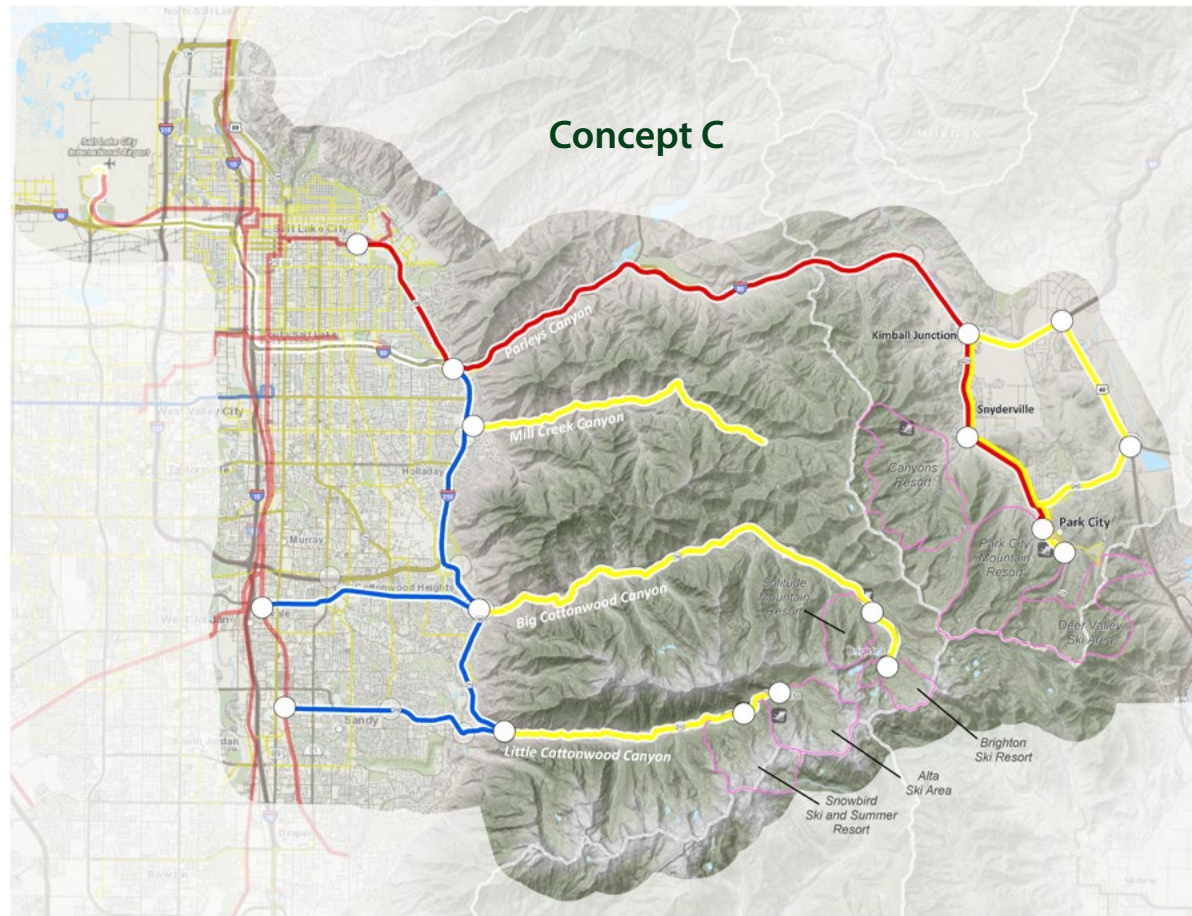
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# TRANSPORTATION – AN IDEAL PLAN FOR TOMORROW

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○ Transit Hubs

**Transit Routes**

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### Concept C Draft Proposed Actions

- Enhanced bus service in Salt Lake Valley
- Rail from Salt Lake Valley to Park City

### Concept D Draft Proposed Actions

- Rail from Salt Lake Valley to Park City
- Rail from Sandy to Little Cottonwood Canyon, Big Cottonwood Canyon, and Park City

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