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PRESS RELEASE

\$2 Million Secured for New Western Bypass Road

LOGAN, UTAH - Cache County received notice this week of the approval of a \$2 million grant for early-stage planning and environmental analysis for the Cache Parkway Western Arterial transportation project. The funds come from Federal Community Project Funding requested by the County and secured by Congressman Blake Moore as part of H.R. 4366, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which was recently signed into law.

"We are so grateful for Representative Moore's help in securing these funds that will help us address critical transportation needs," said Cache County Executive David Zook. "This road will help us to alleviate traffic from Main Street, 10th West and play an important role in supporting our economy."

The funding will allow for the planning and early environmental review process for the Cache Valley Parkway, a proposed multi-modal road that has been in local and regional plans for more than 20 years. Initial stages of the project will determine the final alignment and characteristics of the roadway.

"Sometimes traffic can make us forget how wonderful Cache Valley is," added Executive Zook. "At some times in our history, our leaders have done a great job of planning and building transportation infrastructure, while at other times, leaders may not have anticipated coming needs. Our kids and grandkids will be thankful for those who've been working to construct this critical transportation connection."

A robust future transportation system that provides multiple choices maintains the quality of life for residents. Best practices in transportation planning suggest that "right-sized" and appropriately spaced arterial roads are critical to reducing overall travel delay and ensuring travel time reliability.

With growth pressures increasing throughout Cache Valley, now is the time to move forward with the planning, environmental and eventual phased construction of Cache Valley Parkway. There is a strong local commitment to make sure this future transportation facility serves all modes of transportation, including transit service and active transportation, such as a shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians.

For more information see https://tinyurl.com/CacheParkway

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