

## Chapter 5: Transportation

### 5.1 Introduction

The effectiveness and functionality of the transportation system and how it services population growth has significant impact on the community. The City plans to develop and maintain a system that is efficient and complements the quality of life in Kanab.



### 5.2 Transportation Master Plan

The City has adopted and plans to prepare updates to the Transportation Master Plan which acts as a vital appendix to this chapter (See Appendix G). The chief objective of this plan is to provide and plan for a safe, convenient and efficient system of transporting people and goods to, from and throughout the community.

The following transportation issues were identified in the preparation process of the General Plan, and should be incorporated into the updated Transportation Master Plan:

- Create a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere downtown.
- Investigate the installation of bicycle, walking paths.
- Construct road connections and future roadways
- Focus on the maintenance of existing roadways.

#### **Goal:** **Maintain and Update the City's Transportation Master Plan**

- Plan for road construction and other transportation projects.
- Ensure future developments provide connections outlined in the Master Plan.

#### **Goal:** **Plan airport improvements.**

- Review and update Master Plan including needs for future air transportation in the region.
- Include the public and seek funding for improvements with transportation professionals.

### 5.3 Airport Improvements

The Kanab Municipal Airport, located in the south end of Kanab, serves the business and tourist community with scenic flights and charter service. The paved runway is 6040 feet long and 75 feet wide. As the community grows, more emphasis on expanded development and use of the airport will become an important issue. Updates of the Airport Master Plan should be completed using a public involvement process, utilizing professional transportation consultants, specializing in airport planning.



### 5.4 Public Transit and Active Transportation

Kanab City does not currently offer public transportation service. The Kane County Council on Aging operates a transportation service to transport senior citizens to medical appointments, shopping and activities. As the community

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grows, planning for public transportation to service the significant population of youth, seniors, people with disabilities, and low income households will improve the mobility of Kanab citizens.

The *Southwest Utah Coordinated Human Service Public Transportation Plan* lists the connection between Kanab and St George as a needed route for inter-city bus transportation, as recommended in the *UDOT Statewide Inter-City Bus Study*. Several residents of Kanab have expressed need for a shuttle service to St George and there have been recent efforts to formalize a regularly-scheduled service. Kanab City should coordinate with Kane County, the Five County Regional Mobility Council, and area transportation providers to plan for and implement a sustainable public transportation service for the City.

Active modes of transportation are strongly encouraged in Kanab. Many trips that are made by car could be made on foot or bike with safe, adequate facilities. Bicycle and pedestrian pathways, crosswalks and other infrastructure would allow for easy access and connection to most areas of the City. For more information, see Chapter 7, Parks and Recreation, and *Exhibit C*, Parks and Trails Master Plan.

## **Goal:** **Plan for transit and active transportation modes**

- Explore opportunities for public and/or inter-city transportation for Kanab City.
- Identify corridors where sidewalk, crosswalks, paths and other improvements are needed.

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5.5 Transportation Goals		
Goals	Strategies	Actions
<b>1. Maintain and Update the City's Transportation Master Plan.</b>	A. Prioritize and maintain a plan for road construction and other transportation projects.	i. Develop the 5, 10, and 15 year Capital Improvements Plan. Ensure that road construction is included in these plans.
		ii. Maintain an annual road maintenance plan and provide funding for annual maintenance of existing roads.
	B. Ensure that future development provides connections outlined in the Transportation Master Plan.	i. During Development Committee meetings, ensure that these connections are a priority (if applicable).
<b>2. Plan improvements to the airport with expanded facilities.</b>	A. Review and update the Master Plan, including a review of all future air transportation needs in the region surrounding Kanab City.	i. Involve the public in the process and seek funding for future airport improvements and expansion in consultation with a professional transportation consultant.
<b>3. Plan for transit and active transportation modes.</b>	A. Explore opportunities for public and/or inter-city transportation for Kanab City.	i. Support plans that identify the needs for public and inter-city transportation in Kanab.
		ii. Coordinate with Kane County, Five County Mobility Council, UDOT and area transportation providers to implement the transportation service.
	B. Identify corridors where sidewalk, crosswalks, paths and other improvements are needed for improved bicycle and pedestrian safety and access.	i. Include identified priority projects in capital improvement plan for implementation of projects
		ii. Coordinate efforts with Parks and Recreation Department.