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APRIL 8-10, 2026
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BRYCE CANYON, UTAH

WELCOME

Day 3- Meagan Booth, Utah APA Vice President



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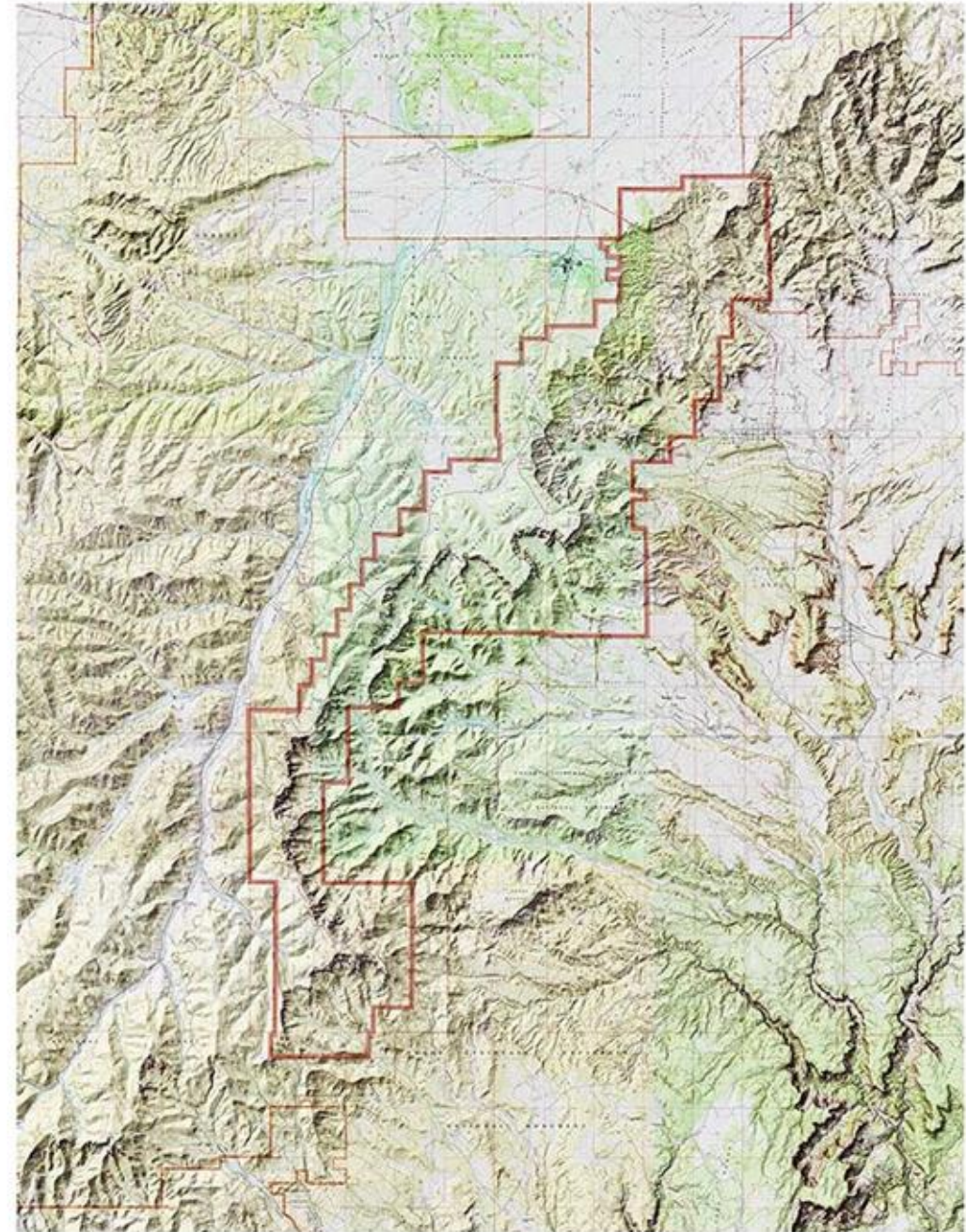
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THANK YOU, NICOLE!

Nicole has been a wonderful part of the Utah APA Chapter and has worked as our Chapter Executive Manager for the past four years. She is recognized for her strong leadership and has organized many conferences. She led the largest Utah APA Fall Conference and the popular Spring Conferences across the state. We are constantly complimented on our ability to run two successful conferences a year, and I commend her for making them remarkable ways to make memories and learn at the same time. We truly appreciate Nicole's hard work and dedication—she's the person behind all our successful events!

If you need help or have questions about the conference logistics, program, or anything else, please contact Nicole or anyone on the Executive Committee. We want to make sure your experience is smooth and enjoyable!

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Chapter Updates & Opportunities

Open Volunteer Positions

We have open volunteer positions – this is your chapter and we need your energy and expertise! Please use the QR Code we have provided or reach out to any board member or email Nicole.

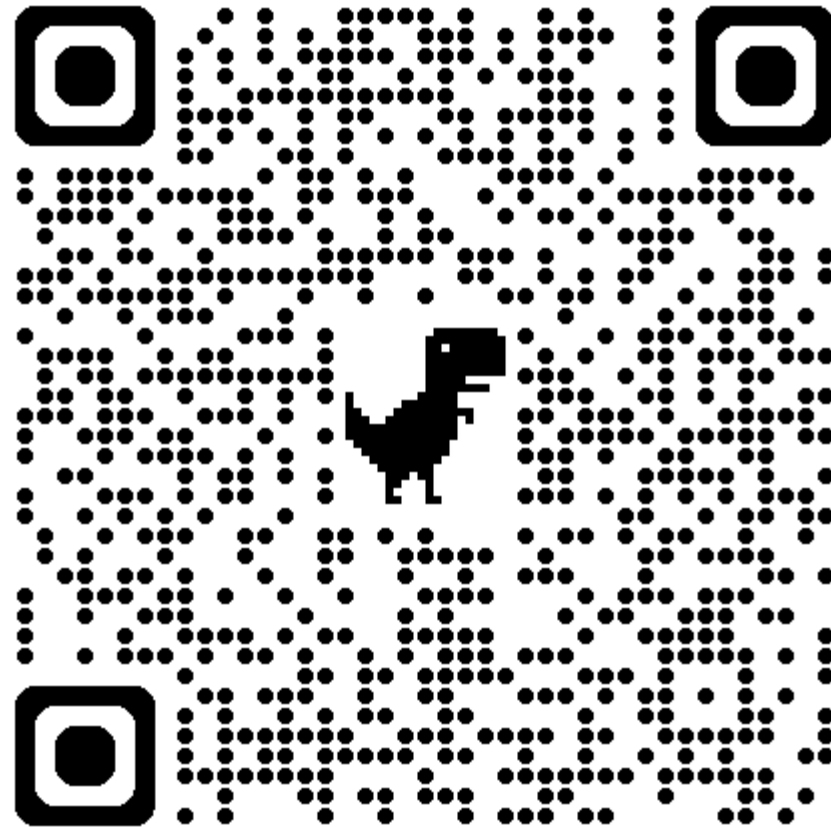
Engagement Groups

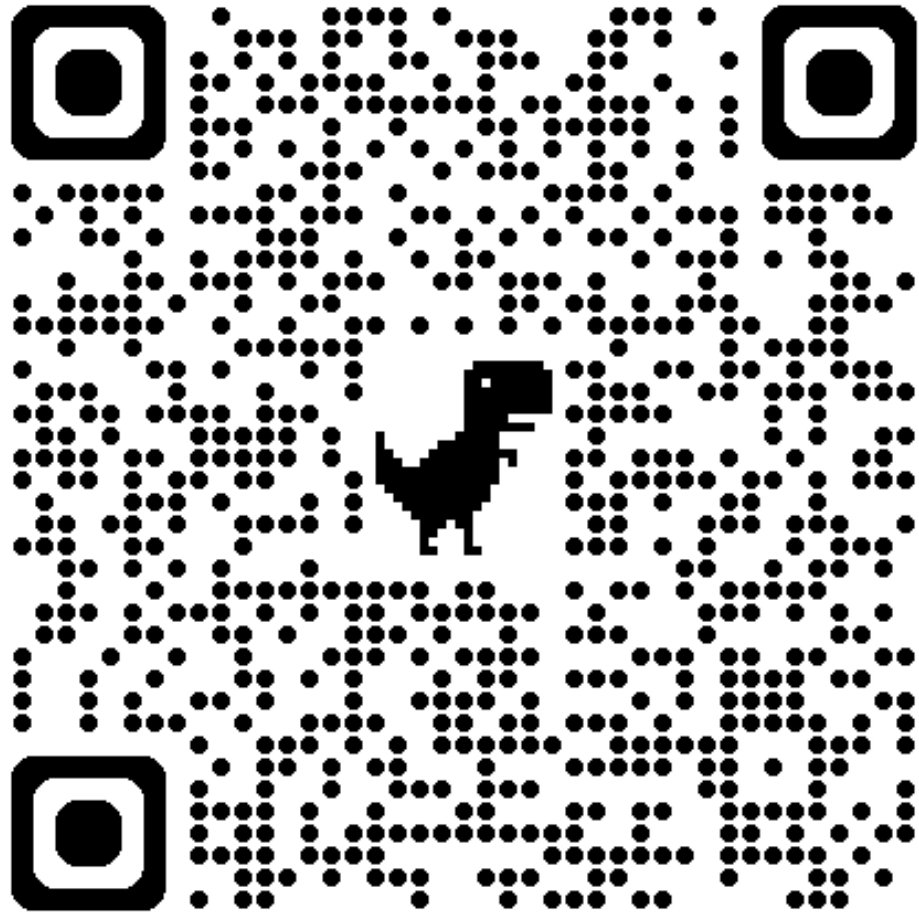
We have four engagement groups that meet at least quarterly: Commissioner Chat, Transportation Roundtable, Early Career Planners, and Beyond City Limits. These are great ways to stay connected between conferences.

2026 Elections

Nominations open April 10 – that's tomorrow! Nominations close May 8! We are electing President, Vice President, and Board Member positions. Consider running or nominate someone you believe in! See Tippe for more information!

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APA UT Spring Conference Survey

At the end of the day, please take a few minutes to complete the APA UT Spring Conference Survey. Your feedback directly shapes future conferences – we take it seriously and we read every response.

FALL CONFERENCE-SAVE THE DATE

Davis Conference Center: Layton Utah
Wed-Thu, Sept 9th -10th , 2026



Thank you all!



RUN OF SHOW!

10:00-10:15	BREAK
10:15-10:30	WELCOME MESSAGE: APA UT VICE PRESIDENT Meagan Booth
10:30-11:00	UTAH'S RURAL ECONOMIC BLUEPRINT: A FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Colette Cox, MBA, CECD
11:00-12:00	UTAH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: PLANNING LAW AND POLICY CHANGE Wilf Sommerkorn Francis Xavier Lilly Ari Bruening
12:00	CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

TODAY'S KEYNOTE: UTAH'S RURAL ECONOMIC BLUEPRINT: A FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
UTAH GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY

Colette Cox, MBA, CEcD, is the Director of the Center for Rural Development at the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. She works with rural counties, communities, and businesses across Utah to connect them with economic development resources that support job creation, infrastructure investment, and long-term economic prosperity. Cox has nearly two decades of experience in economic development, workforce development, and chamber leadership, and has helped secure millions of dollars in funding for rural business expansion and community development initiatives.

