

Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of May 20, 2015

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the offices of the Mountainland Association of Governments, 586 East 800 North, Orem, UT 84097.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order following the Mobile Active Transportation Tour of existing and planned facilities in the Provo-Orem area. He welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

ATC Members and Staff Present

Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Don Carroll	Mayor, Fruit Heights City
James Ebert	Commissioner, Weber County
Charles Ewert	Weber County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
Jeff Oyler	Davis County
Cory Pope	UDOT
Jim Price	MAG
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Jenny Wilson	Councilmember, Salt Lake County

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present

Lars Anderson	Project Engineering Consultants (PEC)
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Betsy Byrne	Envision Utah
Julia Collins	WFRC
Roger Crandall	Organic Transit
Elias Flores	BYU
Randy Gibb	Mad Dog Cycles
Stephen Hanamaikai	WFRC
Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineers / GREENbike
Sharen Hauri	South Salt Lake City
Brad Jensen	Draper City
Wendelin Knobloch	American Fork City
Rhett Ogden	Draper City
Alan Peters	Bluffdale City
Dan Rutledge	Bike Utah
Ashley Scarff	National Park Service
Zach Scott	Project Engineering Consultants (PEC)
Aaron Skabelund	Provo Bicycle Committee
Melissa Stenquist	Weber-Morgan Health Department
Brooke Stewart	Weber County
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Ginger Tryon	UDOT Region 3
Hugh VanWagenen	Lindon City

Mike West
Muriel Xochimitl

Lehi City
WFRC

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Commissioner Bret Millburn moved that the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Matt Sibul, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, noted that the League of American Bicyclists status for the state of Utah has risen from number eight last year to number five. The State received 54 points out of 100 – so while good there is still a long way to go. Utah is now the second best in the west behind Washington.

Chair Report

Mayor Caldwell also commented that there is tremendous vision for the State to rise to number five on the League of American Bicyclists – Bicycle Friendly States status.

Active Transportation Funding

Mayor Caldwell said that a lot of work went into getting HB362 passed and noted this is the first legislation that designates funding for active transportation. He also highlighted that recently Weber County did a poll to see if the tax would be included on the November ballot and there is general consensus.

Commissioner Milburn stated that getting the tax passed on the local ballot will be the next step. He reported that strategies for Counties to build momentum and voter support were coming from Utah League of Cities and Towns. The question being discussed is whether it is best to place it on the ballot now or wait. Some suggestions include that when Salt Lake County placed this on the ballot that other Counties should follow their lead to continue with the momentum. Councilmember Jenny Wilson added that in Salt Lake County a majority of the County Council favors putting the measure on the ballot.

Matt Sibul also emphasized that UTA has been meeting with the Council of Governments to explain how the 0.1% for transit would be used. He noted that it would go to frequency of service, expanding current service, and enhancing first and last mile connections to transit. UTA is also willing to talk with each community about the benefits that will be seen individually.

Muriel Xochimel, WFRC, said that the Transportation Coalition will support a communications campaign, potentially poll the public, and support the message accordingly if the decision is made to place this on the 2015 November ballot.

Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT)

A flier with details of the next MATT in Moab, on June 1 and 2 was distributed. Also distributed was a “Save the Date” flier regarding upcoming tours for Park City in August, Draper City in September, and Riverdale City in October.

Julia Collins, WFRC, reported that the Active Transportation and Health Summit would be held on September 8 in Ogden. A “Save the Date” flier was distributed with additional information. The annual Summit will address topics related to active transportation implementation.

Utah County Update

Jim Price, Mountainland Association of Governments, using an interactive map discussed the Utah County Active Transportation System and key connections for the County. He traced the connections from the Provo Canyon trail to the Murdock Canal trail that extended from northern Utah County in Alpine City to Provo City. He noted this as Utah County's backbone system and said that additional connections would be built in the upcoming months.

GREENbike 2014 Summary and 2015 Expansion

Ben Bolte, GREENbike Executive Director, report included:

- GREENbike has 265 days of operation
- 48% of the funding is covered by private sponsorship – 28% from Salt Lake City, 17% from WFRC, 4% from UTA, and 4% from UDOT.
- Ridership revenue is up from 26% in 2013 to 33% in 2014. Ridership on GREENbike has significantly increased over the year and the month of August has the highest ridership.
- The system has expanded by 87% since 2013
- Ridership in 2014 increased by 184% from August 2013.

Mr. Bolte said that five new stations will be opening by May 22, 2015 and invited everyone to join the opening press conference at Pioneer Park June 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2015 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A recording of this meeting, agendas, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Active Transportation, 2015 meetings.