

Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of October 14, 2015

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Don Carroll, sitting in for Chairman Mike Caldwell, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Mayor Caldwell, Chair and Commissioner Bret Millburn, Vice Chair, participated by phone the first 15 minutes of the meeting. Mayor Carroll welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

ATC Members and Staff Present

Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Daryl Ballantyne	Councilman, Morgan County
Kaitlin Barklow	Utah Department of Transportation
Barry Burton	Davis County
Don Carroll	Mayor, Fruit Heights City
Evan Curtis	State Planning Coordinator
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City Transportation
Jory Johner	WFRC
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Brett McIlff	Utah Department of Health
Jeff Oyler	Davis County Planning
Cory Pope	UDOT
Jim Price	MAG
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Matt Sibul	UTA
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Jenny Wilson	Councilmember, Salt Lake County

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present

Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Betsy Byrne	Envision Utah SLCO Bicycle Advisory Com.
Steve Call	FHWA-Utah
Jason Chandler	Citizen
Kim Clausing	Tooele County Health Department
Rick Cobia	Division of Services for People with Disabilities
Julia Collins	WFRC
Grant Crowell	Bluffdale City
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Dave Iltis	Cycling Utah
Travis Jensen	WCEC Engineers
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
A.J. Martine	Citizen
Tom Millar	Alta Planning and Design

Andrea Moser
Elliott R. Mott
Callie New
Travis Olsen
Isa Perry
Levi Roberts
Becka Roof
Greg Scott
Melissa Stenquist
Muriel Xochimitl
Alexandra Zimmermann

Bio West
Utah Outdoors
WFRC
Weber-Morgan Health Department
Davis County Health Department
UTA
Salt Lake City
WFRC
Weber-Morgan Health Department
WFRC
University of Utah

Excused: Commissioner Bret Millburn, Mayor Mike Caldwell, and Commissioner Jim Smith

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Councilman Daryl Ballantyne moved that the minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by George Deneris and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Kim Clausing, Tooele County Health Department, comments included introducing herself and expressing her desire and commitment to getting more active transportation options in Tooele County. She said she is currently working with city and county officials to get active transportation on the general plan. She is an advocate for active transportation and is available to assist and work with others in promoting healthy lifestyles for her community and the region.

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, said that Bike Utah is holding their inaugural Bike Utah Awards on October 27 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 and proceeds from the event will go towards helping Bike Utah launch their Youth Bicycle Education and Safety Training (BEST) Program. Recognition awards at the event will be presented to: Alice Telford, founder of Little Red Riding Hood; Steve Miller, President, Tour of Utah, for putting Utah bicycling on the map; and Ken Johnson and John Weiss, advocates and driving force behind the Three-Foot Law.

2015 Wrap-up and 2016 Priorities

Scott Hess, WFRC, discussed the Active Transportation Committee activities during 2014-2015 and summarized and reviewed the visioning exercise that was held August 20, 2014 in Farmington. A copy of the Summary of Future ATC Exercise document was provided in member packets and distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Hess then discussed the Current Active Transportation Projects list (included in member packets) that identifies active transportation projects, project status, and the ATC's role. The document also provides a brief outline of the outstanding active transportation work that is underway, and will continue into 2016. Also identified in the document are the 2016 Active Transportation Potential Priorities that he discussed with the Committee. Following his presentation, Mr. Hess, asked for Committee member's to comment on what their specific 2016 priorities are. Comments and priorities included the following:

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Chair ATC and Ogden City: Active transportation promotes healthy lifestyles and can help reduce healthcare costs. Active Transportation Benefits study is a high priority to help educate citizens. Safe Routes School funding - important that we train and educate our children and make it safe and easy for them to get to school without a car.

Commissioner Bret Millburn, Vice Chair ATC and Davis County: Priority is to promote healthy lifestyles. Safe Routes to School funding and educating parents and adults as well as the children of the benefits of active transportation.

Matt Sibul, UTA: GREENbike Regionalization. It's time to build – implement GREENbike in 2016 in Utah and Weber Counties.

Jenny Wilson, SL County Council: Better educate communities that active transportation improvements work for everyone. Focus on how to sell active transportation - how and where to have better conversations about active transportation.

Robin Hutcheson, SLC: Active Transportation Benefits Study. Provide the public and elected officials information and data on the benefits of investing in active transportation improvements.

Jennifer McGrath, UTA: Active Transportation Benefits Study is a top priority. Phase 1 is funded, funds for Phase 2 are needed.

Kim Clausing, Tooele County Health Department: Active Transportation Benefits Study. Small communities rely on the studies from larger jurisdictions. Focus on connecting Tooele to Salt Lake City through active transportation as well as focus on short trips at the local level.

Mayor Bill Applegarth, Riverton City: Use of road diets can be an effective way to create slower speeds and sense of safety. Riverton has embraced active transportation improvements as a way to increase safety and reduce speeding.

Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County: Collaboration between cities, county and communities is important in implementing active transportation improvements. Focus on implementation of projects.

George Deneris, Salt Lake County: Development of metrics/performance measures. Could or should WFRC create an annual strategic report of active transportation. Focus on engineering level studies and implementation.

Jeff Oyler, Davis County: Proposition 1 is top priority – increasing funding to help meet the needs of the County. Prop 1 funding will go towards active transportation. Also creation of a trail authority for maintenance needs of regional trails

Jim Price, Mountainland Association of Governments: MAG's focus will be on less developed areas of Utah County. Creation of a South Utah County active transportation plan.

Kaitlin Barklow, UDOT: Moving the GIS Schema forward is a top priority.

Cory Pope, UDOT: Implementation – UDOT's Active Transportation Policy and B-FIT Program provide huge opportunities to build projects.

Evan Curtis, State Planning: Marketing – make sure that people are informed about the active transportation network and improvements.

Brett McIff, Utah Department of Health: Important to maintain the regional focus and do not lose the walkability component. Focus on being inclusive of all people – equitable.

Councilman Daryl Ballantyne, Morgan County: Priority is on finishing and connecting trail networks in Morgan County as well as providing safe active transportation choices for transportation connections between communities.

Dave Iltis, Cycling Utah: The "recreation" component added to our active transportation discussions. Also priority on equity across all demographics, economies, and maintain equal access. Safe Routes to School discussions should bring the school districts into the conversation.

Elliott Mott, Citizen: Maintenance of bicycle paths and trails is important - weed abatement, snow removal, striping, and sweeping.

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah: Education of children is very important. Get kids riding early to establish life-long love and understanding of cycling benefits. More communities need to adopt Active Transportation Plans which leads to better collaboration with UDOT and communities.

Mayor Don Carroll, Fruit Heights City: Increasing population over time causing more accidents between bicyclists/pedestrians and cars. Priority to focus on educating drivers about cyclists in the schools and driver's education training to increase awareness.

Scott Hess will take account of the selected priorities identified at this meeting and will come prepared at the first meeting of 2016 to share the overall direction of active transportation in the region.

Agency/City/County Program Updates

Robin Hutcheson, Salt Lake City, reported on three items: 1) The 300 South progress report including metrics can be found on Salt Lake City's website www.slcgov.com. 2) The 200 West protected intersection and bike lane is finished. The grand opening celebrating the completion of the spine of protected bike lanes will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. 3) Ms. Hutcheson expressed appreciation to Salt Lake County and WFRC staff for funding assistance for the protected intersection and the 200 West bike lane.

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, provided an update on the GREENbike Regionalization effort. She noted that the first meeting was held in late August where goals and objectives for the study were discussed. The second meeting is scheduled for mid-November after results of Proposition 1 are available as they could potentially impact funding sources. Alta Planning and Design will discuss their recommendations for GREENbike governance structures for the region at the November 17 meeting.

Jennifer McGrath then reviewed the 2015 Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) and discussed the 2016 MATT planning. Anyone interested in their community hosting one of the MATT events were encouraged to contact Jennifer, Phil Sarnoff, Jim Price, Scott Hess, Marcy DeMillion, or Kaitlin Barklow.

Kaitlin Barklow, UDOT, discussed the Bicycle Facility Implementation Tool (B-FIT). She said this is a tool UDOT has generated to make sure that bicycle considerations are incorporated into every UDOT project. It is a simple matrix that every traffic, safety person, or project manager can use to look at existing conditions, safety concerns, feasibility and constructability, etc. to make sure bicycles have been considered during the planning process. The tool also has additional resources to help the person filling out the forms. She noted that Region 2 is currently implementing B-FIT on all of their projects.

Phil Sarnoff noted that he is currently working with UDOT Region 2 staff to generate a bike committee to more openly incorporate stakeholder input into the B-FIT process. He said they are still working on the final details and hope that each Region will have a small committee to help review bicycle needs in each project during the planning process, to facilitate input from the general public and to synthesize feedback and provide recommendations.

Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County, reported that the County Active Transportation Network Implementation Plan (CATNIP) has been funded for the second year. The Mayor and Council have allocated \$800,000 to implement projects.

Mr. Sommerkorn also reported that Salt Lake County is putting together a county-wide program that will coordinate all the Salt Lake County cities, communities, and other agencies plans into a coordinated identified network. He noted that a consultant has been selected and the process is about to get underway.

Jory Johner recommended that all communities include UTA and UDOT in active transportation master plans and active transportation studies.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2016 – in the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices. There was discussion on what time the ATC meeting should convene – 8:30 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. and the duration of the meeting – one and-one-half or two hours - **time to be determined.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.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.