

Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 10, 2016

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Mayor Caldwell welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

ATC Members and Staff Present

Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Daryl Ballantyne	Councilman, Morgan County
Wade Bittner	Commissioner, Tooele County
Barry Burton	Davis County
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Don Carroll	Mayor, Fruit Heights City
George Deneris	Salt Lake County Active Transportation
James Ebert	Commissioner, Weber County
Heidi Goedhart	UDOT
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Brett McIlff	Utah Department of Health
Jeff Oyler	Davis County Planning
Angelo Papastamos	UDOT
Jim Price (phone)	Mountainland Association of Governments
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Shawn Seager	MAG
Matt Sibul	UTA
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present

Dave Adamson	UDOT
Will Becker	GreenBike
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Roger Borgenicht	UBET
Betsy Byrne	Envision Utah/SLCO Bicycle Advisory Comm.
Alejandra Castillo	UDOT
Kim Clausing	Tooele County Health Department.
Julia Collins	WFRC
Louis Cooper	Weber/Morgan Health Department
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Dave Foster	Alta Planning and Design
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Tom Hadden	SLMBC

Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineers
Dave Iltis	Cycling Utah
Travis Jensen	WCEC Engineers/SL County
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Tyler Laing	UDOT R2
David Lloyd	WFRC
Lacey McFarland	Weber/Morgan Health Department
Brian Moore	Riverton City
Elliott Mott	Citizen
Callie New	WFRC
Travis Olsen	Weber/Morgan Health Department
Isa Perry	Davis County Health Department
Helen Peters	JUB
Matthew Silski	WFRC
Brandon Smith	ULCT
Jason Wheeler	ASSIST
Jaime White	AECOM
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC
Nicole Zinnanti	ASSIST Inc.

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Mayor Don Carroll moved that the minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Barry Burton, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Chair Report

Mayor Caldwell highlighted the following three items:

- Wasatch Choice 2050 Consortium
 - The conference was well attended with over 500 participants.
 - The event joined together the Consortium and the Active Transportation Health Summit.
 - The keynote speakers and breakout sessions are available on the Wasatch Choice website (<http://wasatchchoice2040.com/consortium>)
- Tour of Utah
 - Mayor Caldwell thanked the Miller family for their continued support and sponsorship
- TIGER Grant
 - Our region was awarded a \$20 million TIGER grant to benefit first/last mile connections to transit accessed by active transportation.
 - Discussed as an agenda item, exciting news!

Mayor Applegarth – Personal Cycling Experience

Mayor Applegarth discussed Riverton City's upcoming projects that have received funding:

- 2016 Construction – 2700 W. Buffered Bike Lanes
- 2017 Construction – Midas Creek Train Connection
- 2017 Construction – 13400 S. West of 2700 W.
- 2018 Construction – 12600 S. from Bangerter to Mountain View Corridor

As part of his role as city Mayor, he needed to build public support for Active Transportation. He told a personal story about becoming involved in bicycling. He said that Mayor Caldwell was his hero for riding his bike to work every day for a year, and that he wanted to lead by example to ride

to work most days of the year. He has experienced riding in bike lanes filled with trash and debris, and those experiences provide a better prospective when seeing cycling conditions firsthand. He indicated that Riverton City has come a long way to developing their technical and engineering capacity, adopting a bike plan, and receiving grants to construct new facilities. What is still lacking is a dedicated funding source for financing active transportation. He continues to look toward potential sources of consistent funding.

TIGER Award

Mayor Caldwell provided a short introduction to this item, and thanked Jennifer McGrath, UTA, for all of her hard work on this grant.

A TIGER Grant was awarded to the region in the amount of \$20 million. The goal of this project is to reduce and remove barriers to transit access and transportation corridors in order to connect communities, employment centers, education institution, public services, and other community resources. This project will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, with an emphasis on developing mobility for transportation disadvantaged communities and the creation of ladders of opportunity.

The original request was for \$28 million. There were questions about where the balance of funds would come from. Shawn Seager, Mountainland Association of Governments, stated that he would like to pursue backfilling those funds with local, county, or MPO funding. Mr. Seager mentioned a potential legislative request to make the project whole. There were a number of positive comments from around the room stating how monumental this award will be for our region. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, said the fact that we all came together to get this project applied for and approved is a real turning point for our region.

The projects next steps will be for UTA to meet with partners to refine the project list, set up an appropriate program management team, develop a new budget and schedule, and work with partners to implement and track projects.

2016 Performance Metrics Update – Bike/Ped Counts Strategy

Heidi Goedhart, UDOT, and Scott Hess, WFRC, discussed the current strategy to obtain comprehensive bicycle counts across the region. UDOT is considering the purchase of STRAVA data. STRAVA is a cellphone application that a user downloads to track their rides. The user has the option of selecting the ride as recreational or commuter. The initial Utah STRAVA data provided to UDOT includes approximately 70,000 STRAVA users, with approximately 30,000 of those users regularly tracking their trips as “commute”. This data is vital to understanding current bicycle usage of our existing system, as well as for planning future routes and connections. STRAVA data makes up one piece of an overall counts strategy.

In addition to STRAVA, WFRC has been talking with local cities and counties about the possibility of applying for funds to install a region-wide system of bike counters in road and on trails. This system would have the ability to connect to existing Salt Lake City and Utah County counters to create a single point source for count data. These counters would be used to ground-truth the STRAVA data, as well as to provide a regional picture of bicycle usage. WFRC has discussed the possibility of counters being included in all new regional active transportation projects moving forward. With this strategy the system of counters would continue to grow each year with new projects.

Agency/City/County Program Updates

- **AT Benefits Study Update** The project consultant, Urban Design 4 Health has been moving forward, and the project is going well. Phase 1 and Phase 2 will be finished by the end of

the year, or by early 2017. The ATC will receive a full presentation of findings once the project is complete.

- **Salt Lake County – Active Transportation Implementation Plan Update** This project is being done by consultant Toole Design. This project is geared towards a low stress user, and the draft network of routes is about to be released to the technical advisory committee for their review. This project complements the UCATS study completed in 2013 by including low stress route types that will encourage the average rider to utilize the bike network.
- **Utah Pedestrian Summit** Save the Date, October 17, 2016 in Ogden. This is UDOT's first pedestrian focused event. Topics will include pedestrian design, ADA accessibility, and safety. The event is FREE and will be located at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center – 2415 Washington Boulevard, Ogden, UT 84401.
- **WFRC Training Academy** WFRC and partner agencies are collaborating to provide regional trainings. The kickoff will be September 29, 2016 with a Form Based Code training to be held in Farmington. Active Transportation training will be available in 2017. More information to come.
- **RTP Amendment #2 Update** WFRC received requests from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Ogden City, North Ogden City, Harrisville City, and Bluffdale City, to amend the 2015-2040 RTP. A formal public comment period for Amendment Number 2 took place from May 23, 2016 and June 24, 2016. A total of 39 comments were received from the general public and all were related to the widening of Redwood Road. Generally, these comments expressed concern about the potential for removing the bike lanes on Redwood Road and the implications for regional bike connectivity. In addition, comments were submitted by South Jordan and Riverton expressing a desire to consider current, city planning efforts in any future decision regarding roadway and bike capacity on Redwood Road.

At the August 18, 2016 Regional Growth Committee and the August 25, 2016 Regional Council meeting, the WFRC staff will present Amendment Number 2 to the current 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (2015-2040 RTP). The WFRC staff recommends that all the submitted amendments, with the exception of a portion of the widening on Redwood Road from 9000 South to 12600 South, be amended into the 2015-2040 RTP.

- **TIP Program** Wasatch Front Regional Council Funding Programs Letters of Intent are due October 27, 2016. Please watch for the announcement email near the end of September. The transportation funding programs covered are as follows: Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality - funds transportation projects that improve air quality, Transportation and Land Use Connection – a joint funding program with Salt Lake County supporting land use, transportation, and economic developments in long-range planning. Surface Transportation Program – funds transportation capital improvement projects, and Transportation Alternatives Program – funds the planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. If you have questions, please contact Scott Hess or Ben Wuthrich at WFRC.
- **Kim Clausing, Tooele County Health Department** - The Tooele County General Plan finally went through – the transportation plan is being talked about and hopefully will go before the city and county for the final review. Through Tooele Health Department funding Tooele County was able to get active transportation included as an additional component to the plan.

Also just some little things that are going on in Tooele County – we have been working with UDOT CMAQ funding to get an underpass put in place so we're getting that in the engineering phases – my hope and pie in the sky is it will connect a part of Stansbury that eventually connects to the Great Salt Lake marina. That would be a great gateway from the Great Salt Lake Marina out to Stansbury, where riders could safely go under a major highway into this community.

- **Jim Price, MAG** - The Jordan River to Murdock Canal Trail Connector Project was just awarded and should start construction either by the end of August or the first part of September 2016. The connection will be done this fall and will be the final piece in connecting the Provo River Trail to the Murdock to the Jordan River Trail. Trail users will be able to get from Provo all the way up to make all those connections on the Jordan River in Salt Lake County, then all the way up to Ogden on a trail and will never have to go on a road.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2016 – 8:45-9:45 a.m. in Lehi City. A Mobile Active Transportation Tour will be included from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Please plan to attend the whole morning with us, bring your bike, and dress for the weather. We hope to see you all there.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 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, 2016 meetings.