

Active Transportation Committee  
**Meeting Minutes**  
 Meeting of October 11, 2017

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**ATC Members and Alternates Present**

IN ATTENDANCE	2017 ATC MEMBERS
	<b>BOX ELDER COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS</b>
	Member: Commissioner Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	<b>DAVIS COUNTY</b>
x	Member: Mayor Don Carroll (Fruit Heights) VICE CHAIR
	Member: Commissioner Bret Millburn (Davis County)
	<b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>
x	Member: Daryl Ballantyne (Morgan County)
	Alternate: Austin Turner (Morgan County)
	<b>SALT LAKE COUNTY</b>
x	Member: Mayor Bill Applegarth (Riverton) CHAIR
	Member: Councilmember Jenny Wilson (Salt Lake County)
x	Alternate: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek)
	<b>TOOELE COUNTY</b>
x	Member: Commissioner Myron Bateman (Tooele County)
	Alternate: Mayor Mark Whitney (Stockton)
	<b>UTAH COUNTY</b>
	Member: Mayor Christopher Pengra (Eagle Mountain)
	<b>WEBER COUNTY</b>
	Member: Mayor Mike Caldwell (Ogden)
	Member: Commissioner James Ebert (Weber County)
	<b>BIKE UTAH</b>
x	Non-Voting Member: Phil Sarnoff
	<b>UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>
x	Non-Voting Member: Brett McIlff
	<b>UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>
x	Member: Nathan Lee
	<b>UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY</b>
	Member: Matt Sibul

**ATC Representatives and Others Present**

Rosa Alveno	Davis County Health Department
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Barry Burton	Davis County
Steve Call	FHWA
Marcie Clark	Davis County Health Department
Kim Clausing	Tooele County Health Department
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Charles Ewert	Weber County

Katie Gerard	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Todd Hadden	UDOT
Tim Harpst	Horrocks
Scott Hess	WFRC
Dave Ittis	Cycling Utah
Jory Johner	WFRC
Kelly Jones	UDOT
Sarah Kinnison	Salt Lake County Health Department
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jen McGrath	UTA
Brian Moore	Riverton City
Elliott Mott	Private Citizen
Callie New	WFRC
Travis Olsen	Weber Morgan Health Department
Jeff Oyler	Davis County
Angelo Papastamos	UDOT
Helen Peters	Salt Lake County
Emmalee Price	Salt Lake County Health Department
Jim Price	MAG
Becca Roofl	Salt Lake City
Shawn Seger	MAG
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Joe Taylor	UTA
Stephanie Tomlin	Fehr & Peers
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

**Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]**

Mayor Bill Applegarth, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. Mayor Applegarth welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary [Recording 03:05]**

Mayor Applegarth entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on August 9, 2017. Mayor Silvestrini motioned to approve these minutes, and it was seconded by Mayor Carroll. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Public Comment [Recording 03:20]**

Mayor Silvestrini announced that on October 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. the opening of Parley's Trail will be held at Tanner Park. This bike trail will run from Tanner Park to the eastern edge of Millcreek, and connect down to 9<sup>th</sup> west. The upper section of this trail, from Tanner Park to Sugarhouse Park is complete. The ribbon cutting will begin at 10:30 a.m. immediately followed by a ride on that section of the trail. Information for this was sent out to the Active Transportation Committee via email.

Dave Ittis, Cycling Utah, discussed with the committee an editorial that he wrote the previous week, on creating a safe and sustainable transportation system for Salt Lake City. He stated that he put out many ideas that he believes Salt Lake and the entire Wasatch Front needs to move towards. These

include: vision zero, lowering speed limits, active transportation, transit, bicycle oriented development, revamping Salt Lake City's complete street's ordinance which he believes isn't done properly because it doesn't include paving projects, only includes construction projects. The editorial is located on the Cycling Utah website, <http://www.cyclingutah.com/>, for anyone that would like to read the complete original.

Elliott Mott, private citizen, shared his concerns for bicyclists within Davis County. He said that the reconfiguration of highway 89 is destroying the usage for bicyclists. He recommended that the design of highway 89 include improvements for bicyclists. He said that state road 126 is a busy main route, and not many people enjoy riding with all of the traffic. He asked that the Legacy Highway bike path be extended on the West Davis Corridor, stating that this is the western route connecting to Ogden. Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council, commented on Mr. Mott's presentation, and said that the record of decision was out for the West Davis Corridor, and that it does include a separated bike path along the entire facility.

Kim Clausing, Tooele County Health Department, stated that the Health Department is developing policies and procedures for active transportation, and asked if there are sample ordinances that Wasatch Front Regional Council has that could be shared. Scott Hess, Wasatch Front Regional Council said that he could send Ms. Clausing relevant information.

#### **Chair Report [Recording 12:14]**

Mayor Applegarth reminded the committee that WFRC is currently soliciting for Letters of Intent for all of their funding programs. These letters are due by October 30, 2017, and are required in order to be eligible to submit an application for funding.

Mayor Applegarth stated that Utah's second annual UDOT sponsored Utah Pedestrian Summit will be held on November 30, 2017 at the Viridian Event Center in West Jordan, Utah.

#### **RTP Phasing Criteria – Scott Hess (Goal 1 – Update Regional Bicycle Plan) [Recording 13:12]**

Scott Hess, Wasatch Front Regional Council, stated that he wanted to keep the Active Transportation Committee informed of the development process for the Region Transportation Plan (RTP). He said that currently we are half way through the development of the 2019-2050 RTP, and that WFRC has been working on scenarios, has held meetings with local communities twice, and are currently developing the preferred scenario that will come out in 2018. Once the preferred scenario is reviewed and approved locally, WFRC is going to phase all of the projects including active transportation. Phasing active transportation projects represents a major shift in what has been done at the regional level, and it elevates active transportation to the level of roadway and transit planning. Phasing helps to understand what priorities are needed first at a local level, and needed first by the travel models, and also what we can reasonably expect to fund over the next twenty to thirty years. He stated that the phasing criteria is in draft form, and has been reviewed internally, by our DOT partners, and will go in front of the Regional Growth Committee at the meeting on October 12, 2017. Mr. Hess went through all of the goals, and discussed the weight, rationale, and methodology for each of them.

There was discussion held among the committee.

#### **WFRC Funding Programs Letters of Intent – TIP, TLC, CDBG – Ben Wuthrich (Goal 3 – Fund and Construct Priority Projects) [Recording 28:54]**

Ben Wuthrich, Wasatch Front Regional Council, informed the committee that October 1, 2017 began the new fiscal year and was also the approval of the new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), both as a regional council and the STIP on the statewide. He recognized Steve Call who he said was a critical part of that opportunity to have a new approved document.

Mr. Wuthrich discussed the funding programs that are offered by WFRC, and stated that there are two critical things to be aware of. The Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Transportation and Lane Use Connection (TLC) programs all have a deadline. October 30, 2017 is the deadline for the Letters of Intent. He also stated that anyone applying for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), needs to attend a mandatory workshop being held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. He said that the intent of this presentation is for anyone to ask questions or to get further details. A packet was given to the committee that gave a summary on each of the six programs.

There was discussion held among the committee.

#### **ATC Goals and Accomplishments 2017 Review – Scott Hess [Recording 34:23]**

Scott Hess reminded the committee members of the 2017 Active Transportation Goals:

1. Update shared Regional Priority Bicycle Routes Plan/Map
2. Cities and counties adopt Local Active Transportation Plans (that align with Regional Priority Plan/Map)
3. Fund and construct priority projects
4. Build support for AT through effective engagement and outreach

Mr. Hess highlighted some of the things accomplished in 2017 which included: total miles of existing versus proposed regional active transportation routes, active transportation plan standards and which communities adopted new plans, TIGER coordination, Jordan River bridge at North Temple which represents the completion of the “Golden Spoke” trail network from Ogden to Provo, Mobile Active Transportation Tours, and the final report of the Active Transportation Benefits Study.

There was discussion held among the committee.

#### **Minneapolis MATT Review – Scot Hess (Goal 4 – Build support for AT through engagement and outreach [Recording 54:00]**

Scott Hess presented information that was obtained from the Minneapolis Mobile Active Transportation Tour. He presented slides with images of existing infrastructure within Minneapolis, and how the improvements related to the Wasatch Front region. The presentation focused on implementation and maintenance of facilities.

There was discussion held among the committee.

#### **Planners4Health Presentation – Brett McIff [Recording 01:24:50]**

Brett McIff, Utah Department of Health, discussed a project that started last year called Planners4Health. Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association along with a consultant and partner organizations applied for funding and received a grant the first part of the 2017. This has been a nine-month process, and in this process, they were able to conduct the very first planning and public health crossover survey to see perceptions and values, and how to integrate the two sectors. Mr. McIff explained that he is the physical activity coordinator, and that active transportation is the most impactful thing we can do to improve people’s physical activity levels. He stated that when the Department of Health can have interaction with the planning world, they are able to meet their goals and their needs much better.

There was discussion held among the committee.

#### **Agency/City/County Program Updates [Recording 01:30:13]**

Jim Price, Mountainland Association of Governments, informed the committee that Shauna Mecham is now a full-time employee working on air quality and active transportation.

Helen Peters, Salt Lake County, announced that the application deadline for active transportation funds from the county are due on Friday, October 13, 2017.

George Deneris, Salt Lake County, stated that Kearns has its first protected bike way. He said that this is a very short climbing lane on Cougar Lane, from 5400 South to Niagra, but that this was a very high conflict zone.

Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, said that the legislatively created Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force is scheduled to meet on October 23 and again in November to finalize recommendations that will be made to the legislature for potential action or consideration in the 2018 legislative session. He said that it is anticipated that the task force will likely be extended for one more year. Of the three working groups, one of their topic groups is active transportation. In this area, the working group has made several recommendations that are contained in writing on the task force's website, and have essentially been delivered to the full task force. The full task force will then review those recommendations.

Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council, talked about the Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT), and said to the committee members that their community would like to be highlighted during one of those tours to please contact Jory or Scott Hess to coordinate that. Also, with regard to conferences, we are not hosting and active transportation health summit this year, but we will be starting a sub-committee to the active transportation committee to help coordinate the conferences. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jory.

Jen McGrath motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Phil Sarnoff. Meeting concluded at 10:25 a.m.

**Next Meeting – January 10, 2018 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at WFRC**

*A recording of this meeting, agendas, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org), under Committees, Active Transportation, 2017 meetings.*