

Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
 Meeting of January 10, 2018

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 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	
	BOX ELDER COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS
	Member: Commissioner Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	DAVIS COUNTY
x	Member: Commissioner Bret Millburn (Davis County)
	MORGAN COUNTY
	Member: Daryl Ballantyne (Morgan County)
	Alternate: Austin Turner (Morgan County)
	SALT LAKE COUNTY
x	Member: Councilmember Jenny Wilson (Salt Lake County)
x	Alternate: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek)
	TOOELE COUNTY
	Member: Commissioner Myron Bateman (Tooele County)
	Alternate: Mayor Mark Whitney (Stockton)
	UTAH COUNTY
	WEBER COUNTY
	Member: Mayor Mike Caldwell (Ogden)
	Member: Commissioner James Ebert (Weber County)
	BIKE UTAH
x	Non-Voting Member: Phil Sarnoff
	UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
x	Non-Voting Member: Brett McIlff
	UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
	Member: Nathan Lee
	UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
x	Member: Laura Hanson

ATC Representatives and Others Present

Rosa Alveno	Davis County Health Department
Daryl Ballantyne	Morgan County/UDOT Region 1
Will Beckes	GREENbike
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Roger Borgenicht	UBET
Emmalee Boyland	SLCO Health Department
Barry Burton	Davis County
Steve Call	FHWA
Brian Carver	BRAG
Kim Clark	VIA Consulting
Kim Clausing	Tooele County Health Department

Zac Covington	BRAG
Evan Curtis	GOMB
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Charles Ewert	Weber County
Mayor Lawrence Flitton	Uintah City
Dave Foster	ACTA
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Heidi Goedhart	UDOT
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Tim Harpst	Horrocks
Scott Hess	WFRC
Kathryn Hiolski	SLCO Health Department
Richard Hyer	Ogden City
Dave Iltis	Cycling Utah
Meredith Jacobsen	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Kelly Jones	UDOT
Sarah Kinnison	SLCO Health Department
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Shauna Mecham	MAG
Richard Miller	UTA
Brian Moore	Riverton City
Callie New	WFRC
Travis Olsen	Weber Morgan Health Department
Jeff Oyler	Davis County
Helen Peters	Salt Lake County
Jim Price	MAG
Becca Roof	Salt Lake City
Alex Roy	WFRC
Mayor Jo Sjoblom	South Weber City
Roland Stanger	FHWA
Joe Taylor	UTA
Stephanie Tomlin	Fehr & Peers
Michele Weeks	MAG/Draper City

Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Interim Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Mayor Silvestrini welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. Mayor Silvestrini indicated that he had been asked to sit in as Interim Chair Person until the Wasatch Front Regional Council appoints a full time Chair.

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary [Recording 10:10]

Mayor Silvestrini entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on October 11, 2017. Councilmember Jenny Wilson motioned to approve these

minutes, and it was seconded by Councilmember Michele Weeks. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment [Recording 10:56]

Dave Iltis, Cycling Utah, wanted to discuss 4 instances where he believes UDOT could do a better job:

- State Street: His understanding is that the Life on State study is looking to shift bike traffic off of State Street, yet State Street is a major destination for bicyclists, and it's not particularly safe right now.
- Highway 89 from Fruit Heights to South Ogden: He believes that the EIS doesn't do justice to the importance of that route for bicycling, and the study only vaguely mentions where bikes might go if this highway goes in.
- Redwood Road, West Side Connectivity Study: This study is talking about moving bikes off of Redwood Road, further West, and for the same reason as cars, bicyclists don't want to go ten blocks out of their way
- The re-paving of North Campus Drive: This project will begin this summer around the University of Utah. There is an intersection of North Campus Drive and Federal Heights Way, and he believes this is one of the most dangerous intersections for bicyclists in Salt Lake City. He commented that the various bike committees in Salt Lake have had this as a desire to be fixed for 30 years, and his understanding is that UDOT has no interest in fixing this intersection.

Given these 4 instances, he is requesting that someone from UDOT Region 1 and Region 2 attend the Active Transportation Committee meetings on a regular basis, and UDOT Region 2 step up to make Utah roads safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Chair Report [Recording 14:13]

Mayor Silvestrini took a moment to thank former Active Transportation Chair Mayor Applegarth for his service on this committee. He commented that he was a great mentor to him as a mayor generally, and that he gave great service to this specific committee.

ATC Goals – 2018 Update (membership, schedule) - Scott Hess (Goal 1 – Update Regional Bicycle Plan) [Recording 14:53]

Scott Hess, Wasatch Front Regional Council, explained that this is the fifth year of the Active Transportation Committee, and talked about the membership and the make-up of this committee. The membership crosses multiple cities, counties, MPO's, UDOT Region's, UDOT Complex, UTA, Utah Department of Health, Bike Utah, Jordan River Commission, and everyone else that attends these meetings because of interest in what is being discussed. He stated that this is the place in the state of Utah to have conversations about active transportation at a regional level. This committee wants to use the decision-making power of those members around the table and utilize it to the best of our ability. This committee exists as a recommendation body up to the other elected official committees. The ATC operate in planning, but makes recommendations to the Regional Growth Committee as well as the Transportation Coordination Committee, which ultimately go to the overall Wasatch Front Regional Council for approval.

Scott Hess reminded the committee that in late 2016, early 2017, the staff at WFRC talked about a number of things that we can do at a regional level that will create change, and the following 4 goals were discussed:

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

He commented that in his opinion, 2017 was one of the more productive years in the five years that the Active Transportation Committee has been a committee. In 2017 multiple applications came in for new active transportation plans to the TLC program, a Planners4Health grant helped link health and planning together, and the Active Transportation Benefits Study was completed. He recommended that the ATC Goals be continued to 2018.

There was discussion held among the committee.

Move Utah – Heidi Goedhart, UDOT (Goal 4 – Build support for AT through engagement and outreach) [Recording 35:20]

Heidi Goedhart, UDOT, presented on Move Utah, which is UDOT's new active transportation community planning program. Their mission is to engage Utah communities to improve active transportation through planning and implementation. The partners for this program include UDOT, Utah Department of Health, Bike Utah, Utah Highway Patrol, Heads Up, and the Department of Public Safety. She stated that the goals of this program are to help communities identify local benefits of active transportation, guide communities to develop an active transportation plan, encourage partnerships and coordination, plan for and/or join community outreach events, and assist in building personalized education and safety initiatives.

RTP 2019-2050 Active Transportation – Preferred Scenario – Scott Hess (Goal 1 – Update Regional Bicycle Plan) [Recording 49:54]

Scott Hess informed the committee of the upcoming Wasatch Choice 2050 + Mayor's Metro Solutions Event being held on January 23, 2018 at The Salt Palace. At this event, people will get to preview the preferred scenario for the Regional Transportation Plan which includes land use, roadway, transit, and active transportation elements planned out to 2050. He commented that at this event will be the first time for people to see the preferred scenario for active transportation as well as for the entire Regional Transportation Plan and Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision.

Councilmember Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County, asked how active transportation will fit in to this event, and who will be participating. Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, responded by saying that the idea of releasing this is to put the draft vision out, and then spend time over the course of several months getting additional feedback on that vision. There will be an interactive map to make comments on any particular project or strategy. He commented that the interactive map is very comprehensive, and you will be able to turn on and off layers, so for example, if you wanted to isolate active transportation, you can just show those and where they are. Our thinking for the best practice is to not look at one mode of transportation in isolation, but to look at active transportation, transit, and roads as they all fit together. Similarly, you shouldn't look at transportation in isolation, but look at it in conjunction with housing patterns, development patterns, and location of jobs. All of this information is captured in the vision. He reminded the committee that this vision reflects years of engagement from all of the local communities.

Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council added that WFRC has ten workshops that are scheduled to begin at the end of January exclusively for local elected officials and staff to review the same transportation and land use elements in the interactive map.

TIGER Update – Richard Miller, UTA (Goal 3 – Fund and Construct Priority Projects) [Recording 56:09]

Richard Miller, Utah Transit Authority, reported on the TIGER Grant status. For new members of the ATC, he explained that TIGER stands for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery. These are discretionary grant dollars given by the United States Department of Transportation on a competitive basis. UTA applied for a TIGER grant, and received \$20 million to fund first and last mile connections to transit. Since last reporting in August, UTA has met important project milestones. He

stated that they have met with all of the local entities who had TIGER projects. These projects were creating active transportation connections to the rail stations, such as bike lanes, bike routes, sidewalks, pedestrian curb cuts, and even pedestrian bridges. UTA submitted a White Paper to the USDOT and the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST) on November 15, 2017. This clearly described how UTA will deliver the TIGER Grant for the approved funding of \$20 million, not the \$28 million that was initially asked for. The OST approved the White Paper and noted their interest in the local collaboration, and leveraging of the \$20 million funding to accomplish roughly \$100 million dollars in active transportation projects in the area. Mr. Miller explained that the next steps include:

- TIGER Paper Grant signed by the USDOT, OST
- Grant into TrAMS
- Schedule critical construction items
- Contractor CM/GC selection
- Designer CM/GC selection
- Local entity match
- Begin TIGER projects in 2018-2019

There was discussion held among the committee

Transportation & Land Use Letters of Intent Review – Alex Roy (Goal 2 – Local AT Plans) [Recording 01:06:53]

Alex Roy, WFRC, presented on the Transportation and Land Use Connection's (TLC) role in Active Transportation in our region. He explained that the TLC group provides local municipalities with planning level funds to direct their projects. This is a way to identify what the locals need and to bring it up to a regional level. The TLC's funding partners include UDOT, UTA and Salt Lake County. He commented that these groups provide a strong connection to regional concepts that we are trying to work on. The mission of the TLC group is to support local governments in their planning efforts and in implementing the Wasatch Choice Vision. The goals of the project include maximizing the investment in public infrastructure enhancing access to opportunity, increasing travel options to optimize mobility, and creating communities with strong opportunities to work, live and play. On the active transportation front, several of the 2017 projects that are currently underway have a strong active transportation component. The 2018 project letters of intent have come in during the past month, and final applications are due on January 18, 2018. These projects will be awarded in the spring of 2018.

Agency/City/County Program Updates [Recording 01:14:14]

Mayor Silvestrini invited the committee to attend an open house in Millcreek celebrating Millcreek's one year of being a city and also for a grand opening of their new city hall which is at 3330 South 1300 East.

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, announced that registration is now open for the 2018 Utah Bike Summit that will be held on March 13, 2018 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley.

Evan Curtis, GOMB, highlighted that the Governor recently released his budget and commented that there are several sections in the budget for quality of life and transportation. He said that active transportation is beginning to rise to the level of being noticed by state leaders. There are several sections that talk about this, particularly highlighting the Governor's goal to add 1000 miles of family friendly trails over the next ten years.

Barry Burton, Davis County, announced that after the local option sales tax Proposition 1 passed in Davis County, it was determined that Davis County would enter into a grant program to help their communities with transportation and active transportation issues. As of January 9, 2018, the Davis

County Commission announced that they were awarded over \$760,000 in grants to several cities, and all of those projects have an active transportation component.

Weber County is currently working with the Ogden City Transportation Plan to implement county-wide, wayfinding heavily focused on active transportation. Weber County also held their second meeting for the new Rural Planning Organization for Weber and Morgan Counties and they are working collaboratively to improve land use and transportation.

Commissioner Millburn, Davis County, commented that the legislative session is about to begin, and discussed the work that the Legislative Taskforce on Transportation has been doing prior to the session beginning.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, reminded the committee that the Wasatch Choice 2050 + Mayor's Metro Solutions Event will be held on January 23, 2018 the WFRC 2050 Vision Workshops will be held from January 30 to March 6, 2018 and the WFRC New Member Orientation will be held on February 22, 2018.

Scott Hess, WFRC, invited the committee to attend the upcoming Golden Spoke event in May 2018 to celebrate the completion of over 100 miles of connected pathways from Weber County to Utah County. More information on the event will be forthcoming.

Mayor Silvestrini entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Millburn motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Richard Hyer. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – March 14, 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, under Committees, Active Transportation, 2018 meetings.