

Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
 Meeting of March 14, 2018

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ATC Members and Alternates Present

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| IN ATTENDANCE | |
| | BOX ELDER COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS |
| | Member: Kenneth Braegger (Willard) |
| | Alternate: Kevin Jeppsen (Perry) |
| | DAVIS COUNTY |
| | Member: Bret Millburn (Davis County) |
| x | Member: Jo Sjoblom (South Weber) |
| | MORGAN COUNTY |
| x | Member: Daryl Ballantyne (Morgan County) |
| | Alternate: Austin Turner (Morgan County) |
| | SALT LAKE COUNTY |
| | Member: Jenny Wilson (Salt Lake County) |
| x | Member: Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek) |
| | Alternate: Kristie Steadman Overton (Taylorsville) |
| | TOOELE COUNTY |
| x | Member: Myron Bateman (Tooele County) |
| | Alternate: Dave McCall (Stockton) |
| | UTAH COUNTY |
| x | Member: Michelle Weeks (Draper) |
| | WEBER COUNTY |
| | Member: Lawrence Flitton (Uintah) |
| | Member: Richard Hyer (Ogden) |
| | MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS |
| x | Member: Bill Wright (Payson) |
| x | Member: Kurt Christensen (Salem) |
| | UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION |
| | Member: Nathan Lee |
| | UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY |
| x | Member: Laura Hanson |
| | NON-VOTING MEMBERS |
| | BIKE UTAH |
| x | Member: Phil Sarnoff |
| | UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH |
| x | Brett McIlff |
| | UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY |
| | Member: Laura Hanson |

ATC Representatives and Others Present

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| Dave Alger | UDOT |
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| Will Becker | GREENbike |
| Mark Benigni | Weber Pathways |
| Emmalee Boyland | SLCO Health Department |
| Barry Burton | Davis County |
| Michael Butler | AECOM |
| Ginger Cannon | University of Utah |
| Kim Clausing | Tooele County Health Department |
| Evan Curtis | GOMB |
| Fred Doehring | UDOT |
| Katie Gerard | WFRC |
| Heidi Goedhart | UDOT |
| Bert Granberg | WFRC |
| Andrew Gruber | WFRC |
| Ned Hacker | WFRC |
| Tim Harpst | Horrocks |
| Scott Hess | WFRC |
| Kathryn Hiolski | SLCO Health Department |
| Jory Johner | WFRC |
| Elliott Mott | Private Citizen |
| Callie New | WFRC |
| Jeff Oyler | Davis County |
| Becca Roof | Salt Lake City |
| Alex Roy | WFRC |
| Wilf Sommerkorn | SLCO |
| Megan Townsend | WFRC |
| Cassie Younger | Centerville |

Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, ATC Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Mayor Silvestrini welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary [Recording 03:53]

Mayor Silvestrini entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on January 10, 2018. Councilmember Michelle Weeks motioned to approve these minutes, and it was seconded by Mayor Jo Sjoblom. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment [Recording 04:20]

There were none.

Chair Report [Recording 04:42]

Mayor Silvestrini thanked those that hosted the Bike Summit, stating that it was well run, and very informative. He also commented that the city of Millcreek received a grant to do some town center planning that will involve some alternative transportation.

Andrew Gruber reminded the committee that Wasatch Front Regional Council is in the process of moving its offices to the north end of The Gateway in downtown Salt Lake. This move will allow people to drive, walk, bus, ride TRAX, and the FrontRunner to the new location.

Utah Street Connectivity Study – Ted Knowlton (Goal 2 – Cities and counties adopt Local Active Transportation Plans) [Recording 07:17]

Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council, presented on the Utah Street Connectivity Study. He commented that once a roadway network is built and established it doesn't change very much, if ever. Therefore, it's very important that we get it right the first time. In a traditional hierarchical pattern, street connectivity is small tributaries leading into bigger streets. In a connected pattern, you are able to travel on a route that is more direct to get you where you need to be. This may not be just connected streets, but may include trails that connect through a cul-de-sac, better connections across busy roads, or good connections within developments such as connections between buildings. In Utah, when people think about connectivity, people often think of the pioneer, rectangular grid. Mr. Knowlton said that this is not the only way that connectivity can happen. He stated that street connectivity tends to be the strategy that unites people interested in transportation, regardless of their individual interests. He commented that this is possibly the single most robust strategy that there is in community development for positive impacts to transportation and outcomes. When you have a good, connected street program, you are able to get to more destinations, more easily. Some key differences between the hierarchical and the connected pattern include:

- The hierarchical pattern:
 - Walk/bike distances are longer
 - Traffic congestion is rougher
 - Arterial character is meaner
 - Access to opportunity is worse
- The connected pattern:
 - Walk/bike distances are shorter
 - Traffic congestion is smoother
 - Arterial character is friendlier
 - Access to opportunity is better

Because of all the advantages to the connected street pattern, Wasatch Front Regional Council worked with Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), UDOT, and UTA, and all came together and produced the Utah Street Connectivity Guide. This guide includes the case for connectivity, tools for connectivity, and design guides and case studies from three separate areas; Lehi City, Layton City, and Tooele County.

In closing, connectivity provides multiple benefits such as:

- Access to opportunities
- Walkability
- Reduces traffic congestion
- Reduces the burden on municipal services
- Neighborhood long-term value and stability

Explore what works in your community, the Utah Street Connectivity Guide can help.

Transportation and Land Use Connection Awards – Megan Townsend (Goal 2 – Cities and counties adopt Local Active Transportation Plans) [Recording 22:51]

Megan Townsend, Wasatch Front Regional Council, shared that this is an exciting time of year for the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program, as we are announcing the 2018 awards. The TLC is a partnership between UDOT, UTA, Salt Lake County, and WFRC. This program supports local governments in their planning efforts, implementing the Wasatch Choice Vision. She stated that the program goals include:

- Maximizing the value of investment in public infrastructure.
- Enhancing access to opportunity.
- Increasing travel options to optimize mobility.

- Creating communities with opportunities to live, work, and play.

Ms. Townsend explained that this year, \$904,922 TLC funds were awarded, with a local match of \$281,525. A total of 13 awards were given this year; seven in the Salt Lake Urbanized Area, five in the Ogden/Layton Urbanized Area, one in Tooele County, with three of these projects being multi-jurisdictional. These awards include:

- City Wide Projects
 - Salt Lake City Street Typologies plan
 - \$120,000 Budget
 - Roy City General Plan and Ordinance Update
 - \$130,000 Budget
 - Grantsville City General Plan Update
 - \$72,000 Budget
- Center Plans
 - Millcreek Town Center Plan
 - \$70,000 Budget
 - West Jordan Center Station Area Plan
 - \$100,000 Budget
 - Woods Cross Station Area Plan
 - \$85,000 Budget
 - Ogden Railyard Master Plan Study
 - \$30,000 Budget
- Active Transportation & Trails Plans
 - South Jordan + West Jordan Active Transportation Plan
 - \$97,447 Budget
 - Holladay Canal Trails Study
 - \$75,000 Budget
 - West Valley Active Transportation Plan
 - \$100,000 Budget
 - Plain City Transportation and Trails Master Plan
 - \$15,000 + TLC Technical Assistance
 - South Davis (North Salt Lake, Centerville, Bountiful) Active Transportation Plan
 - \$112,000 Budget
- Region-Wide Plan
 - Salt Lake County + Jordan River Commission Blueprint Jordan River Plan Update
 - \$180,000 Budget

**Transit Core Routes Presentation – Callie New (*Goal 3 – Fund and construct priority*)
[Recording 37:06]**

Callie New, Wasatch Front Regional Council, talked about the Core Routes Study. This study was done to clearly define what that core routes service means. One purpose is to evaluate, analyze, and provide more definition to the service and capital investment characteristics of “Enhanced Bus” transit service. The second purpose of this study is to define a robust, efficient, high quality bus network that compliments existing rail service. Additionally, the Core Routes Study will identify areas where core routes may not be appropriate.

The goals of this study are to identify an efficient, reliable, and easily understandable bus system, build consensus around this concept, and to create a clear plan of action to implement Core Route system as funds become available.

Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, added that UTA is always looking at the efficiency of their service and that WFRC is continually updating the long range regional transportation plans.

There was discussion held among the committee.

Golden Spoke Event Update – Scott Hess (Goal 4 – Build support for AT through effective engagement and outreach) [Recording 48:44]

Scott Hess, Wasatch Front Regional Council, provided details to the committee regarding the upcoming Golden Spoke Event. This event is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018. The idea of the event is to celebrate the network of trails connecting the mouth of Ogden Canyon and the mouth of Provo Canyon. He provided a map showing the connected trail system. Elected officials will simultaneously start bike rides from north and south with community members joining in along the way as the larger group rides through communities. Both groups will meet at the Jordan River Bridge at 1:30 p.m. A celebration will be held at Fisher Mansion from approximately 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. with a Food Truck Round-Up and guest speakers addressing the positive impacts this connected trail system provides for our region from an economic development stand point, access to opportunity stand point, the recreational component.

There was discussion held among the committee.

Agency/City/County Program Updates [Recording 01:00:00]

Councilmember Daryl Ballantyne commented that he is currently working on a project with Centerville City to add shoulders and bike lanes to the frontage road through the city. He also thanked Jory Johner, Scott Hess, and Heidi Goedhart for coming to UDOT Region 1 last week to talk about the bike network.

Heidi Goedhart, Utah Department of Transportation, commented that UDOT will be hosting the upcoming Active Transportation and Health Summit. More details to follow.

Evan Curtis, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, discussed the Life Elevated 2020 Initiative. This is a set of goals, objectives, strategies and policies that are going to be critical and have the greatest impact on maintaining the quality of life and competitive advantages as a state. "The vision is that Utah's educated and trained workforce will propel Utah to enduring prosperity, improved quality of life and the strongest economy in the nation."

Ginger Cannon, University of Utah, said that in the next few weeks the University will be announcing a new Electric Bike Community Purchasing Program. This program is available to anyone that has ever had affiliation to the University, including visiting the University. She said that the University is also experiencing some roadway improvements and are working with UDOT. All of the roads surrounding the campus that are state-owned will be repaved this summer. There will also be some active transportation improvements as part of this project.

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, thanked those that attended the Bike Summit. He said that they are also currently working on a statewide bicycle survey.

Open & Public Meeting Training Video [Recording 1:14:00]

Utah State law requires that elected officials serving on committees such as those of the Active Transportation Committee receive training regarding the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. An 11-minute training video was presented.

Mayor Silvestrini entertained a motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Ballantyne motioned to adjourn and it was seconded by Mayor Christensen. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – April 11, 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.