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Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of January 28, 2016

Mayor Tom Dolan, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:05 p.m. in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace City
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Matthew Bell	Commissioner, Weber County
Jerry Benson	Utah Transit Authority
Jackie Biskupski	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Carlos Braceras	Utah Department of Transportation
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Kelvyn Cullimore	Mayor, Cottonwood Heights
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Bob Stevenson	Mayor, Layton City
Logan Wilde	Councilman, Morgan County

Alternate Members Present

Wade Bitner	Commissioner, Tooele County
Don Christensen	Councilman, West Valley City
Tammy Long	Mayor, South Weber City
Beverly MacFarlane	Mayor, Sunset City
Kim Rolfe	Mayor, West Jordan City
Cherie Wood	Mayor, South Salt Lake

Others Present

Ari Bruening	Envision Utah
Steve Call	FHWA
Necia Christensen	UTA Board
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Nathan Lee	UDOT
Brigitte Mandel	Federal Highway Administration
Jim McNulty	Utah Transit Authority
Mark R. Paless	West Jordan City
Kathy VanDame	Breathe Utah
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Julie Bjorstad	WFRC
Rena Bodily	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC

Ned Hacker	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Len Arave, Commissioner Kerry Gibson, and Mayor Derk Timothy were excused from the meeting.

Welcome

Mayor Tom Dolan welcomed Council members and guests and introductions were made.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held October 22, 2015. Commissioner John Petroff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ACTION: Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the Financial Statements and Check Registers for October, November and December 2015, and Budget/Expenditure Report as of December 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Caldwell and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

ACTION: Endorse appointments to WFRC committees

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to endorse the appointments made by WFRC Chairman Dolan and by the Councils of Government (COG) and other appointing authorities to the WFRC and its committees. An updated WFRC and Committee membership lists was distributed at the meeting. Mayor Brent Marshall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: WFRC Mission and Roles

At the October 22, 2015 meeting the Council adopted an updated Mission Statement and Roles. Based on input received at that time, staff recommended two minor changes: 1) restoring a reference to building consensus, and 2) noting that WFRC's role as a convener includes federal officials.

Commissioner Matthew Bell moved to adopt the WFRC Mission Statement and Roles as presented. Councilman Michael Jensen seconded the motion and noted that this is a living document and can be updated in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

Information: Utah's NEW Unified Transportation Plan 2015-2040

Muriel Xochimitl, WFRC, discussed the updated and recently published 2015-2040 Utah's Unified Transportation Plan. All of the state's transportation agencies and metropolitan planning organizations worked together to develop the Unified Transportation Plan. Each agency used shared growth projections, time horizons and financial assumptions to assemble complementary plans that integrate seamlessly with the Unified Plan.

The completion of the 2015-2040 Utah's Unified Transportation Plan is the culmination of a four-year process that has involved extensive input from city and county officials across the region, transportation partners, residents, and other interested stakeholders. The Plan is based on technical analysis and local community, partner and stakeholder input that reflects community and regional values.

In addition to the document, the first-ever Unified Plan website was recently launched. More information and the complete document can be found at www.utahunifiedplan.org.

Information: Legislative preview

The 2016 legislative session began on Monday, January 25 and runs through Thursday, March 10. WFRC staff will actively track bills related to transportation funding and policy. Staff are working closely with partners, including UDOT, UTA, UAC, and ULCT and are engaging in discussions with key stakeholders and policy makers. The following items were discussed:

- Infrastructure Funding Amendments – This bill would direct approximately \$35.8 million of the state sales tax revenues currently going to transportation into a fund for water infrastructure needs.
- WFRC Appropriations Request – The joint WFRC and MAG request for \$140,000 in ongoing funding for transportation planning and assistance to communities is on the subcommittee prioritized list of appropriations.

Mayor Dolan suggested that WFRC staff and members begin a PR campaign to get the message out about solutions to problems the citizens and communities are concerned about. Finding a way to provide information to the public that there is a plan to fixing air quality and other issues. Andrew Gruber noted that over the years WFRC has coordinated closely with the business community and other community based organizations on sharing messages about solutions that exist for air quality, transportation and economic development.

Mayor JoAnn Seghini made a motion that the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and staff continue on and explore a path of public outreach. Mayor Mike Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Information: Service awards

Suzie Swim, with responsibilities in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Travel Model Application, and WFRC Website, was recognized and presented with a certificate for her ten years of dedicated service. Jon Larsen, Modeling, Forecasting, and Information Services Manager, was also recognized and presented with a certificate for his five years of dedicated service.

Public Comment

There were no public comments

Regional Growth Committee

ACTION: Approve 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amendments

Jory Johner, WFRC, reported that at the October 15, 2015 Regional Growth Committee meeting and the October 22, 2015 Regional Council meeting, WFRC staff presented the proposed Amendments to the 2015-2040 RTP from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and Layton City. He said the WFRC staff analyzed the potential financial implications of including these projects in Phase 1 and determined there are adequate resources available and potential cost savings from a reprioritization of projects.

The formal public comment period took place from November 2 to December 1, 2015 with no comments being submitted. The WFRC staff, UDOT, UTA, and Layton City representatives presented the amendment to the Regional Growth Committee's Ogden-Layton Technical Advisory Committee and the Salt Lake County PlanTac on December 16, 2015. The Regional Growth Committee, at their January 21 meeting, recommended to the Regional Council they approve the amendment for adoption.

Mr. Johner then gave an overview of the projects included in the amendment and noted that additional information for each project was included in Council member packets and was also discussed at the October 22 meeting. Detailed information regarding the Amendment may be viewed on the WFRC website at http://wfrc.org/new_wfrc/index.php/2015-rtp/rtp-amendments.

Commissioner John Petroff made a motion to approve the proposed 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan amendments as presented. Mayor Bob Stevenson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

Information: 2019-2050 RTP Development

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the region's shared blueprint for regional transportation. Development of the RTP is a four year process and is a collaborative effort of communities, stakeholders, and transportation agencies that is convened and technically supported by WFRC. The 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will extend a decade beyond the current plan and therefore provides a significant opportunity to address and plan for transportation needs in the region.

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, discussed plans for the first 18 months of the development of the 2019-2050 RTP. He said that the draft objectives include:

- Engage communities, partner agencies, stakeholders and public in the planning process.
- Coordinate regional transportation with local land use considerations.
- Enhance planning for active transportation and integrate it with road and transit planning.
- Utilize a performance-based approach to planning, including a focus on economic performance.

Mr. Knowlton said that in the first phase, transportation and land development scenarios will be explored in distinct sub-areas of the metropolitan area. This will feature "small area meetings" in which groups of cities and unincorporated areas meet together to explore the future. A 2019-2050 RTP Scenario Small Area Meeting #1 map was distributed at the meeting. It was noted that information for the small area meetings will be distributed to cities and counties in the coming weeks.

Information: Community Spotlight – Riverton City

Mayor Bill Applegarth, Riverton City, highlighted some of the major efforts the City of Riverton is doing in transportation and community development. His spotlight included:

The City's transportation vision to develop a street system that is appropriate for their rapidly growing city; Partnering with WFRC to widen 13400 South to seven lanes (4570 West to 4000 West). Partnering with UDOT and WFRC to construct a Continuous Flow Intersection at 13400 South and Bangerter Highway.

The City's key focus includes active transportation. Salt Lake County and WFRC are funding a citywide active transportation plan through the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program. Salt Lake County is working with the City on active transportation improvements.

As part of the land use vision, Riverton is creating a new center between Bangerter Highway and Mountain View Corridor.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received requests to modify the current 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (Amendment Three). A copy of the Resolution and a list of projects were included in Council member packets. This modification requires action from the Regional Council and the Transportation Commission but does not require a new conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Carlos Braceras, UDOT, and Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reviewed the modifications in Amendment Three for Council members.

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to approve the Resolution to modify the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program as requested. The motion was seconded by Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

Information: Report on Board Modifications to the 2016-2021 TIP

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received a request to modify the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Since the Regional Council was not meeting, Trans Com, by delegated authority, reviewed the request and approved the modifications. Mr. Wuthrich discussed the projects and noted that the modifications in Amendment Two of the Resolution were included in member packets. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

Air Quality Committee Report

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Air Quality Committee Chairman, reported that the Division of Air Quality is supporting legislation requiring low NOx water heaters for all new installations and replacements. These state of the art water heaters reduce NOx emissions by 75%. The emission reduction cost is estimated at about \$2,500/ton.

Tesoro Refinery has committed to provide low-sulfur Tier3 auto usage fuel to the Utah market by 2017. Other local refineries are also considering the emission reducing fuel. The Legislature is pursuing incentives to secure Tier3 fuel for the Utah market.

Rocky Mountain Power is pursuing legislative support for their three-part STEP plan. Using existing utility fees, Rocky Mountain Power proposes to invest \$5 million/year for electric vehicle incentives and more charging stations, offset costs for curtailing power production during inversion conditions, and research and development for wood burning power generation, battery technology, and solar incentives.

Active Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Chair, Active Transportation Committee, report included:

During the January 13, 2016 ATC meeting the Committee reviewed the 2016 priorities to focus on, and discussed proposed Performance Measures that will help guide the Regional Transportation Plan. The Committee will also focus on implementation of active transportation projects and improved tracking and accounting of active transportation users.

Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) will continue through 2016. Two tour dates will coincide with ATC meetings. Watch for more information in the coming weeks regarding all of the tours being planned.

Transportation Alternatives Program—FAST Act—WFRC staff are recommending that two-years of funding be allocated in the upcoming Transportation Alternatives Program, equaling \$3 million committed to active transportation projects in the 2017-2018 funding years.

Executive Director's Report

Andrew Gruber's report included:

- The FAST Act was recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. The FAST ACT provides five years of predictable, consistent funding with modest funding increases to keep pace with inflation. More information and discussion on the FAST Act in upcoming meetings.
- Reminder: The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) will hold their 50th Annual Conference in Salt Lake City June 26-28. In addition, piggy backing on the Conference - the Wasatch Choice Consortium and Active Transportation Health Summit will be held on June 29 at the Little America Hotel. Details will be provided in the coming weeks and a Save the Date will be sent out soon.
- WFRC 2016 Meeting Schedule was distributed.
- WFRC is still planning to move the office. Different options are being explored. The objective in moving is to find a location that is easily accessible from all over the region by multiple modes of transportation and convenient for everyone.

Mr. Gruber turned the time to Jerry Benson, UTA Interim President and CEO. Mr. Benson distributed a brochure, "UTA Reforms & Path Forward", and discussed the steps the UTA Board of Trustees and UTA organization are taking to inform the public that they are sensitive to their concerns. They are on a path to build trust, to be transparent, and to continue to be of service to the public. The document as well as videos and other information about UTA's path forward may be found on their website – www.rideuta.com.

Other Business

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next meeting: March 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org under 'committees' 'Wasatch Front Regional Council' '2016 meetings' "recordings"