

Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization

Meeting
RPO Kick-off

Date
January 4, 2018

Time
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location
UDOT Region 1

Minutes

Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council transportation planner, called the meeting of the Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization to order at 3:04 pm in the offices of UDOT Region 1 located at 166 West Southwell Street, Ogden, Utah.

Policy and Technical Committee	In Attendance
Huntsville	
None	-
Morgan City	
Mayor Ray Little	yes
Ty Bailey	yes
Morgan County	
Councilmember John Barber	yes
Lance Evans	yes
Steven Lyon	yes
Mike Waite	yes
Utah Department of Transportation	
Fred Doehrig	yes
Wasatch Front Regional Council	
Julie Bjornstad	yes
Weber County	
Commissioner James Ebert	yes
Charles Ewert	yes
Doug Larsen	yes
Brooke Stewart	yes

Welcome [00:00:00]

Julie Bjornstad welcomed Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization members and technical committee members. Julie Bjornstad noted that an agenda, draft bylaws, and Wasatch Choice 2050 goals were distributed.

1. Public Comment [00:01:22]

Julie Bjornstad opened the meeting up to public comment. There were no public comments.

2. Overview of RPO, committees, meeting schedule, and communication [00:001:44]

Steven Lyon provided an overview of the RPO. Morgan County and the upper Ogden Valley is not within an urbanized area and, therefore, not represented in the MPO for transportation planning. The RPO was created to coordinate transportation investments within the Morgan County and Ogden Valley areas and is partially funded with funds from the Utah Department of Transportation. The goal of the RPO is to create a long-range regional transportation plan that is prioritized and developed with public participation. The RPO has two committees – a policy committee composed of elected officials and a technical committee composed of staff members. The policy committee includes the mayor of Morgan City, the mayor of Huntsville, a representative of the Morgan County Council, a representative of the Weber County Commission, and a representative from the business community of each county. Each county will announce an application process for selecting a representative of the business community. The RPO will meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month and will alternate location between Morgan City and Huntsville.

3. Action: Adopt the RPO Bylaws [00:24:36]

Julie Bjornstad reviewed the bylaws with the RPO and a discussion followed on the language describing the business representatives, who they represent, and who appoints them. The adoption of the RPO bylaws will be postponed until the next meeting to allow for a representative from each organization to be in attendance and a revision to the RPO membership section.

4. Action: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair [00:27:52]

Commissioner Ebert made the motion to approve Councilman Barber as Chair and Mayor Truett as Vice Chair. This motion was seconded by Mayor Little. All votes were in favor.

5. Goals and timeline [00:30:25]

Julie Bjornstad outlined the timeline of the regional transportation plan. The goal is to adopt a regional transportation plan in May 2019, to coincide with the adoption of the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and the regional transportation plan for the WFRC MPO area.

Julie Bjornstad also distributed the goals for the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision. Areas for future discussion included access to opportunity, safety, tourism, and access to recreation. The RPO will need to adopt goals for the regional transportation plan, and these goals will provide the basis for the prioritization criteria that will be applied to individual projects. Goals will be developed using existing plans and guidance from the RPO committees.

6. Existing conditions and master plans [00:50:06]

A large map was displayed for meeting participants to document growth areas and transportation needs. This map will supplement existing plans to create existing conditions and projected needs of the RPO. Julie Bjornstad will reach out to individual entities to obtain plans, studies, and maps and use these to compile an online, interactive map for RPO use.

7. **Other business [1:16:57]**

Julie Bjornstad asked if there were any other items to discuss. There was no further business to discuss.

8. **Next meeting [01:17:10]**

The next meeting is February 1, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Morgan City offices. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org.