

Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization

Meeting
RPO March 2018

Date
March 1, 2018

Time
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location
**Huntsville
Library**

Minutes

Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council transportation planner, called the meeting of the Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization to order at 3:07 pm in the Huntsville Library located at 131 South 7400 East, Huntsville, Utah.

| Policy and Technical Committee | In Attendance |
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| Huntsville | |
| None | - |
| Morgan City | |
| Mayor Ray Little | yes |
| Ty Bailey | no |
| Morgan County | |
| Councilmember Robert Kilmer | yes |
| Darrel Rupp | yes |
| Councilmember John Barber | no |
| Lance Evans | yes |
| Mike Waite | no |
| Utah Department of Transportation | |
| Christopher Chesnut | yes |
| Fred Doehrig | yes |
| Utah Transit Authority | |
| Levi Roberts | no |
| Wasatch Front Regional Council | |
| Julie Bjornstad | yes |
| Weber County | |
| Commissioner James Ebert | yes |
| John Lewis | yes |
| Charles Ewert | no |
| Rick Grover | yes |
| Brooke Stewart | yes |
| Holin Wilbanks | 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 and draft bylaws were distributed.

1. **Action: Approval of January meeting minutes [00:02:11]**

Mayor Little made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes without changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ebert. All votes were in favor.

2. **Public Comment [00:03:00]**

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

3. **Action: Adopt the RPO Bylaws [00:03:33]**

Julie Bjornstad 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.

Julie Bjornstad reviewed the bylaws with the RPO and a discussion followed on the language describing membership, member alternates, and definition of a quorum.

The changes proposed were:

- a. Article II- Membership shall be changed to add "or their designees" at the end of the first paragraph and "and alternate" after "one voting member" in the second paragraph.
- b. Article IV – Membership Alternates shall be removed.
- c. Article V – Voting shall be changed to include "Designees/alternates shall have full membership status in the absence of a member" at the end of the paragraph.
- d. Article IV – Quorum shall be changed to include "(4)" after "simple majority."
- e. All articles re-numbered appropriately.

Mayor Little made the motion to approve the bylaws with the revisions mentioned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ebert.

4. **Action: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair [00:27:41]**

Mayor Little made the motion to approve Commissioner Ebert as Chair and Darrell Rupp as Vice Chair. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Kilmer. All votes were in favor. Commissioner Ebert abstained from the Chair vote and Darrell Rupp abstained from the Vice Chair vote.

5. **Review of existing studies and available data [00:38:37]**

Julie Bjornstad reviewed the technical committee meeting, which occurred just prior to the RPO meeting. The technical committee reviewed existing studies and provided additional studies and reports. A link to each of the studies will be provided on the RPO committee page on wfrc.org. The large map with feedback from the January RPO was displayed for meeting participants to refine comments and provide additional feedback. This map will supplement existing plans to create existing conditions and

projected needs of the RPO. Julie Bjornstad will compile an online, interactive map for RPO use.

6. Goals and priorities discussion [01:03:05]

Julie Bjornstad reviewed the goals discussion from the technical committee, which will guide project development and prioritization for individual projects. The six goals developed by the technical committee were:

- a. Improve safety
- b. Ensure mobility
- c. State of good repair/maintenance and preservation
- d. Provide access to jobs and businesses
- e. Provide access to regional recreation opportunities
- f. Safely accommodate active transportation

Commissioner Ebert discussed the Wasatch Choice 2050 goals and how they were shaping the MPO long-range plan. Livability and quality transportation choices were mentioned as possible additions to the goals. Currently, Morgan County is not within the UTA service district. There was a discussion around growth and quality of life, which are important issues to the area. A vision statement was added to introduce the goals, "Plan for transportation in a way that promotes sustainability (balancing environmental, economic, and fiscal) and maintains quality of life."

7. Legislative update [01:33:05]

Julie Bjornstad provided a brief update on the Legislative session. HB 362 would change the governance structure of UTA and provided for a new transit transportation investment fund. For the existing transportation investment fund, prioritization criteria would need to be amended to include economic development and land use. In addition, it would alter the way the fourth quarter local option sales tax could be implemented and would increase vehicle registration fees for alternative fuel vehicles. The bill also provides the ability for locals to create transportation reinvestment zones to would allow locals to capture increased property tax revenue created by transportation projects. The Legislative session is still in session and this bill is subject to change.

8. Related studies – I-84 Corridor Study; socioeconomic presentation [01:41:13]

Christopher Chesnut provided an overview of the I-84 Corridor Study. UDOT met with Morgan County and other stakeholders to gather input and understand the local context in order to begin the corridor planning process along I-84 from the Morgan/Weber County line to Peterson. UDOT will hire a consultant to conduct the corridor study.

Julie Bjornstad informed the RPO that UDOT was creating a state-wide transportation demand model. To inform the model, UDOT will need to develop socioeconomic inputs, including households and employment. UDOT is hosting a meeting on March 22nd with technical staff from Morgan and Weber counties to review existing households and employment and projections for 2050 from the Kem Gardner Policy Institute. This model will inform the RPO planning process.

9. Next steps [01:49:16]

WFRC will work to digitize data collected to this point. There will be an interactive map with transportation projects and land use. WFRC will also review safety data and determine if additional improvements are needed.

10. Other business [01:51:06]

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

11. Next meeting [01:51:18]

The next meeting is May 3, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Morgan City offices. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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