

Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization

Meeting
RPO May 2018

Date
May 3, 2018

Time
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Location
**Morgan City
Offices**

Minutes

Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council transportation planner, called the meeting of the Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization to order at 4:05 pm in the Morgan City Offices located at 90 West Young Street, Morgan, UT.

Policy and Technical Committee	In Attendance
Huntsville	
Wendy McKay	yes
Morgan City	
Mayor Ray Little	yes
Ty Bailey	yes
Lance Prescott	yes
Morgan County	
Councilmember Robert Kilmer	yes
Darrel Rupp	no
Councilmember John Barber	yes
Lance Evans	yes
Scott McMillan	yes
Mike Waite	yes
Utah Department of Transportation	
Christopher Chesnut	no
Fred Doehrig	no
Utah Transit Authority	
Levi Roberts	yes
Wasatch Front Regional Council	
Julie Bjornstad	yes
Weber County	
Commissioner James Ebert	yes
John Lewis	yes
Charles Ewert	yes
Rick Grover	no
Brooke Stewart	no
Holin Wilbanks	no

Welcome [00:00:00]

Commissioner James Ebert welcomed Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization members and technical committee members. James Ebert noted that an agenda and draft bylaws were distributed.

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

Councilmember Robert Kilmer made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes without changes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ray Little. All votes were in favor.

2. **Public Comment [00:01:38]**

James Ebert opened the meeting up to public comment. There were no public comments.

3. **Goals and Priorities Discussion [00:01:55]**

Commissioner James Ebert introduced the need to give planning a foundation that can be presented to the public for better prioritization. Julie Bjornstad reviewed how the goals for the technical committee were created and used to craft a vision statement, and asked how the RPO would like the goals to be prioritized and weighed in importance. 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

Public Works Director, Mike Waite, proposed that safety starts with preservation of good roads, which should be a top priority. The technical committee will further review and draft the prioritization and amount of weight each goal will be given in the RPO. However, introducing the prioritization of goals in public meetings was suggested to better understand and confirm individual needs. Comments were made about decision making as a combination of both state and local criteria for effective scoring. It was decided that the Technical Committee would go ahead and make recommendations for prioritization and weighting to be approved.

4. **Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision [00:12:11]**

Julie Bjornstad reviewed the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision as part of a Regional Transportation Plan adoption. A land use component and transportation component will be adopted as a vision of expected growth from centers and housing and employment changes. Julie asked if Morgan and Ogden Valley would like to be included as part of the adopted Vision map. An email with access to the online map as well as all meeting items was sent and uploaded for viewing. Commissioner Ebert and Charles Ewert, Weber County planner, suggested that the Ogden Valley should be included in the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and be an active component of the map. Morgan County would like to have further discussions with their Council. Neither the RPO nor MPO have land use authority nor is any jurisdiction held to developmental decisions. Further discussion with the Council will result in a final decision.

5. **Project List [00:27:33]**

Julie Bjornstad compiled a map of all the listed projects for review and update in the RPO. Clarification on the intent and specifics of certain projects was given to Julie as the map was viewed and discussed. Further conversation will be held concerning prioritization of projects and location and facility details. Some projects await planning study results and development impact before starting implementation. Projects will continue to be added and removed as part of the planning process, and changed as current projects are completed and community needs arise.

6. Safety analysis and discussion [01:01:33]

Julie Bjornstad presented the areas safety data with a map locating pedestrian bike crashes between 2014 and 2018. Crash severity is ranked on a scale of 1-5, 1 being no injury and 5 being death. No repeated injury location indicated an immediate safety issue in Morgan County. However, a few safety hotspots were marked as areas of concern during extreme weather conditions. Only a few of the suggested projects are safety related. Julie will provide a condensed list of highlighted concerning areas that can better be navigated and more specifically addressed before the next meeting.

7. Update on UDOT statewide travel model and long-range plan [01:08:37]

Julie Bjornstad provided an update on UDOT statewide travel as part of the project list discussion. As projects overlapped with the travel model and long-range plan, UDOT updates were given accordingly.

8. Public involvement [01:08:50]

Commissioner Ebert discussed the importance of having planning items on the public's radar. Marking maps and making comments allow the public's input to become part of the process and for recommendations to be accepted. Commissioner Ebert asked for a proposed timeline of meetings to allow for public input. Assuring mobility for the public should be a focus along with transportation changes during events. Commissioner Ebert suggested public outreach meetings are held at both the Morgan City Offices and the Ogden Valley Offices. Julie clarified involvement as taking projects and goals to the public. If the projects are taken to the COG and Planning Commission within the next month, then there should be enough information to set up the first public meeting for both communities. Those public meetings will identify the readiness for formalizing or continuing review of projects. Between now and June, the Technical Committee will receive priorities to be ranked by importance and responses will be brought to the June meeting for review. Future public meetings will begin with a description of what the RPO is, a review of what the goals are, and a walk through of the prioritization list.

9. Other business [01:19:09]

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

10. Next meeting [01:20:03]

The next meeting is June 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Huntsville Library. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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