

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of December 15, 2016

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Utah Transit Authority offices located at UTA Headquarters, 669 West 200 South, in Salt Lake City.

Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]

Commissioner John Petroff, RGC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Petroff welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

RGC Members and Alternates Present

Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake City
John Barber	Councilmember, Morgan County
Wade Bitner	Commissioner, Tooele County
Ari Bruening	Envision Utah
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
James Ebert	Commissioner, Weber County
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Jeff Harris	UDOT
Charles Henderson	UTA Board Trustee
Nathan Lee	UDOT
Ivan Marrero	FHWA
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Dan McConkie	Commissioner, UDOT
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Norm Searle	Mayor, Riverdale City
Matt Sibul	UTA
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Aimee Winder-Newton	Councilmember, Salt Lake County

RGC Representatives and Others Present

Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Charles Mason Hill	UDOT
Jim McNolty	UTA
Shawn Milne	Commissioner, Tooele County
Callie New	WFRC
Levi Roberts	UTA
Debbie Sigman	Breathe Utah
Matthew Silski	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Jake Warner	SJC
Russell Weeks	Salt Lake City Council Staff

Jason Wheeler
Muriel Xochimitl
Amy Zaref
Nicole Zinnanti

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Approval of Minutes [Recording 02:15]

Mayor Karen Cronin moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held October 20, 2016 be approved as written. Mayor Brent Marshall seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment [Recording 02:40]

There were no public comments.

Information: Wasatch Choice 2050 Scenario Workshop Preview [Recording 02:57]

a. Review scenario maps and input

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, presented information on the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (referenced together as WC2050.) This is the region's shared vision for coordinated growth, infrastructure, and open space. Wasatch Choice 2050 re-builds the vision and provides a significant opportunity to identify transportation projects for an additional generation. The development process spans four years and is a collaborative effort of communities, stakeholders, and transportation agencies that is convened and technically supported by WFRC.

WFRC staff has met with UDOT, UTA, and regional stakeholders to gather additional infrastructure and growth ideas. From this discussion, three scenarios were organized and include:

- Scenario 1:
 - Land Use: General plans, extrapolated trends
 - Transit: 2015-2014 RTP projects
 - Roadway: 2015-2040 RTP projects
 - Active Transportation: Priority bicycle routes
- Scenario 2:
 - Land Use: Regional centers
 - Transit: Capital-intensive projects
 - Roadway: Connectivity and management
 - Centers-based, local bicycle connectivity
- Scenario 3:
 - Land Use: Dispersed village/town centers
 - Transit: Service-intensive projects
 - Roadway: Capacity-focused investments
 - Active Transportation: Separated regional bicycle facilities

Mr. Knowlton explained that during the Council meeting held in October of 2016, ten regional goals were adopted to support Wasatch Choice 2050. These goals are not listed in any particular order and include:

- Livable and healthy communities
- Access to economic and educational opportunities
- Manageable and reliable traffic conditions
- Quality transportation choices
- Safe, user friendly streets
- Clean air
- Housing choices and affordable living expenses
- Fiscally responsible communities and infrastructure
- Sustainable environment including water, agriculture, and other natural resources.
- Ample parks, open spaces, and recreational opportunities.

The favored approaches to growth include:

- Location of growth
- Form of growth
- Housing
- Jobs and centers
- Open Space
- Mobility
- Roads
- Transit
- Bicycling

There was a lengthy discussion between the committee members regarding this topic.

b. Review scenario evaluation measures [Recording 48:12]

Julie Bjornstad, WFRC, reviewed the proposed set of evaluation criteria. She began by reviewing the development steps. Among other things, the goals will support the evaluation criteria that are used to develop the Wasatch Choice 2050 and Regional Transportation Plan. The three scenarios will be evaluated using criteria that relates to the Regional Goals. The Wasatch Front Regional Council will utilize these goals to inform organizational activities, including the development of transportation, land use and economic development plans and projects. WFRC will measure the performance and impact of various plans and projects on several scales: on the region as a whole; on various subregions; and on vulnerable communities within the region.

Jory Johner, WFRC, presented on the Regional Transportation 2015-2040 amendments. The Wasatch Front Regional Council prepares and adopts a Regional Transportation Plan every four years. The current RTP was adopted in May of 2015. A process for amending the RTP has been reviewed by the Regional Growth Committee and was formally adopted by WFRC. This process was last updated in March of 2016.

The Wasatch Front Regional Council has received requests from Utah Department of Transportation to amend the 2015-2040 RTP to include the following changes:

- S-140: Bangerter Highway and 6200 South
 - Currently in Phase 3, the proposal would move this project to Phase 1. The cost of this project is \$64.0 Million.
- S-147: Bangerter Highway and 12600 South
 - Currently in Phase 2, the proposal would change this project to Phase 1. The cost of this project is \$49.2 Million.
- S-144 Bangerter Highway and 9800 South
 - This project is currently in Phase 2 and the proposal would be to move this project to Phase 1. The cost of this project is \$43.1 Million.
- S-5: I-80; I-215 East to Lambs Canyon
 - This project is currently in Phase 1, and the proposal would change this to Phase 2.

The formal public review and comment period will take place from December 16, 2016 to January 15, 2017 with the intent to come back to the Regional Growth Committee on January 19, 2017 for recommendation to take this to the Council for final approval pending any comments. Commissioner Petroff moved that a motion be made to release these RTP amendments for 30-day public comment. Charles Henderson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

c. Review engagement and communications strategies [Recording 01:17:30]

Muriel Xochitimi reviewed the Wasatch Choice 2050 Communications Plan. From the research, WFRC found that we were perceived as having strong leadership roles, our staff was recognized as technical experts in transportation planning, and we have a well-established regional vision. This gives us an opportunity to strengthen our relationships with vulnerable community groups. We also

have the opportunity to strengthen our approach to disseminating information through existing communication channels with our partners.

The primary goal is to work collaboratively with stakeholders to build a locally supported and regionally significant Wasatch Choice 2050 vision that enhances the quality of life for Utahns living across the Wasatch Front. The secondary goal is to improve stakeholder understanding of long-term impacts from growth strategies.

Other Business

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

A recording of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2016 meetings.