

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of October 12, 2017

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]

Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County, chaired the meeting on behalf of Mayor Ben McAdams. She called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Winder Newton welcomed committee members and guests, and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

RGC Members and Alternates Present

IN ATTENDANCE	2017 RGC MEMBERS
	BOX ELDER COUNTY
	Member - Karen Cronin (Perry)
	Alternate - Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	DAVIS COUNTY
x	Member - Randy Lewis (Bountiful)
x	Alternate - Len Arave (North Salt Lake)
	Member - Don Carroll (Fruit Heights)
	Alternate - Erik Craythorne (West Point)
	MORGAN COUNTY
x	Member- John Barber (Morgan County)
	Alternate - Tina Cannon
	SALT LAKE COUNTY
	Member - Ben McAdams (<i>Chair</i>) (Salt Lake County)
	Alternate - Larry Johnson (Taylorsville)
	Member - Ron Bigelow (West Valley City)
x	Member - Aimee Winder Newton (Salt Lake County)
	Member - Ted Eyre (Murray)
	Member - Derk Timothy (Bluffdale)
x	Alternate - Jackie Biskupski (Salt Lake City)
	Alternate - Cherie Wood (South Salt Lake)
	Alternate - Troy Walker (Draper)
x	Alternate - Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek)
	TOOELE COUNTY
x	Member - Wade Bitner (Tooele County)
	Member - Brent Marshall (Tooele County)
x	Alternate - Dave McCall (Tooele City)
	WEBER COUNTY
x	Member - Mark Allen (Washington Terrace)
x	Alternate - Norm Searle (Riverdale)
	Member - James Ebert (<i>Vice Chair</i>) (Weber County)
	Alternate - Brent Taylor (North Ogden)
	OTHER APPOINTMENTS:
	Utah Transportation Commission:
	Member - Meghan Holbrook
	Alternate - Dannie McConkie
	UTA Board:
	Member - Charles Henderson
	Alternate - Keith Bartholomew
	Utah Air Quality Board:
	Member - Stephen Sands
	Alternate - Erin Mendenhall
	Envision Utah:
	Member - Robert Grow
	Alternate - Ari Bruening
	NON-VOTING MEMBERS
	UDOT Representative:
	Member - Nathan Lee
x	Alternate - Jeff Harris
	UTA Representative:
x	Member - Laura Hanson
	Alternate - GJ LaBonty
	Air Quality Board, DAQ Staff Representative:
	Bryce Bird
	FHWA - UTAH Division Representative:
x	Member - Ivan Marrero
x	Alternate - Steve Call
	Utah League of Cities & Towns Rep:
x	Gary Uresk
	Utah Association of Counties Representative:
x	Wilf Sommerkorn
	Mountainland Association of Governments:
x	Gary Gygi
	WFRC Appointments from other organizations:

	Christine Richman - Utah Urban Land Institute
	John Bennett - GOMB/Quality Growth Commission
	Abby Osborne - Utah Transportation Coalition
	Reid Ewing - University of Utah

RGC Representatives and Others Present

Jared Andersen	Weber County
Ryan Beck	Envision Utah
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Roger Borgenicht	UBET
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake County
Bergen Eskildsen	WFRC
Russ Fox	Draper City
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Robert Hale	Midvale City
Scott Hess	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Hal Johnson	UTA
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Brigitte Mandel	FHWA
Heather McLaughlin-Kolb	WFRC
Kevin McLeod	Weber County
Jake Meibos	Plain City
Callie New	WFRC
Helen Peters	Salt Lake County
Keith Peterson	Salt Lake City
Jordan Pieper	ASSIST, Inc.
Matt Robertson	Harrisville City
JoAnn Seghini	Midvale City Mayor
Brian Wilkinson	Urban Land Institute
Nicole Zinnanti	Assist Inc.

Action: Approval of Minutes [Recording 02:50]

Councilmember Winder Newton entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held August 17, 2017. Mayor Mark Allen, Washington Terrace, motioned to approve these minutes, and it was seconded by Commissioner Wade Bitner, Tooele County. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment [Recording 03:13]

There were none.

Chair Report [Recording 03:29]

Councilmember Winder Newton informed the committee that a lot has been happening related to the Transportation Funding and Governance Taskforce. She asked Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, to provide an update. Mr. Gruber reported on the activities of the Taskforce, and noted that Mayor Jackie Biskupski and Mayor Gary Gygi are also members, and asked them to comment on this as well. Mr. Gruber reminded the committee that during the last legislative session a bill was passed to create the Transportation Funding and Governance Taskforce. This taskforce is made up of a collection of legislators and local elected officials, and is chaired by Senator Wayne Harper and Representative Mike Schultz. The work of the Taskforce is being conducted over the next several months, and is required to report back to the legislature in December, with the idea that there could be legislative action taken in response to recommendations from the Taskforce in the next legislative session. Mr. Gruber stated that it is also possible that the Taskforce work will be extended for another year because the issues that are being dealt with warrant significant thought and consideration. The areas that the subgroups are working on include: Governance, Funding, and Land Use, Economic Development, Active Transportation, and Aviation.

Each of the working groups have made recommendations, or are in the process of making recommendations to the full Taskforce. The Taskforce has its next meeting on October 23, 2017, and will be continuing to discuss all of those recommendations, and deliberate on what recommendations they as an entire Taskforce, want to take forward to the legislature. The Funding working group has recommended at least a maintenance if not an enhancement of the investment that is happening in transportation infrastructure in the state of Utah, reflecting the fact that our population continues to grow and is the fastest growing state in the nation. He said that we need to

keep investing in a variety of transportation choices to provide good mobility and to maintain the state of the infrastructure that we have in the good repair. They have also been looking at a variety of options for studying the possible conversion from the regular gas tax to a per mile charge. The Governance working group is looking at potential changes to the structure of how transportation is governed in the state going forward. The Economic Development and Land Use working group's prime interest is to ensure and maximize the investments being made with state infrastructure dollars are appropriately coordinated with local land use decisions.

Mayor Biskupski, Taskforce member representing the Utah League of Cities and Townes, commented that the League hasn't seen anything that they feel comfortable supporting on Land Use ideas. She said that there needs to be a great deal of conversation around who controls what, and why? This is not just for Land Use, but also for UDOT, and UTA. She asked the question that whether we want the state dictating changes in organizations that already exist. She said that if anything, it is more likely the structure of the board for UTA that might change through the legislature, but nothing bigger than that.

Mayor Gygi, Taskforce member representing Mountainland Association of Governments, commented that he agreed with Mayor Biskupski, saying that the main issue with our MPO is around land issues, and making sure that the local municipalities are not circumvented.

Information/Discussion: Wasatch Choice 2050 Preferred Scenario [Recording 12:54]

Councilmember Winder Newton explained that the Wasatch Choice 2050 is the region's shared vision for coordinated transportation, land use, and economic development. She said that the staff is now working to consolidate the feedback that they received, and analyze the data into a preferred scenario.

Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council, introduced the key elements of the preferred scenario and steps to get feedback on the preferred scenario. He said that the Wasatch Choice 2050 seeks to provide enough geographic details to be of value to local planning efforts, while also developing the key regional planning products of the WC2050 vision, the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, and the 2018-2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The effort also aims to find solutions that are at the nexus of transportation, land use, and economic development planning. In the last couple of years we have established goals, gone through scenarios which were developed based on local feedback, evaluated those, and in the next year want to bring forward one draft of a preferred scenario. The following feedback will be discussed:

- What mixed use centers do you support?
- Should new mixed-use centers be actively explored?
- How do the other elements support these centers?
 - Transportation
 - Economic Development
- What job centers do you support?
- Should new job centers be actively explored?
- How do the other elements support these job centers?
- How might proposed roads affect congestion?
- How might proposed roads affect access to destinations?
- How do they support land use and economic development goals?

There was discussion held among the committee.

Information/Discussion: 2019-2050 RTP Phasing and Amendment Considerations [Recording 41:21]

Councilmember Winder Newton reminded the committee that last year the Council adopted new regional goals. Since then, the Regional Growth Committee has been advising staff on how to assess these plans and projects to help achieve the new goals. She stated that during this meeting we will

be providing guidance on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Phasing Criteria for roadways, transit, and active transportation which will help us identify when projects are needed between now and 2050, in ten year phases.

Callie New, Wasatch Front Regional Council, discussed the phasing process of the Regional Transportation Plan and said that the RTP is a dynamic document and that WFRC seeks to be responsive to the transportation needs of our communities and our partners. She said that we recognize and anticipate between when the 2015-2040 RTP was adopted last May to the time the next RTP is adopted four years from now, that we would receive requests to amend the project list. Because WFRC works so closely with the cities, counties, and transportation partners to proactively identify projects as they arise, there will occasionally be amendments to the RTP. The amendment process includes:

- Requests submitted to WFRC staff
- WFRC staff reviews the request
- Three amendment levels:
 - Staff modification
 - Board modification for non-regionally significant projects
 - Full amendment for regional significant projects
- May require air quality conformity analysis and public comment

The RTP is required to be fiscally constrained. WFRC has reviewed the financial impacts of all the following amendment request and has determined that they can be accommodated due to additional revenue above RTP planning assumptions and project efficiencies. This level of amendment requires a 30-day minimum public comment period. A presentation was given to the committee, and there was a group discussion.

Action: 2015-2040 RTP Amendment Number 5 release for public comment [Recording 01:02:18]

Councilmember Winder Newton explained that in the last RGC meeting, amendments were introduced to the current 2015-2040 RTP. These have since been released for public comment, and today we are going to ask the committee to make a recommendation to the council for final action on these proposed amendments.

Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council, discussed the Amendment #5 overview. This included:

- 8 total requests for approximately \$194 million
- Projects seeking Weber County Sales Tax Funding
 - Three projects (\$5.5 million)
- Funding source unknown
 - One UTA and UDOT sponsored project (\$34.5 million)
 - One Salt Lake County project (\$100 million)
- Utah State Correctional Facility Funding
 - Two projects to serve the new Utah State prison (\$30 million)
- Partially funded and seeking STP funds
 - One municipality/UDOT project (\$24 million)

The 8 projects include:

1. 1100 North – Harrisville City: Provides a link between two arterial streets and decreases the amount of traffic between residential neighborhoods. This also provides access to Highway 89 on the west and Washington Boulevard on the east.
2. 3600 West – Plain City: Provides for added shoulders and a consistent cross-section, safety improvements, improved access for adjoining properties, and center turn lane at intersections for improved mobility.
3. Depot Drive – Weber County: Provides connection to the Weber Area Justice Multi-Use Facility, redesign the intersection of 12th Street (SR-39) and Depot Road, and widening will incorporate a deceleration lane.

4. 5600 West Transit – Utah Transit Authority: Replace Phase 1 BRT on 5600 West from 6200 South to 2700 South with Phase 1 Express Bus/Core Route on 5600 West from Old Bingham LRT Station to the International Center, Salt Lake International Airport, and downtown Salt Lake.
5. 7200 West – Salt Lake County: Provides access to the new Utah State Correctional Facility.
6. 8000 West – Salt Lake County: Provides one of two accesses to the new Utah State Correctional Facility.
7. 700 N, 7200 W, 1400 N – Salt Lake County: Provides one of the accesses to the new Utah State Correctional Facility.
8. Wasatch Boulevard – Cottonwood Heights: More efficient local traffic circulation, major connection between Big and Little Cottonwood ski resorts, increased access to both Knudsen Corner development and proposed new development at the gravel pit.

Councilmember Winder Newton entertained a motion to release amendment #5 for public comment. Councilmember John Barber, Morgan County, motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Mayor Randy Lewis, Bountiful City. The motion passes.

Information/Discussion: Point of the Mountain Study [Recording 01:21:18]

Ryan Beck, Envision Utah, gave an update on the Point of the Mountain Study. He said that the purpose of the effort is about maximizing job creation, ensuring a high quality of life for residents in and surrounding the project area, strategic residential and commercial growth, preservation of natural lands and expansion of recreational opportunities, provision of a variety of community and housing types that match workforce needs, and planning for future transportation infrastructure and other investments to enhance mobility and protect the environment. In Phase 1, the key findings include:

1. Transportation is viewed as the biggest challenge.
2. Infrastructure investment decisions should take into account the impact on economic growth.
3. Utahns and transportation experts place high priority on a connected street network.
4. Utahns and employers want greatly expanded public transportation.

Phase 1 has been completed and they are currently in phase 2 which is the scenarios process. On November 14, they will release the alternative scenarios to the commission and the public. The theme for the transportation scenarios will include:

- A. Regional Transportation Plan without Transit
- B. Regional Transportation Plan
- C. Regional Transportation Plan + Additional Road Investments
- D. Regional Transportation Plan + Additional Road and Transit Investments

Other Business

There was none.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

A recording of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2017 meetings.