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AGENDA REGIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE

May 16, 2019

9:45 AM

A meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 from **9:45-11:15 a.m. (note the time change)** in the Wasatch Front Regional Council Boardroom located in Gateway at **41 North Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. ACTION: Approve Minutes from the March 21, 2019 meeting
3. Opportunity for Public Comment
4. ACTION: Wasatch Choice Vision - 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan
5. WFRC resources to assist growth planning, SB34 (Affordable Housing Modifications), and SB136 (Transportation Governance Amendments) implementation
6. Large Scale Projects Update
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting for RGC: August 15, 2019 at 9:45 AM

Upcoming events:

- Utah Economic Summit: *May 17, 2019*
- Utah Land Use Institute, What Now? Practical Workshops on 2019 Legislation (Housing and Referenda): *May 18, 2019*
- AASHTO Spring Meeting, Park City: *May 20 to 23, 2019*

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MINUTES
Of
The Regional Growth Committee
March 21, 2019

A meeting was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), 41 North Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

1. Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00.00].

Mayor Dawn Ramsey called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM. Mayor Ramsey welcomed committee members and guests, and introductions were made. Andrew Gruber, Executive Director of WFRC, also welcomed everyone and made announcements (see “Other Business”).

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	(X) Attended
Jeff Scott, County Appointed Member (Box Elder County)	X
Kenneth Braeger, County Appointed Alternate (Box Elder County)	
Len Arave, WFRC Appointed Member (Davis County)	X
Rick Earnshaw, WFRC Appointed Alternate (Davis County)	
Jim Talbot, COG Appointed Member (Davis County)	X
John Pohlman, COG Appointed Alternate (Davis County)	
Tina Cannon, COG Appointed Member (Morgan County)	X
Robert McConnell, COG Appointed Alternate (Morgan County)	
Jenny Wilson, WFRC Appointed Member (Salt Lake County)	X
Ron Bigelow, WFRC Appointed Alternate (Salt Lake County)	X
Dawn Ramsey, COG Appointed Member (Salt Lake County)	X
Aimee Winder Newton, COG Appointed Member (Salt Lake County)	X
Jim Riding, COG Appointed Member (Salt Lake County)	X
Jackie Biskupski, COG Appointed Alternate (Salt Lake County)	
Cherie Wood, COG Appointed Alternate (Salt Lake County)	
Troy Walker, COG Appointed Alternate (Salt Lake County)	
Kurt Bradburn, COG Appointed Alternate (Salt Lake County)	X
David McCall, COG Appointed Member (Tooele County)	X
Kendall Thomas, COG Appointed Alternate (Tooele County)	
Mark Allen, WFRC Appointed Member (Weber County)	X
Norm Searle, WFRC Appointed Alternate (Weber County)	
Robert Dandoy, COG Appointed Member (Weber County)	X
Jim Harvey, COG Appointed Alternate (Weber County)	X
OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Meghan Holbrook, Member, Utah Transportation Commission	
Dannie McConkie, Alternate, Utah Transportation Commission	
Beth Holbrook, Member, Utah Transit Authority Board	X
Carlton Christensen, Alternate, Utah Transit Authority Board	
Erin Mendenhall, Member, Utah Air Quality Board	X
Robert Grow, Member, Envision Utah	
Ari Bruening, Alternate, Envision Utah	X
NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Teri Newell, Member, UDOT Representative	
Jeff Harris, Alternate, UDOT Representative	
Laura Hanson, UTA Representative	X

Levi Roberts, Alternate, UTA Representative	
Bryce Bird, Air Quality Board, DAQ Staff Representative	
Ivan Marrero, FHWA-Utah Division Representative	
Steve Call, Alternate, FHWA-Utah Division Representative	
Gary Uresk, Utah League of Cities and Townes Representative	
Wilf Sommerkom, Utah Association of Counties Representative	X
Jenny Rees, Mayor (Cedar Hills); Mountainland Assn. of Governments	X
WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	
Christine Richman, Utah Urban Lands Institute	X
Evan Curtis, GOMB	X
Abby Osborne, Utah Transportation Coalition	
Reid Ewing, University of Utah	X

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT (in alphabetical order)	
Roger Borgenicht, UBET	Brynn Mortenson, SL Chamber
Julie Bjornstad, WFRC	Aimee Winder Newton, SL County
Christy Dahlburg, WFRC	Andrea Olson, UDOT Planning
Samantha Defeelhorst, Herriman City	Rachel Otto, ULCT
Scott Festin, WFRC	Trevor Ovenden, SLC Council
Russ Fox, Draper City	Angela Papastamos, UDOT Planning
Katie Gerard, WFRC	Mary Pratt, WFRC
Bert Granberg, WFRC	Mike Reberg, SL County
Andrew Gruber, WFRC	Alex Roy, WFRC
Jim Harvey, Weber County	Debbie Sigman
Ned Hacker, WFRC	Suzie Swim, WFRC
Val John Halford, WFRC	Megan Townsend, WFRC
Scott Hess, WFRC	Lauren Victor, Intern, WFRC
Jory Johner, WFRC	Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC
Catherine Kanter, SL County	Jason Wheeler, ASSIST, Inc.
Ted Knowlton, WFRC	Chad Worthen, WFRC
Heather McLaughlin-Kolb, WFRC	Nicole Zinnanti, ASSIST

2. ACTION: Approval of Minutes [Recording 6:45].

After review of minutes, no comments were made. Chair Ramsey entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held January 17, 2019. A motion was made by Tina Cannon, Morgan County; and seconded by Jeff Scott, Box Elder County to approve these minutes as written. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment [Recording 7:30].

Mayor Ramsey welcomed public comment and opened for discussion. There was none.

4. 2019 Legislative Session [Recording 7:50].

LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, highlighted a few important bills from the legislative session that will affect our region’s growth, housing, and transportation (handouts). There was a record number of 73 passed (with an \$18 billion budget).

- *SB72 Sub 3, Transportation Governance and Funding Revisions (Senator Harper); and SB136 Sub 6, Transportation Government Amendments (Harper/Schultz).* Andrew Gruber spoke about SB72, which was passed as a furtherance to SB136, a significant tax reform bill that was passed last year to create the new state transit transportation investment fund authorizing state infrastructure dollars—to be spent on transit for the first time. It will also require UDOT to modify their prioritization process to look at a

broader plan called “U Vision” for their existing transportation investment fund for roads (which is about \$7 million per year). UDOT is asked to consider land use, housing, and economic development.

- SB 136 is also working with the UTA governance structure. Mr. Gruber explained that a new task force was created, which leads to SB72. This made further modifications for local flexibility and usage.
- SB34 Sub4, Affordable Housing Modifications (Senator Anderegg). Mr. Gruber described SB34 as a housing bill corollary which is in sync with the SB72. Ms. Davenport highlighted changes as outlined on the summary handout, noting that on the Moderate Income Housing element, general plans need to be adopted by December 1, 2019. There is a requirement to do an annual report on progress on meeting needs and implementation.
- Tax Reform bills were not passed. There was much involvement by legislators to discuss whether to broaden the sales tax base, and lower the rate. They decided to set up a task force under HB495, Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force to hold public meetings and report back to the legislator in August for a special session. This will become broader than sales tax and include every county. Representative Mike Schultz will speak at a council meeting with WFRC next week.
- Air Quality bills and Appropriations. LaNiece Davenport indicated that a one-time allocation of \$28.8 million was received for air quality with an additional ongoing funding of \$35,400.

5. Wasatch Choice Vision [Recording 35:55].

Mr. Ted Knowlton, WFRC, addressed how to implement SB34. He discussed what is to come with the Regional Transportation Planning (RTP) and Wasatch Choice. The RGC, as a steering committee for RTP and Wasatch Choice, will recommend an adoption of that plan to the full council (a four-year process for growth and economic development) in May. The 2019-2050 RTP is one element of the Wasatch Choice Vision. Objectives are to work at a local level; then connect local planning to the regional level surrounding major transit to connect between homes and jobs; and project key growth areas. There was extensive roundtable discussion. High density issues were discussed.

There was a request to share more information from the leagues to the communities. Mr. Knowlton stressed that members of RGC come first as being local government representations; and second with the RGC. WFRC will help with training and assistance to understand the process. He encourages new members to visit the web site to review the process and highlight the final products.

6. Impacts of Community Design [Recording 1:12]

Reid Ewing, renowned professor from the University of Utah and member of RGC gave a presentation on types of changes and impacts of community design. He discussed recent research on the impact community design has on quality of life, depending on density and

diversity. Professor Ewing explained that the way intersections are designed are a more important variable than density and driving behavior. Due to time constraints, Professor Ewing will be presenting more information at future meetings.

- 7. Transportation and Land Use Connection Program (TLC) [Recording 1:30:56].**
Meghan Townsend, Transportation Land Use Connection Program Manager, provided an update on ways the TLC program will provide technical assistance to communities with growth-related challenges during 2019 (such as help resolve issues and reach goals). The TLC is a partner with WFRC, Salt Lake County, UDOT and UTA. This partnership supports local governments with planning that relate to the Wasatch Choice Vision. There are \$1.5 million funds available.

Ms. Townsend also announced 15 awards for next year (5 are multi-jurisdictional).

- 8. Other Business [Recording 1:38].**
Upcoming Dates: WFRC will host its first full Council meeting at these offices on March 28 at 2 PM. Afterwards, WFRC will have an Open House and celebration of its 50th Anniversary from 4-6 PM with everyone is invited.
- 9. ACTION: Adjournment [Recording 01:38:43].**
Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved by Meghan Holbrook, and seconded by Erin Mendenhall that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Next Meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the offices of WFRC, 41 North Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. To accommodate attendees who travel on FrontRunner, and to best serve members of the committee, Ted Knowlton is considering changing the meeting times from 9:30-11:00 to 9:45-11:15 AM.

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Materials and recording of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website under Committees at www.wfrc.org.

DATE: May 8, 2019
AGENDA ITEM: 4
SUBJECT: **Action:** Wasatch Choice Vision - 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan
PREPARED BY: Jory Johner

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the region's long-range blue-print for transportation based on the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and Goals. The RTP is adopted every four years. The Regional Growth Committee (RGC) is the steering committee for the RTP. The May meeting is the final milestone for RGC in this four-year planning cycle. At the conclusion of this agenda item, RGC will be asked to make a motion to the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) recommending adoption of the draft RTP at the Council meeting on May 23rd.

Before the motion, staff will provide an overview of the process that led to the RTP, the investments it contains, and a summary of projected impacts and benefits.

Staff invites you to familiarize yourself with the RTP by visiting the [2019-2050 RTP](#) and clicking on the document, interactive map, and Air Quality conformity determination links at the bottom of the page.

BACKGROUND:

On May 24, 2018, the WFRC Council endorsed the Wasatch Choice 2050 Preferred Vision Scenario which addresses roadway, transit, and bicycle needs from 2019 to 2050 (unconstrained by available financial resources). This endorsement directed staff, working with transportation agency partners and stakeholders, to phase these projects (phase one: 2019-2030, phase two: 2031-2040, phase three: 2041-2050, and unfunded projects).

On October 25, 2018, the WFRC Council authorized release of the draft phased, financially constrained RTP for public comment. The phased, financially constrained 2019-2050 RTP has been reviewed and commented on by the local governments, UDOT, UTA, stakeholders, and the general public during the public comment period held between October 29, 2018 and November 30, 2018.

WFRC staff reviewed the comments to respond to the input from the local governments, transportation partners, stakeholders and the public during the following months.

A second public comment period was held between February 11, 2019 and March 13, 2019, in response to regionally significant changes made.

RECOMMENDATION:

WFRC staff recommends that the Regional Growth Committee make a motion:

"I move that RGC recommend to the Wasatch Front Regional Council adoption of the final phased and financially constrained 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and approve the Air Quality Conformity Memorandum Number 39 determination."

CONTACT PERSON:

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DATE: May 9, 2019
AGENDA ITEM: 5
SUBJECT: WFRC resources to assist growth planning, SB34 (Affordable Housing Modifications), and SB136 (Transportation Governance Amendments) implementation
PREPARED BY: Julie Bjornstad

At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, staff will highlight resources WFRC is and have been developing to assist communities to implement SB34 (Affordable Housing Modifications) and SB136 (Transportation Governance Amendments).

Staff will describe and seek input on data resources, analyses, and planning resources that will be made available to assist WFRC communities.

BACKGROUND:

The Utah State Legislature passed SB34 – Affordable Housing Modifications during the 2019 Legislative Session. SB34 encourages local communities to plan for housing for residents of all income levels, and coordinate that housing with transportation. Eligible communities are required to develop a moderate-income housing (MIH) plan as part of their general plan. Communities that are required to annually report on their MIH plan implementation must satisfy these requirements to remain eligible for state transportation investments.

Senate Bill 136 - Transportation Governance Amendments - enhances the coordination of transportation, land use, and economic development. It also authorizes additional funding for transit and local needs.

More information on SB34 can be found on the WFRC website: [Summary of SB 34](#).
For more information on SB136: [Summary of SB 136](#).

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only and no action is required.

CONTACT PERSON:

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DATE: May 9, 2019
AGENDA ITEM: 6
SUBJECT: Large Scale Projects Update
PREPARED BY: Ted Knowlton

There are a number of important planning and development projects unfolding across the region. At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, updates will be provided by committee members on the following large scale projects.

- Inland Port Authority
- Southwest Salt Lake County Vision
- I-15 Statewide
- Mountain View Corridor
- West Davis Corridor
- Point of the Mountain transit
- Ogden – Weber State Bus Rapid Transit
- Mid-Valley Bus Rapid Transit
- Davis - Salt Lake Connector

This will be rapid fire, one minute per project.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only and no action is required.

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