

PLANTAC
Regional Growth Committee | Technical Advisory Committee

September 20, 2017
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Meeting Summary

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions - Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County	Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County, introduced the meeting, which was held in the large conference room at the Wasatch Front Regional Council.	None Required
1. Meeting Summary – June 21, 2017 – PLANTAC	<p>Wilf Sommerkorn called for a motion to approve the June 21, 2017 minutes. Scott Langford, West Jordan City, made the motion to approve and Brian Berndt, City of Cottonwood Heights, seconded motion to approve. The minutes were approved unanimously.</p> <p>PLANTAC (encompassing the Salt Lake City – West Valley City Urbanized Area) meeting summaries are posted on the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) website (www.wfrc.org) under the “Committees” section on the top of the front page. You can access these summaries by selecting “Regional Growth Committee TAC.”</p>	Approved
2. Corridor Preservation Fund Update – Helen Peters, Salt Lake County	<p>Helen Peters, Salt Lake County Transportation Program Manager, Office of Planning & Transportation, within the office of Regional Development, Housing, and Economic Development, provided an update on Salt Lake County’s Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund. Helen mentioned that all projects within Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the current RTP have been approved by the Salt Lake County Council of Governments (COG) for property acquisition to be funded by the Corridor Preservation Fund. Application material, prioritization criteria, a sample letter from the city requesting funds and other helpful information can be found on Salt Lake County’s website – www.slc.org/planning-transportation. If additional information is needed, Helen is more than willing to provide individual assistance.</p> <p>Please contact Helen Peters at (385) 468-4860 or hpeters@slco.org for additional information.</p>	None Required
3. CATNIP Grant – Helen Peters, Salt Lake County	<p>Helen Peters also provided an update on Salt Lake County’s Active Transportation Network Implementation Program (CATNIP). CATNIP funding provides grants to assist communities with implementing bikeway improvements and wayfinding within street rights-of-way. Priority funding will be given to projects identified on the County’s Active Transportation Implementation Plan (ATIP). Helen mentioned that as far as eligibility is concerned, trails or pathways within their own rights-of-way are NOT eligible for funding. Intersection improvements, however, where trails cross street rights-of-way ARE eligible. Funds may be used for construction or for design activities that are expected to result in eventual construction. Grants cannot be used for solely planning purposes, such as bicycle master plans. Helen stated that project sponsors must be municipal entities with jurisdictional authority over the proposed project location. Salt Lake County will evaluate submitted letters of intent and give recommendations to each community about whether to submit a full application. Instructions for submitting full applications will be communicated by no later than October 20, 2017.</p>	None Required

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<p>4. Wasatch Canyons Plan Update – Jake Young, Salt Lake County</p>	<p>Jake Young, Salt Lake County Planning and Development Services, discussed the County's upcoming effort to update the Wasatch Canyon's General Plan. The plan was last updated in 1989 and is in need of a thorough review and revision - not only from a time perspective, but also due to a recent revision to the Foothills and Canyon's Overlay Zone (FCOZ) ordinance. These ordinance revisions included an addition of a Mountain Resort Zone component. Jake will serve as the project manager with support, financing, and guidance coming from Wilf Sommerkorn, and the County's Office of Regional Development. A considerable amount of work has been completed in the recent past regarding the Wasatch Canyons Plan, most notably the County Resource Management Plan, Mountain Accord, Central Wasatch Commission, Wasatch Canyon's Tomorrow, an extensive research project with respect to Canyon efforts (completed by Bio-West through a contract with WFRC), etc. There will be a good deal of public involvement along with specific outreach efforts. All of these efforts will be used to inform and update the Plan. Salt Lake County estimates approximately 18 to 24 months to complete the project.</p> <p>Please contact Jake Young at (385) 468-4859 or jayoung@slco.org for additional information.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p>5. Utah's Transportation and Governance Funding Task Force – Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County</p>	<p>Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County, discussed the recently formed Utah's Transportation and Governance Funding Task Force. Last year, the leadership of the Utah State Legislature, primarily concerned with rising housing costs, along with transportation deficiencies, decided that a special task force was needed to address these issues and other regional concerns. A number of special reports to legislators prompted action for an overview committee to be formed to examine a number of regional issues. Most legislators recognize the need for higher density housing and the building community and private developers are responding to this demand. Incentives are needed to increase both housing density and affordability. Smart growth will help shape the agenda and planners should be prepared to be directly involved with this effort. Transportation will play an important part, along with funding. New sources of money will need to be identified to help with anticipated growth along the Wasatch Front. As the Transportation and Governance Funding Task Force continues to meet, Wilf promised to keep PLANTAC members informed on important milestones and decisions.</p> <p>Please contact Wilf Sommerkorn at (385) 468-4862 or wsommerkorn@slco.org for additional information.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p>6. 2015 RTP Amendment Number 5 – Val John Halford, Wasatch Front Regional Council</p>	<p>Val John Halford, WFRC, presented an overview on five proposed project amendments to the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (2015 RTP) in the Salt Lake – West Valley Urbanized Area. These projects, and their sponsors, are: 5600 West Transit Improvements (Utah Transit Authority); 7200 West New Construction (Salt Lake County); 8000 West New Construction (Salt Lake County); 700 North, 7200 West, and 1400 North New Construction (Salt Lake County) and Wasatch Boulevard Widening (Cottonwood Heights). Val mentioned the RTP is updated every four years, but between approval dates occasions arise for the RTP to be amended. He explained that there are three levels of RTP amendments. Most amendments are the Level 3 type and require adjustments to financial assumptions, air quality</p>	

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	<p>determination, and project phasing. A number of the current amendments are the result of communities requesting specific projects that are eligible for either Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or county corridor preservation funding. These projects must be included as part of the RTP. Val reviewed each of the projects in detail and provided an overview of the amendment process. The next step would be for the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) to approve the amendments for a 30-day public comment period, to begin on Friday, October 20, 2017 and end on Monday, November 20, 2017. This was an action item and a motion to move forward the five proposed amendments to the RGC for release for public comment was made by Steve Meyer, Utah Transit Authority, and seconded by Bill Baranowski, West Jordan City. The vote was unanimously in favor.</p> <p>Please contact Val John Halford at (801) 363-4250, ext. 1108 or vhalford@wfrc.org for additional information.</p>	Action
<p>7. 2015 RTP Project Phasing and Amendment Criteria – Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council</p>	<p>Jory Johner, WFRC, explained in detail the process to be used for selecting and phasing roadway and transit projects for the 2019-2050 RTP. He also covered the additional information that will be provided to both the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) and the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) on future RTP amendments. All projects will be evaluated based on phasing criteria. A cost benefit analysis will be performed after all projects have been evaluated. Jory mentioned that all project will therefore have two scores: one benefit score (out of 100); and one cost / benefit score (total score / project cost). Roadway projects will be categorized in three scales. All projects will be scored with the same criteria and methodology, but criteria weights will change between the three scales. Jory said that the new or revised measures for evaluating roadway projects include (1) strategic cluster connection, (2) access to opportunities, and whether or not a project serves vulnerable communities. New or revised measures to evaluate transit project are (1) access to opportunities, strategic cluster connections, existing ridership, presence of a sidewalk, street connectivity, and whether or not the project serves a vulnerable community. This is the first time active transportation will be phased, with phasing measures will including (1) safety improvements, (2) active transportation connectivity, (3) whether or not the project serves a vulnerable community, (4) access to opportunities, (5) serves strategic cluster, and (6) severs the Wasatch Choice for 2050 center plan. Finally, Jory mentioned the technical considerations for providing additional information for future RTP amendments. These considerations include (1) safety improvements, (2) multi-modal connectivity, (3) access to opportunities, (4) serves strategic clusters, (5) project considerations (such as environmental, corridor preservation, funding, etc.), (6) serves the Wasatch Choice for 2050 center plan, (7) whether or not the project serves vulnerable communities, and (8) air quality conformity findings.</p> <p>Please contact Jory Johner at (801) 363-4250, ext. 1110 or jjohner@wfrc.org for additional information.</p>	
<p>8. WFRC Administered Programs – Megan Townsend, Wasatch Front Regional Council</p>	<p>Megan Townsend, WFRC, provided an overview of the various programs that the Wasatch Front Regional Council funds. These programs include the Wasatch Front Economic Development District (EDD), Transportation & Land Use Connection Program (TLC), Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The EDD supports economic development plans, promotes long-term economic</p>	None Required

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	<p>competitiveness, and attracts federal funding in order to implement local plans. This program helps to develop strategies to expand employment in Utah's advanced industries, such as technology. The TLC program is designed to support local governments, coordinate land use and regional transportation planning, and implement the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision. Such efforts include active transportation plans, station area plans, complete streets, and form-based codes. The last three, STP, CMAQ, and TAP, are federally funded programs, and are used to finance a wide variety of regional transportation improvements. STP funds are used for new construction, street widening, bridge replacement, intersection improvements, and project that reduce travel demand. CMAQ project types include that that improve air quality, construct or purchase public transportation facilities and equipment, provide commuter bicycle and pedestrian facilities and develop intelligent transportation systems. Finally, TAP money can be used for pedestrian, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, which include sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, traffic calming techniques, lighting and safety-related infrastructure for non-drivers, and safe routes to school projects. Megan explained the deadlines for the various WFRC funded programs, including when letters of intent and applications are due. Project recommended for funding will be announced in the Spring of 2018.</p> <p>Please contact Megan Townsend at (801) 363-4250, ext. 1101 or mtownsend@wfr.org for additional information.</p>	
9. Next Meeting	The next PLANTAC meeting will be held on December 13, 2017.	None Required

ATTENDANCE ROLL

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Myron Bateman	Tooele County	Jory Johner	WFRC
Wade Bitner	Tooele County	Scott Langford	West Jordan City
Brian Berndt	City of Cottonwood Heights	Bill Baronowski	West Jordan City
Caitlyn Miller	Bluffdale City	Angela Price	Taylorsville City
Thomas McMurtry	Avenue Consultants	Mark McGrath	Taylorsville City
Britney Ward	Sandy City	Alexander White	South Salt Lake City
Jake Warner	Sandy City	Julianne Sabula	Salt Lake Transportation
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC	Steve Meyer	UTA
Alex Roy	WFRC	Brock Anderson	West Valley City
Megan Townsend	WFRC	Jake Young	Salt Lake County
Christy Dahlberg	WFRC	Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Val John Halford	WFRC	Helen Peters	Salt Lake County