

PLANTAC
Regional Growth Committee | Technical Advisory Committee

December 13, 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 conference room at the new Herriman City Hall.	None Required
1. Meeting Summary – September 20, 2017 – PLANTAC	<p>Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County, called for a motion to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes. Wilf called for a motion to approve the minutes and Cris Jones, City, so moved. There was not a second to the motion. 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. UTA Electric Bus Implementation Plan – Hal Johnson, Utah Transit Authority	<p>Hal Johnson, Manager, Project Development Systems at the Utah Transit Authority, provided an overview of UTA’s new electric bus program. In 2016, the Federal Transit Authority awarded UTA with a special \$5.4 million grant to operate 5 electric buses in the Salt Lake Metropolitan Area. Three of the buses were assigned routes in downtown Salt Lake City, along 200 South, and two were allocated to the University of Utah for their cross-campus routes. The buses draw power from onboard batteries which drive an electric motor. Their operation results in zero hydrocarbon emissions. Each electric bus, which costs approximately \$900,000 is recharged at night with both a fast and trickle charge. The operation of these vehicles has helped to reduce energy costs and improved local air quality. The buses are in a testing phase only, but it is anticipated that the UTA fleet will begin to switch over this new technology. UTA is planning to build a new bus garage in the near future that will accommodate both compressed natural gas and fully electric vehicles.</p> <p>Please contact Hal Johnson at (801) 237-1905 or HJohnson@rideuta.com for additional information.</p>	None Required
3. Wasatch Choice Vision and Economic Development Clusters – LaNiece Davenport, Wasatch Front Regional Council	<p>LaNiece Davenport, Economic Development Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, provided a MS PowerPoint presentation on “Wasatch Choice 2050 and Economic Development.” LaNiece reviewed the ten goals adopted by the WFRC and explained their role in economic development, land use planning, and the regional transportation plan. She mentioned that the WFRC is currently working on comprehensive economic development strategies for the Region, which will combine with the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program and the regional transportation plan. A number of strategic economic clusters have been identified by the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. Six economic cluster groups are the focus of the WFRC efforts and include such activities as: Financial Services; Aerospace and Defense; Energy and Natural Resources; Outdoor Products; Software Development and Information Technology; and Life Sciences. These economic activities will need to be integrated into the WFRC’s transportation planning. Some cluster will rely on road and trail links</p>	None Required

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	<p>while others will benefit from transit and active transportation connections. LaNiece showed several examples, using regional maps, that demonstrated how transportation would serve various job clusters. In addition to major economic clusters, LaNiece also showed the Region’s Job and Industrial areas, which have been mapped. These maps were based on a real estate market model. Transportation projects, such as transit, active transportation, transit, and roadways were also mapped to give planners a better understanding of how these various projects affect both land use and the economy. Finally, LaNiece provided several ways to get involved in future economic development plans. In addition to the upcoming Wasatch Choice 2050 and Mayor’s Metro Solutions Event in January, she mentioned the Vision Workshops, the Wasatch Front Economic Development District Meetings, Individual City and County Meetings, RGC Technical Advisory Meetings, several planned open houses, and online engagement tools.</p> <p>Please contact LaNiece Davenport at (801) 363-4230 or Ldavenport@wfrc.org for additional information.</p>	
<p>4. Wasatch Choice 2050 and Mayor’s Metro Solutions Event – Carlton Christensen, Salt Lake County</p>	<p>Carlton Christensen, Regional Development Director, Salt Lake County, gave an overview of the upcoming Wasatch Choice 2050 and the Mayor’s Metro Solutions event to be held on January 23, 2018 at the Salt Palace Convention Center. The keynote speakers will be Bruce J. Katz and Jeremy Nowak, co-authors of “<i>The New Localism: How City Can Thrive in the Age of Populism.</i>” This event is sponsored by Department of City & Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah, Salt Lake County, Envision Utah, the Mountainland Association of Governments, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Salt Lake County is taking the lead on organizing and holding this important event. The focus will be on local issues and concerns. Mayor Ben McAdams will host the event and there will be a formal presentation on the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision. Following lunch, and the keynote speakers, there will be three breakout sessions in the afternoon: (1) Connecting Livability and Upward Mobility; (2) Healthy Communities; and (3) Cities and Businesses Growing Economic Strengths. All local elected officials, city administrators, economic development officials, urban planners, students, special interest groups, etc. are encouraged to attend and e-mail invitations have been sent out.</p> <p>Please contact Carlton Christensen at (385) 468-7032 or CJChristensen@slco.org for additional information.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p>5. Wasatch Choice Vision Workshop – Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council</p>	<p>Jory Johner, Long Range Planning Group Manager, Wasatch Front Regional Council, provided PlanTAC members with an overview of the upcoming Wasatch Choice Vision Workshops, scheduled to be held in February and continuing through March of next year. Jory handed out a map of the region showing the different locations, dates, and times for each of the 11 meetings planned. He stated that the Wasatch Choice 20540 and Mayor’s Metro Solutions Event, to be held on January 23rd, will be the kick-off to the Vision Workshops and many of the same people are invited to both events. In addition to mayors, city administrators, planners, engineers, economic development officials, and various key stakeholders, city council and planning commission members have also been invited to attend. The Vision Workshops are designed to present the draft preferred scenario for the 2019 Regional Transportation Plan, along with a demonstration of the WFRC’s revised Visualization Tool. The preferred scenario, or vision, will be adopted by the WFRC in May 2018. Jory mentioned that the phasing of specific projects, along with financial consideration, will take place in 2018. He described the type of maps that will be available for comment at the Vision Workshops.</p>	<p>None Required</p>

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	<p>Jory also provided a general format for the meeting, including a presentation on the background of the Vision, steps taken to arrive at this point in the process, and the purpose of the meeting itself. There will be a tabletop exercise, performance measures, supporting data, and assistance provided by FHWA, Envision Utah, UDOT, and UTA.</p> <p>Please contact Jory Johner at (801) 363-4250, ext. 1110 or jjohner@wfr.org for additional information.</p>	
<p>6. Video Presentation – <i>“Utah’s Long-Term Demographic and Economic Projections”</i> – LaNiece Davenport, Wasatch Front Regional Council</p>	<p>LaNiece Davenport, Economic Development Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, introduced a video presentation develop by the University of Utah’s Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, entitled “Utah’s Long-Term Demographic and Economic Projections.” The video highlighted the growth, demographic changes, and a pronounced shift in economic activities anticipated for Utah between now and 2065. A number of local experts provided a glimpse of what Utah will become. These professionals include Natalie Gochnour, Director, Pamela Perlich, Director of Demographic Research, Juliette Tennert, Director of Economic and Public Policy Research, and Jason Mathis, Executive Director of the Downtown Alliance. This informative and well documented video can be viewed at https://vimeo.com/243183373.</p> <p>Please contact LaNiece Davenport at (801) 363-4230 or Ldavenport@wfr.org for additional information.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p>7. CATNIP Grant and Salt Lake County’s Corridor Preservation Funding – Helen Peters, Salt Lake County</p>	<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 both the CATNIP Grant and Salt Lake County’s Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund. As part of Helen’s responsibilities, she manages the County Active Transportation Network Implementation Program (CATNIP). CATNIP funding provides grants to assist communities with implementing bikeway improvements and wayfinding within street rights-of-way. Through a competitive process, several CATNIP grants were awarded for a total amount of \$546,443 and Helen provided details on which cities had been selected to receive funding. Helen also provided an update on the County’s Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund. Senate Bill 277 provide approximately \$2.2 million for this coming year. Four community requests were funded in 2017. Helen stated that all projects within Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the current 2015-2040 RTP have been approved by the Salt Lake County Council of Governments for property acquisitions and can be funded from the Corridor Preservation Fund. Application information and material, prioritization criteria, a sample letter from the city requesting funds, and other helpful information can be found at: www.slco.org/planning-transportion. Helen mentioned that the application deadline is July 13, 2018.</p> <p>Please contact Helen Peters at (385) 468-4860 or hpeters@slco.org for additional information.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p>8. 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. A number of public visioning events throughout the Wasatch Region have taken place. A total of 2,952 participants responded to a Salt Lake County sponsored survey. The survey listed a number of land use, environmental, economy, recreation, and transportation ideas and had each participant rate a number of possibilities from 1 to 5. Noted input</p>	<p>None Required</p>

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	<p>includes: (1) Preserve what we have as canyons and wild areas; (2) Transportation to and within the canyons is very important; (3) Consider all types of recreation and levels of both active and passive activities; and (4) Make sure recreation does not destroy the environment that makes it so enjoyable. Jake will continue to serve as the project manager with support, financing, and guidance coming from Wilf Sommerkorn, and the County's Office of Regional Development. Salt Lake County planners estimate that it will take 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>9. Salt Lake County GIS Sharing – Jake Young, Salt Lake County</p>	<p>Jake Young, Salt Lake County Planning and Development Services, provide Plan TAC members with a presentation on "GIS Data sharing in Salt Lake County." The benefits of such a combined effort include an automated system for data sharing, real or daily updated, each community maintains control of its own data, and helps makes collaborative planning much easier. Each city will prepare and control their own data. Data will sync automatically with the County's IS Cloud. This system allows planner to access a geodatabase through a local area network (LAN) or the internet using the ArcGIS server. Jake demonstrated an example of data sharing using an active transportation network and map. ArcGIS Date View was created for land use and zoning, parks, trails and bike lanes, transportation, and housing. Additional layers will be forthcoming. Salt Lake County Information Services (IS) will contact community GIS users one city at a time. Next steps include: (1) Define appropriate tools to start sharing data; (2) include metadata for different attributes; (3) set-up scheduled update; and the drafting of a memo of understanding agreement.</p> <p>Please contact Jake Young at (385) 468-4859 or jayoung@slco.org for additional information.</p>	
<p>10. Other Business – Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County</p>	<p>Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County, provided an update on current legislative efforts and what to expect in coming 2018 Utah State Legislative Session. A number of leadership changes at the Utah League of Cities and Towns has prompted a number of concerns for regional planners. He also gave an update on 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>

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11. Next Meeting	The next PLANTAC meeting will be held on February 14, 2018.	None Required

ATTENDANCE ROLL

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Michael Maloy	Herriman City	Russell Fox	Draper City
Brett Wood	Herriman City	Cris Jones	Salt Lake City
Bryn McCarty	Herriman City	Bill Baronowski	West Jordan City
Blake Thomas	Herriman City	Angela Price	Taylorsville City
Trevor Andrae	Bluffdale City	Mark McGrath	Taylorsville City
Caitlyn Miller	Bluffdale City	Jim McNulty	Murray City
Grant Crowell	Bluffdale City	Thomas McMurtry	Avenue Consultants
Jake Warner	Sandy City	Bill Baranowski	West Jordan City
Scott Langford	West Jordan City	Hal Johnson	UTA
Steve Pastorik	West Valley City	Levi Roberts	UTA
Mark McGrath	Taylorsville City	Brock Anderson	West Valley City
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC	Jake Young	Salt Lake County
Jory Johner	WFRC	Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Megan Townsend	WFRC	Helen Peters	Salt Lake County
Val John Halford	WFRC	Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake County