



TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com)

Minutes

February 15, 2024

A meeting was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, 1:30 pm, at the WFRC Offices, 41 N. Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT and via Zoom. The following were present:

2024 TRANS COM MEMBERS			
COG APPOINTED		OTHER APPOINTMENTS	
BOX ELDER COUNTY		Utah Transportation Commission	
Member - Kevin Jeppsen (Perry City)	Yes	Member – Kevin Van Tassell	Yes
DAVIS COUNTY		Member – Natalie Gochnour	No
Member - Mark Shepherd (Clearfield)	Yes	UTA Board of Trustees	
Alternate - Howard Madsen (Sunset)	No	Member – Carlton Christensen	No
Member - Kendalyn Harris (Bountiful)	Yes	Member – Beth Holbrook	Yes
Alternate - Brian Vincent (West Point)	Yes	Utah Air Quality Board	
MORGAN COUNTY		Member – Jeff Silvestrini	Yes
Member- Blaine Fackrell (Morgan County)	Yes	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Alternate - Steve Gale (Morgan City)	Yes	UDOT Representative	
SALT LAKE COUNTY		Member – Ben Huot	Yes
Member - Robert Dahle (Holladay)	No	Alternate – Tiffany Pocock	No
Member - Ann Granato (Salt Lake Co Council)	Yes	UTA Representative	
Member - Natalie Hall (Bluffdale)	Yes	Member - Russ Fox	Yes
Member - Joe Smolka (Emigration Township)	Yes	Alternate – Nichol Bourdeaux	No
Alternate - Lorin Palmer (Herriman)	Yes	Air Quality Board, Staff Representative	
Alternate - Mike Weichers (Cottonwood Heights)	No	Bryce Bird	Yes
Alternate - Marcus Stevenson (Midvale)	Yes	FHWA – Utah Division Representative	
Alternate - Dan Dugan (Salt Lake City)	Yes	Ivan Marrero	No
TOOELE COUNTY			
Member - Jared Hamner (Tooele County)	No	Mountainland Association of Governments	
Alternate - Criag Smith (Erda City)	Yes	Jim Miller (Saratoga Springs)	No
WEBER COUNTY		WFRC Staff	
Member – Jim Harvey (Weber County)	Yes	Andrew Gruber, Andrea Pearson, Ben Wuthrich, Hugh Van Wagenen, Jordon Chandler, Kip Billings, Miranda Jones Cox, Nate Currey, Rosie Hernandez, Ted Knowlton, Tim Watkins, Wayne Bennion	
Alternate - Ken Richey (Ogden City)	Yes		
Member – Sheri Bingham (Hooper City)	Yes		
Alternate – Braden Mitchell (Riverdale)	No		
Other Attendees			
Kendall Draney, UDOT Nathan Cherpeski, Herriman City Nathan Peterson, UDOT Rex Harris, FHWA Shule Bishop, UTA Steve Van Maren, Resident			

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:01]

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm and welcomed committee members and guests. Introductions were made around the table for those attending in person, and Rosie Hernandez, WFRC, read the names of those attending online.

a. ACTION: Approval of the November 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes - [00:03:11]

A motion was made by Mayor Natalie Hall, Bluffdale City, seconded by Councilmember Dan Dugan, Salt Lake City, that the minutes of the [November 9, 2023](#), meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chair Report - [00:03:38]

a. Legislative Update: Mayor Shepherd turned the time over to Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC, who provided [an update](#) of the current 2024 Legislative Session and its impact on transportation and local government.

3. Public Comment - [00:18:30]

Mayor Shepherd opened the meeting to public comments. There were none.

4. Trans Com Roles and Responsibilities and Schedule for 2024 - [00:19:20]

Mayor Shepherd turned the time over to Wayne Bennion, WFRC, who reminded members of the purpose of the Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) and referred to the current [Memorandum of Agreement](#) included in the meeting materials. Mr. Bennion also presented a [schedule for Trans Com meetings in 2024](#). Members were encouraged to review the proposed schedule and provide suggestions about any other topics they would like to discuss.

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - [00:26:14]

a. Report: Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 TIP - [00:26:30]

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC reported that since the last meeting of Trans Com, WFRC received requests to modify the current 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification was approved by the Regional Council at their January 25th meeting and by the Utah Transportation Commission, but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wuthrich referred Committee members to the meeting materials for information regarding these modifications.

b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 TIP - [00:28:50]

Mr. Wuthrich reported that there were new requests to modify the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification requires action from the Regional Council and the State Transportation Commission but does not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project.

[00:34:50] Commissioner Jim Harvey, Weber County, made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2024-2029 TIP as requested, seconded by Mayor Joe Smolka, Emigration Township. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

c. Review of Fiscal 2023 Obligation of Federal Highway and Transit Funds - [00:35:15]

Mr. Wuthrich reported that the IJA requires all metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), state transportation departments, and public transportation operators to cooperate in preparing a report of federal funds obligated during the immediately preceding year. The WFRC staff, with the help of UDOT and UTA, has prepared a report of obligated federal, and local and state match funding during federal fiscal year 2023 (October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023).

These federal funds currently represent about twenty percent of the total highway and transit expenditures in the State of Utah. Mr. Wuthrich reviewed the Statewide and WFRC Region FFY 2023 federal funds obligation by project improvement type.

6. ACTION: Roadway Safety Resolution - [00:46:40]

Mayor Shepherd turned the time over to Kip Billings, WFRC, who provided an update on the funding WFRC received for the Safe Street and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program. WFRC has been coordinating with local government and transportation partners to put together a Safety Action Plan that will make communities eligible to apply for safety implementation grants, and that will provide several tools for communities to improve transportation safety. As part of the Action Plan, a resolution has been prepared for the Regional Council to establish a goal to work towards zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

[00:59:20] Commissioner Jim Harvey, Weber County, made a motion to recommend to the Regional Council the adoption of the Resolution establishing the goal to work towards zero fatalities and serious injuries, seconded by Mayor Joe Smolka, Emigration Township. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Potential Impacts of Federal Ozone Air Quality Standards - [01:00:36]

Mayor Shepherd turned the time over to Bryce Bird, Executive Director of the State Division of Air Quality, who reported on the state's current ozone levels and ongoing collaborative efforts to address the situation. Currently, Utah is not able to meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act related to ozone levels. These requirements are extremely difficult to meet due to the high levels of "background" ozone, which comes from outside Utah and from natural sources. This situation poses potential risks for significant highway and transit capacity-increasing projects to proceed. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

8. Other Business - [01:29:10]

Mayor Shepherd mentioned that WFRC's New Committee Member Orientation will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024. He also informed the committee that the next Trans Com meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 1:30pm.

9. Video: Overview of Utah Open and Public Meetings Act - [01:30:16]

With no further business, Mayor Shepherd stated that Utah State law requires that elected officials serving on committees such as those of the Wasatch Front Regional Council receive training regarding the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. Mayor Shepherd said that an 8-minute video would be shown in order to comply with this requirement and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting upon completion of the training video.

ACTION [01:29:15] - Jeff Silvestrini, Utah Air Quality Board, made a motion to adjourn the Trans Com meeting upon conclusion of the video, and Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

10. Adjournment - [01:36:10]

The video concluded and the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.