

Wasatch Front Regional Council

Active Transportation Planner (Filled as a Planner I/II)

Job Description and Announcement

The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Association of Governments (AOG) for the area of Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Morgan, Tooele, and southern Box Elder counties in Utah, is seeking a full-time Active Transportation Planner.

WFRC builds consensus and enhances quality of life by developing and implementing visions and plans for a well-functioning multi-modal transportation system, livable communities, a strong economy, and a healthy environment. The person who fills this role will be a key leader and ambassador for active transportation in the region, and help communities and residents see the benefits associated with biking and walking.

Description:

The Active Transportation Planner is an integral part of the WFRC Long-Range Planning Group, just as active transportation (bicycle and pedestrian transportation) is an integral part of our region's transportation system. This position has the primary responsibility for short- and long-range planning, development, coordination, and assisting in the implementation of active transportation projects. The Active Transportation Planner strengthens partnerships with local jurisdictions, regional partners, community-based organizations, and the private sector to promote interest and investment in active transportation. The position also performs a variety of professional and technical duties as needed to assist in the development and maintenance of long-range regional transportation plans and programs. Knowledge and experience regarding transportation planning for other modes and land use planning is desirable.

Functions and Duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Develop partnerships with local and state government, transit agencies, community-based organizations, stakeholders, and the private sector to identify, fund, and implement active transportation projects that maximize the region's investment.
2. Work with local jurisdictions and regional partners to develop bicycle and pedestrian plans and improvements in coordination with the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision, Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, WFRC's Regional Transportation Plan, and other applicable studies, plans, policies, and guidelines (e.g., NACTO, MUTCD, and AASHTO).
3. Facilitate coordination of local, county, regional, and state active transportation plans.
4. Promote uniformity in active transportation planning, methodology, and GIS schema.
5. Serve as an expert resource for active transportation planning and project development, including:
 - Develop and present bicycle and pedestrian planning and project development topics at meetings and conferences;
 - Serve on local county and municipality bicycle and pedestrian committees;
 - Work with counties and municipalities on planning and developing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and programs at the local and regional level (e.g., Move Utah, regional bike share, etc.);
 - Provide technical assistance to local communities seeking help on issues related to active transportation projects and respond to questions regarding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure;

- Review and provide comments to local and regional plans and projects on bicycle and pedestrian access, bike safety, and customer experience.
6. Identify data needs and coordinate data collection as it applies to the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Analyze reports, studies, and related information and make recommendations for improving the accessibility and safety of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Participate and coordinate with the development of the bicycle component of the regional travel demand model.
 7. Work with internal and external partners in creating, maintaining, and/or updating performance-based planning and monitoring of the region's active transportation system.
 8. Educate and assist local communities to apply for and obtain bicycle friendly community, business, or university status.
 9. Attend public meetings and open houses.
 10. Participate with internal teams relating to the Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Transportation and Land Use Connection program.
 11. Attend, manage, and participate in user groups, project coordination meetings, and event planning and coordination (e.g., Active Transportation Health Summit, Bike Summit, and Mobile Active Transportation Tours).
 12. Maintain professionalism, integrity, and a public-service attitude.
 13. Other duties as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:

1. Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in urban planning, engineering, geography, public administration, business administration, or related field. Master's degree, equivalent experience, or enrollment in master's degree program preferred.
2. Two to three+ (2-3+) years of increasingly responsible professional experience in transportation planning, urban design, or related field. Personal computer software experience with MS Office Suite word processing, project management, and spreadsheet application required. Mapping and GIS application experience desired.
3. An equivalent combination of education and experience.

Compensation and Benefits:

Competitive compensation, commensurate with experience and responsibility. Full benefits package.

To apply:

Those interested in this position should submit a letter of interest outlining their experience, qualifications, reasons for interest, and resume to Ned Hacker, by email to nhacker@wfr.org by **Noon Wednesday, June 6, 2018**. If you have questions, contact Ned Hacker by email or at (801) 363-4230 x 1120. For general information, please visit our website at www.wfr.org.

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