

**Meeting Summary**  
Air Quality Committee  
Meeting of January 17, 2013

A meeting of the Air Quality Committee was held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Commissioner John Petroff**, AQC Member, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Petroff welcomed committee members and guests.

**AQC Members and Alternates Present:**

Bryce Bird	Department of Air Quality
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden City
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Cory Pope	UDOT
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Matt Sibul	UTA
Darrell Smith	Mayor, Draper City / Air Quality Board
Kathy VanDame	Wasatch Clean Air Coalition/Air Quality Board

**AQC Representatives and Others Present:**

Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Elden Bingham	UDOT
Susan Hardy	MAG
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters – Salt Lake
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Kate Lohnes	Salt Lake City
Terry Marasco	UCAA
Chad Mullins	SL County Bicycle Advisory Committee
Katie Plumb	Salt Lake City
Deborah Signman	Breathe Utah
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Doug Hatter	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC

**Members excused:**

***Approval of Meeting Summary***

**Mayor Darrell Smith** moved that the meeting summary for the October 18, 2012 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by **Mayor Richard Harris** and the meeting summary was unanimously approved.

***Information: Salt Lake PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP Status***

Bryce Bird, DAQ, reported that 2012 was a particularly good year for air quality. He said that for the 2012 year no monitors in our entire network were over the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. However, in 2013 although we're only a few weeks into the year, all the monitoring stations have been over the

standard. He said that DAQ is looking at how to address the situation, always keeping in mind the topography and meteorology that makes this a difficult standard to meet.

Mr. Bird reported that since the October AQC meeting the Air Quality Board did approve the Cache County SIP and it was submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency in compliance with the Clean Air Act deadline of December 14, 2012. He noted that in the Cache Valley SIP there was a provision to include an emissions testing program and that DAQ has been meeting with Cache County Council to develop a schedule to have that program in place by the end of 2013.

Mr. Bird said that the Salt Lake and Utah County non-attainment areas were unable to show attainment by the 2019 deadline even with several additional controls in place. Consequently, DAQ decided not to adopt a final SIP, but to continue working on it. He said that DAQ has started a re-analysis of some of the major sources to look at what is possible for additional emission reductions. He said that a consultant had been hired to help with that evaluation.

Mr. Bird said that the following is also being included in the process to meeting the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard:

- Re-focus effort on some of the largest minor sources to include 18 sources to go through the same process as the larger stationary sources.
- The Air Quality Board approved 19 of the 22 area source rules that look at emissions.
- The Wood Burning-Coal Program has been made more protective. The mandatory no burning restrictions will trigger at a more proactive level.

Mr. Bird also noted that the Air Quality Board is developing two additional rules: 1) A consumer products rule – this rule is modeled after one that is in place in other states that looks at manufacturers of consumer products and reducing volatile organic compounds (VOC) content of consumer products. 2) The commercial cooking rule – the Air Quality Board allowed this rule to lapse but it would now be brought back to the Board for further action. The Board would be looking at a control technology making sure that it is something that can be achieved based on the current equipment and working with the companies that will be involved or impacted.

Mr. Bird said that as far as additional actions moving forward DAQ would still be refining the models to get a better emissions target in place and looking at additional strategies through another stakeholder process. He said there is still work to be done on defining the voluntary transportation measures to make sure DAQ can quantify them and determine if there are some that can be moved into a mandatory situation. He said that the target is still about the same as last year – we're about four tons short per day from meeting the standard in the Salt Lake non-attainment area.

***Information: Proactive Transportation Related Air Quality Strategies: Alternative Modes Increase Transit Utilization (Pedestrian and Bicycle Access)***

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, gave a brief reminder that over the past 18 months or so the Air Quality Committee and a working sub-group of the Committee spent a lot of time developing Proactive Transportation Related Strategies – not necessarily mandatory but voluntary strategies that our region could implement that would have a positive impact for air quality. He then turned the time to GJ LaBonty and Matt Sibul, UTA, to update the Committee on one of those strategies.

GJ LaBonty updated the Committee on UTA's efforts to improve the bicycle and pedestrian access on the Mid-Jordan TRAX line. The Mid-Jordan line includes nine stations. The project included:

- Benchmark of a before the state of the platforms.
- Hired a team of surveyors to count for three weeks
- Counted riders all day and covered both peak periods (6 a.m.-9 a.m. and 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.)
- Counted only those people who walked or biked from off-site.
- University of Utah was in session

He discussed the results of the bicycle and pedestrian counts that included the percentage of riders who walked or rode a bike to each of the stations. The report provides information on where improvements could be made for access to the stations. He also noted that the recently completed Household Travel Survey also provides important information such as “would people be willing to drive less if there were more sidewalks and bicycle lanes”.

Mr. LaBonty said that in 2013 UTA has established specific goals for station area planning which means partnering with cities. He noted that UTA does not have jurisdiction outside of their own right-of-way so they have to partner with cities if they are going to make any kind of improvements. The goal is to establish relationships where UTA can collaborate and partner with cities in some way to provide better access to the stations in their cities.

#### ***Information: 2013 Schedule***

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, distributed the 2013 schedule and tentative agenda items for all WFRC committee meetings including Air Quality. The Air Quality Committee currently meets on the third Thursday of month in January, March, May, August, and October at 11:00 a.m. He then asked for discussion regarding the date and time set aside for the Air Quality meeting. Following the discussion it was determined that the Air Quality Committee would continue to meet on the third Thursday of the above mentioned months. However, the meeting time would be changed from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and the meeting would extend to 12:30.

Commissioner John Petroff moved that the meeting time for the Air Quality Committee be 11:15 – 12:30 as discussed. Kathy VanDame seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Other Business***

Mayor Richard Harris gave a brief report on the Idle Free Fleets Conference he attended on January 15, 2013. He said the conference goes along with one of the Proactive Strategies the AQC has – that of public education and idle free promotion. He said that at the conference the emphasis was for government entities to get started with their own idle free programs and then through their successes encourage and pass that on to the general population. Anyone can stop idling and help clean the air. It was suggested that this may be a topic to be presented and discussed a future Air Quality Committee meeting.

The next meeting of the Air Quality Committee will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.