

**Meeting Summary**  
Air Quality Committee  
Meeting of March 21, 2013

A meeting of the Air Quality Committee was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Mayor JoAnn Seghini**, AQC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. Mayor Seghini welcomed committee members and guests.

**AQC Members and Alternates Present:**

Bryce Bird	Department of Air Quality
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake City - alternate
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden City
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
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
Michelle Caldwell	WFRC
Steve Call	FHWA
Kim Clark	VIA Consulting
Susan Hardy	MAG
Doug Hattery	WFRC
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters – Salt Lake
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Jeremy Keele	Salt Lake County
Sam Klemm	WFRC
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Kate Lohnes	Salt Lake City
Chad Mullins	SL County Bicycle Advisory Committee
Angelo Papastamos	UDOT Planning & Programing
Deborah Signman	Breathe Utah
Shawn Seager	MAG

**Members excused:**

***Approval of Meeting Summary***

**Commissioner John Petroff** moved that the meeting summary for the January 17, 2013 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by **Carlton Christensen** and the meeting summary was unanimously approved.

**Information: Local Government TravelWise Resource Kit Review**

Andrew Gruber introduced Angelo Papastamos as the director of the TravelWise program explaining that TravelWise is a strategy from our matrix of proactive strategies that focus on education and behavioral changes on how people travel and how to make good choices to help improve the air quality in Utah. Andrew commented that WFRC has worked closely with both Angelo and Kimberly Clark to give them the resources they need including CMAQ funds to help promote this program.

Angelo presented TravelWise as a statewide program working with the local government that ties into the Wasatch Choice 2040 as well as their Mission statement regarding mobility needs on the Wasatch Front. TravelWise is nothing new, our partners in the UTA have been doing this for quite some time. We are, however, taking this to a different level in Utah by looking at mass transit, flexible work hours and trip reduction plans for state agencies. We are trying to help improve our quality of life by optimizing mobility and helping reduce our energy consumption. We can see that by walking, biking and using other TravelWise strategies we are helping the economy. We are not asking one person to do everything but asking everyone to do something.

The TravelWise program is based on people working together to develop a coordinated transportation program that encourages and supports alternatives to driving alone. To facilitate this effort for cities, TravelWise is preparing the City Resource Kit. Modeled after the Business Resource Kit, the City Resource Kit will give step-by-step instructions for cities to implement trip reduction strategies for city employees and residents. TravelWise strategies include van pool and carpool programs, telecommuting, flexible work hours, shifting travel times, trip chaining, using public transit, car sharing, bike sharing, and other actions that ultimately improve the utilization and efficiency of our transportation system.

Initiating a TravelWise Program could include:

- Utilizing UPlan to quickly understand the existing transportation system within your community, the gaps and obstacles that exist and the future improvements needed to create a seamless transportation system in the future.
- Continuing to work with all transit agencies, especially UTA, to improve existing and future travel opportunities.
- Developing enhanced connectivity with active transportation strategies (focusing on connections to transit).
- Collaborating with city businesses/employers and other TravelWise Partners to help plan and implement a comprehensive program.

Angelo concluded by stating that by implementing a coordinated TravelWise Program, with both short and long term plans, Utah will ultimately improve the existing and future transportation system, and help improve Utah's quality of life.

Kimberly Clark, VIA Consulting, discussed the TravelWise Opportunities that could possibly benefit every city's current infrastructure. Some opportunities are:

- Parking
- Urban Planning
- Promote Cycling & Walking / Safe Pedestrian Travel
- Transit Connectivity
- Travel Strategies / Education

Kim facilitated a discussion on TravelWise In-Action, or strategies that cities along the Wasatch Front are already doing to optimize mobility, improve air quality and reduce energy consumption. Some of those strategies are:

- Parking and preparation for future planning
- Connections to Transit
- Development of Trails
- Transit Oriented Development Centers
- City Center focused on Walking and Biking
- Trails and Biking Plans
- Neighborhood Education Program
- Bike Share Program
- Coordinated Regional Congestion Mitigation Plans
- Wasatch Choices Education and Workshops

Kim went on to explained the TravelWise Tracker which is a website where you record all of your travel and modes of travel. There is a plan in place to get all city employees using the Tracker so they can see the results then take it to the community.

Comments included:

- We need to publicize what is already in place. A lot of cities are already doing some great things and we need to give credit to those people.
- We partnered with Salt Lake City Smart Tips and they did a neighborhood program. Our goal is to take that program and expand it to other communities.
- Our community needs to work with UDOT
- An excellent addition would be Rent-a-bike safe lockers for bicycles at transit stops.
- Tracking is not motivating. If it doesn't make it cheaper or simpler people will have a tendency not to do it. Maybe we can look at a way to make it a little more motivating.

Mayor Smith talked about changing the culture and how we need to change the way people think and the way they act. Cultural change is what needs to happen for us to see any significant change in the way people travel.

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

Bryce Bird, DAQ, reported that they have not yet identified their strategy to comply with the Clean Air Act deadline but are looking to have it complete in the June 2013 timeframe.

Mr. Bird reported on the Air Quality Board's 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. The rule will require that products such as hairsprays, homecare and cleaning products as well as insecticides meet VOC emissions requirements. This inventory is responsible for 8,000 tons of VOC being put into the air. The rule would reduce these emissions by about 40%. There are products being manufactured in other states that have reduced the VOC emissions.

***Information: Legislative Update***

Sam Klemm, WFRC, gave an update on two bills that passed both houses.

**HB #168** – Representative Patrice Arent sponsored this bill which would require state agencies, school districts and state institutions of higher education along the Wasatch Front and in the Uintah Basin to report what they are doing now and then develop air quality mitigation plans.  
**Passed**

**SB #275** – Senator Stuart Adams sponsored this bill providing for the natural gas providers to raise the rates slightly and also provides for the construction of natural gas fueling facilities to be paid for by natural gas ratepayers. **Passed**

Sam also discussed bills that were defeated:

**HB #138, Sub 1** – Representative Marjorie Poulson sponsored this bill which would allow State Income Tax Credit for Purchase of Transit Passes. **Defeated**

**HB #405** - Representative Joel Briscoe sponsored this Public Transit Funding Amendment which would have appropriated \$6 million from the Transportation Investment Fund to UTA to cover free fares for the months of July and January 2024 **Defeated**

**HB #411**- Representative Joel Briscoe sponsored this bill which would shift \$90 million annually from the Transportation Investment Fund to a Community Clear Air Public Transit Fund, increasing transit sales tax authorization for counties by .20%. **Defeated**

**SB 201, Sub 1** – Senator Curtis Bramble sponsored the Public Use Trails Amendments which would have restored some eminent domain authority for trails to counties of the first and second class. **Defeated**

***Other Business***

No other business

Next meeting of the Air Quality Committee

**Thursday, May 16, 2013 - 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.