

**Meeting Minutes/Summary**  
Active Transportation Committee  
Meeting of April 9, 2014

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Commissioner Louenda Downs**, ATC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Downs welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

**ATC Members and Staff Present:**

Justin Anderson	Ogden City
Ralph Becker	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Barry Burton	Davis County
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Louenda Downs	Commissioner, Davis County
Larry Ellertson	Commissioner, Utah County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Jeff Harris	UDOT
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City
Jory Johner	WFRC
Brent Marshall	Grantsville City
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Brett Mccliff	Utah Department of Health
Christopher Pengra	Mayor, Eagle Mountain City
Jim Price	MAG
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Evenlyn Tuddenham	UDOT
Sean Wilkinson	Weber County

**ATC Stakeholders and Others Present:**

Dave Adamson	UDOT Region 1
Daryl Ballantyne	UDOT Region 1
Will Becker	GREENbike
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Ben Bolte	GREENbike
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves Coalition
Shaunna Burbidge	Active Planning
Steve Call	FHWA
Kim Clark	V-I-A Consulting
Julia Collins	WFRC
Grant Crowell	Bluffdale
Bryan Dillon	FHWA
Jeff Gulden	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Todd Hadden	SLC MBAC / UDOT
Chris Haller	Utah Parks & Recreation

Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineers
Scott Hess	Clearfield City
Spencer Hymas	Salt Lake County Planning
Dave Ittis	Cycle Utah
Cris Jones	SLC Transportation
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Tom Millar	Alta Planning & Design
Elliott Mott	Wasatch Mountain Club
Chad Mullins	Bike Utah
Ali Oliver	WFRC
Isa Perry	Davis County Health Department
Helen Peters	JUB Engineers
Neka Roundy	Davis County
Gloria Sawyer	Davis County Health Department
Rena Widdison	UBET
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Alexandra Zimmerman	University of Utah

**Excused:** Councilmember Tina Kelley, Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, Cory Pope, Matt Sibul

### ***Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary***

Mayor Christopher Pengra moved that the minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Brent Marshall, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

### ***Public Comment***

Chad Mullins, Bike Utah, reminded that the Utah Bike Summit would be held April 25, 2014 at the University of Utah Guest House. He suggested participation in the Saturday, April 26 ride on the Utah County Murdock Canal Trail. He encouraged members to bring friends to the event to join and work together to make Utah the most bike friendly state in the Nation.

Elliott Mott, Wasatch Mountain Club, comments included suggestions:

- To update the Utah Cycling Laws brochure to include language to address dogs chasing bicyclists. Is there a statute in the UDOT code?
- Dog Parks be considered in utility corridors that have power lines overhead. Or perhaps solar panel farms or perhaps community gardens in these areas.
- Communities should take into account emergency access on trails systems.
- Mr. Elliott's definition of a complete street is "a clean road surface, a white line and a shoulder to ride on".

Robin Hutcheson, Salt Lake City, announced an event Salt Lake City is hosting on Thursday, April 17, "Bicycle-Friendly Business Districts" being held at Squatters Brewery. There will be a presentation at 5:00 p.m. from April Economides, a national expert on "bikes mean business". This event is open to the public.

### ***Chair Report***

Mayor Ralph Becker reported that on April 8 Salt Lake City re-opened, for the second year, the GREENbike – Bike Share Program in downtown Salt Lake. The Program will be doubling the number of stations this year. This program has been an incredible success.

Mayor Mike Caldwell said that May is “Bike Month”. He noted that the number of activities planned for the month of May is a testament to what communities and organizations are doing collectively to promote active transportation. He reviewed a number of activities for Ogden, Riverdale, Salt Lake City and the State. The entire list of May Bike Month Event Dates may be viewed at: <http://www.cyclingutah.com/event-calendars/utah-bike-month/>. Jory Johner will send the link to the ATC email list.

Mayor Caldwell reported on his recent trip to the Tai Pan Bike show in Taiwan where those invited rode 400 miles in seven days. He said it was a wonderful experience.

### ***Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and other WFRC funding programs***

Julia Collins, WFRC, said that the Local Planning Resource Program was developed out of the concept to help foster vibrant communities and provide planning grants and opportunities to local government. The Local Planning Resource Program is a pilot program in its first year and WFRC is partnering with Salt Lake County. All counties along the Wasatch Front are eligible for this program. The resources available through the program are consultant and WFRC staff assistance. One of the main goals of this program is to support the Wasatch Choice for 2040 vision to focus on centers and corridors and to promote a variety of the growth principles. Through the Sustainable Communities grant the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Toolbox was developed. These tools are available to assist local communities in their local planning and implementation process.

There are a variety of eligible projects that a local government could apply for and a number of active transportation related projects have been identified; such as, a transportation master plan, a form based code with an emphasis on walkability and connectivity, design for active transportation through promoting multiple modes of transportation, emphasis on the environment, street design, and many other projects having an active transportation component. There were 53 letters of intent received from 36 communities requesting \$1.7 million.

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reported that in July 2012 MAP-21 was approved and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) became a reality. Mr. Wuthrich discussed the eligible project-types for TAP funding including: On-road and off-road trail facilities; infrastructure-related projects; conversion of abandoned railroad corridors, etc.

Mr. Wuthrich noted that the Active Transportation Committee, Trans Com and it’s Technical Advisory Committees, and the Regional Council recommended project types for TAP funds to focus on: 1) Larger bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure projects; 2) Smaller bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure projects; and 3) Smaller planning studies. The evaluation criteria was developed and reviewed by the TACs and the Active Transportation Committee and approved by Trans Com, the Regional Growth Committee, and the Regional Council. The criteria enables the TACS to make project selections based on data, sound engineering and the project environment.

Mr. Wuthrich said there were six projects submitted in the Ogden-Layton urban area totaling more than \$3 million with an amount of \$398,000 available to program, and 12 projects were submitted in the Salt Lake City–West Valley City urban area requesting almost \$6 million with only \$728,000 available to program. He then reviewed each of the projects that were recommended to receive TAP funding:

- West Haven – River Parkway Trail – Capital Improvement
- West Point – Emigrant Trail – Capital Improvement
- Sandy – Dry Creek Trail – Capital Improvements
- Salt Lake City – Bike Share Program – Capital Improvement

- Salt Lake County – Parley’s Trail – 2300 East Tunnel Crossing – Capital Improvements
- Cottonwood Heights – HAWK Pedestrian Crossing on Fort Union Blvd. – Capital Improvement
- Salt Lake City – Complete Street & Bike Connection – Planning / Study

Mr. Wuthrich explained that there were two other programs that the WFRC takes the lead role to coordinate the programming: 1) the Surface Transportation Program (STP), and 2) the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ). Projects were also being recommended to be funded using these two programs funds for the Ogden-Layton Urban Area and the Salt Lake City-West Valley City Urban Area were also being recommended for the draft program. He noted that several of the projects included active transportation components.

Mayor Ralph Becker made a motion that the Active Transportation Committee endorse to Trans Com and the Wasatch Front Regional Council to approve the projects recommended for the 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Caldwell and passed unanimously.

### ***UTA Active Transportation Policy***

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, said UTA’s Corporate Policy for Active Transportation highlights UTA’s commitment to the inclusion of active transportation improvement funding, planning, design, operation, safety, and maintenance of all transit facilities in order to increase transit ridership, improve public health and safety, and reduce traffic congestion and emissions which contribute to air pollution.

The policy outlines responsibilities for those within UTA and specifically targets staff within Planning, Capital Development, Safety, PR/Marketing, TOD, Operations and Maintenance. The Policy will require people within these groups to take into consideration active transportation whenever practical in any stage of operation.

Ms. McGrath distributed copies of the UTA Corporate Policy for Active Transportation and noted that it had recently been signed by the general manager and was now posted on their website.

### ***Recreational Trails Program***

Chris Haller, Utah State Parks and Recreation, discussed the Recreation Trails Program Grant that is funded by the Federal Highways Administration. Mr. Haller said that the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) grant is funded as a continuing resolution and receives funding from the federal motor fuel tax, which is apportioned to states. Utah receives \$600,000 - \$700,000 in funds. The grant can be used for motorized and non-motorized trails, as well as combined use with a maximum of \$100,000. His report included the following information:

- Projects include: New construction; Maintenance (limited); Trailside facilities; and Education (limited).
- Projects may not include: Law enforcement; Non-trail facilities, such as campgrounds, picnic tables, fire rings, landscaping, planning, etc.
- The grant provides 50/50 match requirements. No advance payments.
- Those who qualify to apply are: Federal government agencies, State government agencies, counties, and cities and towns.
- Program Timeline: May 1—Applications are due or postmarked. September—Division awards the grants. October—Contracts are mailed out. Recipients are given two years to complete the project.

Additional information may be found at <http://stateparks.utah.gov/resources/grants/recreational-trails-program> or by contacting Chris Haller – [chrishaller@utah.gov](mailto:chrishaller@utah.gov) .

### **Road Respect**

Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT, said that Road Respect is a program that is co-sponsored by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Utah Transit Authority (UTA), the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Bike Utah, and the Utah Highway Patrol. Road Respect is a year-round program. She reported that a press conference to kick-off the "Bicycle Events Season" will be held on May 12 at 10:00 a.m. on the south steps of the Utah State Capitol. Ms. Tuddenham outlined the 2014 Road Respect tour. The southern Utah tour will be held May 28-31 and the northern Utah tour is June 19-21. Detailed information about the Road Respect Program and 2014 tour events may be viewed on the web at <http://roadrespect.utah.gov>.

### **UCATS Phase 2**

Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT, reported that the Utah Collaborative Active Transportation Study (UCATS) phase 2 is moving forward. She said that Phase 2 of the Study is going to cover:

- Meeting with local communities about UCATS and get updates they may have on their bicycle plans.
- Review top 25 project areas identified under the first UCATS project.
- Identify distinct projects within those project areas.
- Look at new project areas to begin studying.
- Finally, come up with a plan for updating the UCATS bicycle network.

Jory Johner, WFRC, commented that the bike count component will establish the criteria and the methods to do more bike counting which is one of the components missing regionally.

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, said that UTA continues to be a supportive partner of the UCATS project and hopes to identify funds to complete all of the work identified for Phase 2.

Ms. Tuddenham said that UDOT will continue to work with all partners very closely and will bring updates to the Committee on a regular basis.

### **Other Business**

- Brett McIlff, Utah Department Health, said that UDH is applying for funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CED) in their Center for Environmental Health. The funding is to support Health Impact Assessments. He asked for those interested in working with UDH on this to contact him after the meeting.
- Video – Scenic Tour of Utah – Mayor Caldwell

**Next meeting will be held May 14, 2014 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

*A recoding of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org), under Committees, Active Transportation, 2014 meetings.*