

Meeting Minutes/Summary
Active Transportation Committee
Meeting of January 8, 2014

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Mike Caldwell, ATC Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. The delay in start time was due to a snow storm causing many late arrivals

ATC Members and Staff Present:

Justin Anderson	Ogden City
Barry Burton	Davis County
Mike Caldwell, Vice Chair	Mayor, Ogden City
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City
Jory Johner	WFRC
Ben McAdams	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Cory Pope	UDOT
Jim Price	MAG
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Matt Sibul	UTA
Evenlyn Tuddenham	UDOT

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present:

Will Becker	Salt Lake County Planning
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves Coalition
Steve Call	FHWA
Jamie Clark	Enterprise Car Share
Kim Clark	V-I-A Consulting
Julia Collins	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Cameron Diehl	ULCT
Jesse O. Glidden	UDOT – Region 1
J.P. Goats	Envision Utah
Todd Hadden	UDOT
Max Hanna	UTA
Laura Hanson	Jordan River Commission
Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineers / GREENbike
Jeff Harris	UDOT Planning
Hal Johnson	UTA
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC

Tom Millar
Justin Morgan
Elliott Mott
Chad Mullins
Ali Oliver
Jen Parsons-Soran
Ron Phillips
Greg Scott
Shawn Seager
Amy Shumway
Roland Stanger
Malaena Toohey
Rena Widdison
Kristina Wilenski
Susan Wood

Alta Planning
FHWA
Wasatch Mountain Club
Bike Utah
WFRC
Get into the River Festival
Phillips Associates
WFRC
MAG
Farmington Resident
FHWA
Tooele County Health Department
UBET
TravelWise
ULCT

Excused: Commissioner Louenda Downs, Chair

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Mayor Ben McAdams moved that the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Matt Sibil, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Elliott Mott, Wasatch Mountain Club, comments included appreciation to several agencies for their promoting and contributions to active transportation around the region. He also expressed his concern regarding the bus rapid transit lanes in West Valley City noting there are no bicycle lanes along the side of the road. He suggested bicycle lanes be considered in future projects. Mr. Mott also said that the Jordan River between Utah and Davis County is a wonderful resource that is under-utilized from an active transportation perspective. He suggested those involved in planning look for opportunities to enhance active transportation along the Jordan River.

Amy Shumway, Farmington City resident, discussed her proposal for a pedestrian and bike path “to provide safe access to Legacy Trail and Farmington Station from Farmington Crossing and Oakridge Preserve Trail”. She noted that she had presented the proposal to Farmington Trails Committee, the Davis County Trails Committee, and the Farmington Planning Commission. The purpose of the proposal is for Farmington City to create a safer bike access over to FrontRunner and Station Park.

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, announced that UTA is sponsoring a Safety Symposium in late March – noting that March 20 is the target date. The Symposium will focus on safety for bikes and pedestrians around transit. She asked for anyone interested in participating and being involved in the planning or any other way in the event, to please contact her or Max Hanna at UTA.

Chair Report

Mayor Caldwell’s report included:

- Appreciation to outgoing members of the committee for their time and contributions. He welcomed new members in attendance and thanked them for their willingness to

participate. He noted that some of the new assignments would be made in the next couple of weeks.

- Suggested the need to find a central gathering place (perhaps WFRC) for unique active transportation newspaper articles and articles based around active transportation. There is a shared vision with active transportation and the more exposure of these unique articles and resources will be beneficial to everyone.
- Commented on the importance of being an example in using active transportation and making a commitment in our lives and perhaps making opportunities available in our organizations and communities for others to participate in active transportation. Mayor Caldwell has committed to ride his bike to work every day this year.

Information: Trail Access Issues

Susan Wood, Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT), said they put together a three-part video series on multi-use paths and the concept of connecting these paths. Part one and two videos focus on Utah and part three in a community outside of the State of Utah. Part one was viewed during the meeting and focused on St. George, a community that has 40 miles of paved trail. Ms. Wood noted that part two addresses safety as does part three. Members were invited to watch part two and three on YouTube or by going to the link provided on the Utah League of Cities and Towns website at www.ulct.org.

Cameron Diehl, ULCT, said the reason for doing the videos is two-fold: 1) to help policymakers understand the value of trails; and, 2) to tell the overall story to residents. He said that as cities have conducted citizen surveys across the state and as the citizen response surveys are returned, the top priority of the citizens is trail connectivity in the city.

Mr. Diehl discussed the ULCT Fact Sheet on the LeRay McCallister Fund & Trails Proposal (distributed at the meeting) and the proposed legislation to address eminent domain as it relates to trail access for specific cities, counties, or jurisdictions. It was noted that this approach is not just giving a blanket grant of authority to everybody. It is establishing certain standards and then having a body (the Quality Growth Commission) that can apply those standards that already has a diversity of interests including agricultural interest that can evaluate the proposals.

Information: Upcoming 2015 County efforts

Weber County – Sean Wilkinson email report of Weber County activities included: 1) County is working on a transportation master plan that includes an active transportation component and also an update to the prior Weber Trails Plan; 2) County is working in Ogden Valley on a general plan that has active transportation elements; and 3) Continuing the Weber Trails Committee which is a city and county coordinated committee that city representatives, Weber Pathways, the Forest Service, and others attend.

Davis County – Barry Burton reported that Davis County is continually updating their general plan and trails master plan. Specifically this year, they are working on a county-wide trails map which will differentiate between paved and unpaved trails and between bike lanes and bicycle facilities and will be published in the spring and distributed. He noted that Davis County has a website where a lot of trails information may be found as well. Davis County continues to promote active transportation types of projects throughout the cities and the county.

Salt Lake County – George Deneris and Will Becker, presented information on Salt Lake County projects they are working on and included: Bicycle Transportation Improvement Plan; improve existing trail connections in Parleys and Jordan River corridors; plan for five new east / west

multi use corridors; expand the Bike Ambassador Program; apply for Bike Friendly Business Status. Salt Lake County is also developing a Salt Lake County Bicycle Best Practices Document. The purpose of the document is to provide best practice resources to help with critical bicycle planning and design needs within the County. The document explores national best practices and discusses how they might be applied to enhance our quality of life.

Utah County – Jim Price’s report included: Several trail projects in Utah County will be under construction this year – the Jordan River Parkway connection from the Murdock Canal Trail, the Point of the Mountain connection to the Murdock Canal Trail, the Point of the Mountain Trail will connect north (near the Adobe facility) to Draper City around the Point of the Mountain. The Murdock Canal Trail will connect to the Jordan River Trail and is now under construction with a completion in February or March. He also said the Mapleton Lateral Canal in Mapleton City and the Spanish Fork River Trail will be in design and under construction soon. Mr. Price also noted that they have just begun an “after-care program” to assist cities in implementing their master plans. He also noted that the fourth edition of their county-wide bike map which includes trails, will be available in the spring.

Information: Get into the River, Jordan River Celebration Planning

Jen Parson-Soran provided information and handouts for the 2014 Jordan River Festival. “Get into the River” is a collaborative project to conserve, protect, restore and celebrate the Jordan River Parkway, which has 45 miles of nearly continuous, non-motorized, paved trails along the Jordan River. *Conservation Day—Thursday, May 29* – corporate and community organizations will join in a variety of conservation efforts in the river and along the Jordan River Parkway. *Festival Celebration—Saturday, May 31—10 a.m. to 2 p.m.* – the public is invited to learn about the animals and habitats supported by the river and how communities and individuals are enjoying it every day. For more information and/or to become involved contact GetIntoTheRiver@gmail.com.

Next meeting will be held March 12, 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, under Committees, Active Transportation, 2014 meetings.