

Meeting Minutes/Summary
Active Transportation Committee
Meeting of June 11, 2014

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Mike Caldwell, ATC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Mayor Caldwell welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

ATC Members and Staff Present

Ralph Becker	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Larry Ellertson	Commissioner, Utah County
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City
Jory Johner	WFRC
Ben McAdams	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Brett McIlff	Utah Department of Health
Jeff Oyler	Davis County Planning
Christopher Pengra	Mayor, Eagle Mountain City
Jim Price	Mountainland Association of Governments
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Shawn Seager	Mountainland Association of Governments
Matt Sibul	UTA
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Evenlyn Tuddenham	UDOT
Sean Wilkinson	Weber County Planning

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present

Dave Adamson	UDOT Region 1
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Roger Borgenicht	Utahns for Better Transportation
Betsy Byrne	Envision Utah
Steve Call	FHWA
George Chapman	Citizen
Kim Clausing	Tooele County Health Department
Julia Collins	WFRC
Marcy DeMillion	National Park Service – Community Planner
Adam Gardiner	Salt Lake County
Jeff Gulden	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineers
Travis Jensen	Alta Planning & Design
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Elliott Mott	Wasatch Mountain Club

Chad Mullins
Ali Oliver
Alex Roy
Greg Scott

Bike Utah
WFRC
Fehr and Peers
WFRC

Excused: Commissioner Louenda Downs and Commissioner Jan Zogmaister

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Mayor Ralph Becker moved that the minutes of the May 14, 2014 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Tuddenham, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

George Chapman's comments included a request that streetcars be re-evaluated in the central city area of Salt Lake. He said that streetcars cause problems with bicycles. He also noted that they are not cost effective and are not a transit solution. Mr. Chapman also suggested that those making decisions take time to read the Congressional Research Service report from April 2014 that discusses and answers questions about Streetcars.

Brett McIlff reported that at a recent conference he attended, the Surgeon General of the United States, presented a statement that "physical inactivity is the major public health concern in America right now". He said that as a result of that, the Surgeon General has been working on a "Call to Action" on walking and walkable environments. The Call to Action Release will be issued in late September or early October. Mr. McIlff noted that this does not necessarily mean there will be additional funding but it will certainly raise awareness and is a good time for organizations, committees, local governments to be aware and become involved.

Chair Report

Mayor Mike Caldwell's report included:

- Appreciation to Phil Sarnoff and Bike Utah for their work on the recent Bicycle Retailer Tour. A group from Bicycle Retail Magazine toured the Salt Lake and Ogden areas and visited several shops along the Wasatch Front.
- Mayor Caldwell said that he had initiated some dialogue with Salt Lake City, Provo City, and UTA about finding a way to help fund UTA managing the GREENbike Program as part of the overall public transportation solution. He wanted the Committee to know that has been going on behind the scenes and asked for Committee support as they move forward.

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

Marcy DeMillion, National Park Service, encouraged cities, counties, and smaller rural areas to participate and take advantage of the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. The objective of the program is to "support community based collaborative planning efforts in rural to urban communities in Utah regardless of where they are located". The projects involve trails, restoration, and open space preservation and connect people to parks, trails, rivers and other special places. Rivers and trails services include: 1) create partnerships; 2) strategic planning; 3) community-based design; and 4) locate funding. Applications for the RTCA Program are due August 1. Those who may have questions or need assistance, contact Marcy DeMillion at marcy_demillion@nps.gov

Active Transportation Health Summit

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, reported that the 2014 Active Transportation and Health Summit is scheduled for August 19, 2014 from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at the University of Utah Rice-Eccles Stadium. She extended an invitation for members of the ATC to submit proposals for a session topic within one of the following areas: Health – Implementation – Funding – Economics. Presentations will be approximately 50 minutes including a Q & A. Session topic submissions are due by June 27, 2014 via email to Jennifer McGrath at jmcgrath@rideutah.com. Proposals will be reviewed by the organizing committee and final selections will be made by July 11, 2014.

Complete Streets

Greg Scott, WFRC, report included:

- Details on the Planning and Engineering Series training – Collaborating to achieve Complete Streets that was held on May 20, 2014. He noted that an additional training would be held on July 1, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Utah Cultural Celebration Center and invited those interested in the training to RSVP as soon as possible.
- Four cities have been selected to participate in the individual city workshops. The workshop will be a facilitated discussion for each city that will include the strategy for their complete streets program, how to develop a policy and actually draft one, what the implications for implementation are and discussion on how that will happen. The four Cities are: Ogden, Syracuse, Centerville, and Bluffdale.
- The Street Plan tool is live at www.streetplan.net. Complete Streets information may be found on the Wasatch Choice for 2040 website and will include a newsletter.
- The Regional Transportation Plans (all MPO's in Utah, UDOT, and UTA), will incorporate active transportation as a programmatic line item in their Plans. There are five categories including first and last mile and active transportation.

Mobile Active Transportation Tours

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, said that the Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) is a joint project between Bike Utah, MAG, UTA, and WFRC. The purpose for starting the tours would give Committee members and others a chance to see and experience what is happening across the state and also provides a networking opportunity for those interested and involved with active transportation – biking and walking. May's tour included 60 participants who were able to experience Salt Lake City's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Future rides will include the Murdock Canal Trail, Park City, Farmington City, and Ogden City.

Protected Bike Lanes Report

Matt Sibul, UTA, presentation included report data on protected bike lanes. The research evaluates protected bike lanes in five distinct contexts (varying in population, driving and cycling rates and cultures, and weather) in Austin, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; Portland, Oregon; San Francisco, California; and Washington, D.C. The report results included: Overall 91% of surveyed residents agreed with the statement "I support separating bikes and cars". This includes primary users of all modes – driving, walking, transit, and bicycling; and when protected bike lanes are added to a street, bike traffic rises.—by an average of 75% in their first year alone, for the eight projects studied.

Robin Hutcheson, Salt Lake City, commented that SLC is currently working on two protected bike lanes to be installed this summer and that the report provided good case studies for our region. She noted that she would like to share with the group how it's going and what they are seeing late in the Fall.

Statewide Active Transportation Coordinating Committee (SATCC) and Statewide Ranking – How the ATC can be involved

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, reported that the organization of the SATCC is again moving forward. The SATCC will have a core steering committee that will consist of Bike Utah, UDOT, UTA, and WFRC and is working on restructuring committees to be broken into working groups similar to how the League of American Bicyclist standards are broken out. The working groups would include: Business and Economic Development; Colleges, Universities & Schools; Communities; Funding, Strategy, & Legislation; and Infrastructure. The goals of the SATCC include: 1) Increase the number of people biking and walking; 2) Decrease the number of bicycle and pedestrian accidents; and 3) Expand the network of individuals and entities advancing active transportation. The “next steps” for the SATCC is to recruit working group chairs, recruit members to join the working groups, and to set working group goals.

Mr. Sarnoff said that the Active Transportation Committee could be involved by:

- Serving on one of the working groups
- Recruit new members to working groups
- Serve as a sounding board for committee and working group initiatives
- Provide connections that may help to advance initiatives and
- Provide updates to the steering committee regarding current goals and future directions

Chad Mullins commented that American Cycling, the largest cycling group in America, is working on a national bicycle route system. There are currently 28 states engaged in establishing a national bike route across the country and that is certainly something that fits within Utah’s statewide bicycle ranking effort.

Other Business

Next meeting August 20, 2014 from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Farmington Station Park Pluralsight Offices.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

A recoding of this meeting, agendas, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Active Transportation, 2014 meetings.