

Meeting Minutes/Summary
Active Transportation Committee
Meeting of March 12, 2014

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, March 12, 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 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Downs welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

ATC Members and Staff Present:

Justin Anderson	Ogden City
Barry Burton	Davis County
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Louenda Downs	Commissioner, Davis County
Jory Johner	WFRC
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Brett McIff	Utah Department of Health
Christopher Pengra	Mayor, Eagle Mountain City
Cory Pope	UDOT
Jim Price	MAG
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Matt Sibul	UTA
Evenlyn Tuddenham	UDOT
Sean Wilkinson	Weber County
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present:

Ryan Beck	Envision Utah
Will Becker	GREENbike
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Lisa Benson	Landmark Design
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Ben Bolte	GREENbike
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves Coalition
Steve Call	FHWA
Kim Clark	V-I-A Consulting
Julia Collins	WFRC
Louis Cooper	Weber / Morgan Health Department
Bart Dean	UTA
Marcy DeMillion	National Park Service – Rivers-Trails
Jesse O. Glidden	UDOT – Region 1
Caitlin Gochnour	Ogden City / ULCT
Jeff Gulden	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Megan Hillyard	Salt Lake County
Spencer Hymas	Salt Lake County Planning
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters-SL/Breathe Utah

Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Elliott Mott	Wasatch Mountain Club
Chad Mullins	Bike Utah
Ali Oliver	WFRC
Angelo Papastamos	UDOT Planning
Helen Peters	JUB Engineers
Greg Scott	WFRC
Shawn Seager	MAG
Rosemary Shkempi	UBET
Roland Stanger	FHWA
Malaena Toohey	Tooele County Health Department
Rena Widdison	UBET
Kristina Wilenski	TravelWise
Alexandra Zimmerman	University of Utah

Excused: Mayor Ralph Becker, Mayor Mike Caldwell, Mayor Ben McAdams, Andrew Gruber

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Barry Burton moved that the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tina Kelley, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There were no public comments

Chair Report

- Matt Sibul, UTA, gave a brief report on HB 388, which is the clean air bill Representative Johnny Anderson sponsored in the House. The Bill would allow the counties to place an opinion question on the ballot to increase funding for transit and active transportation. UTA has been working with the Bill sponsor to define some of the concepts for what those improvements might be relating to transit and also active transportation.

Mr. Sibul also discussed the one-page handout the Salt Lake Chamber put together "*Transit and Air Quality: Additional Investments and Associated Benefits and Service Improvements and Emissions Reductions*".

- Also briefly discussed was SB 249. This Bill would allow the use of eminent domain for trails and bicycle lanes within or adjacent to existing highway rights-of-way. The Bill is sponsored by Senator Curt Bramble.
- Megan Hillyard, Salt Lake County, discussed the Joint Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council and the Salt Lake County Mayor Declaring the Launch of a Motorist and Bicyclist Safety Assessment of Emigration Canyon Road. The assessment is to promote safety for all Emigration Canyon users, with results being reported back to the County Council and the Mayor no later than October 2014. She said there were many partners

who came together (notably Bike Utah and WFRC) to work out the best solution to deal with the Emigration Canyon issue.

- A new office at Salt Lake County, Regional Planning, headed up by Carlton Christensen, is setting up a process to allocate the funds earmarked for active transportation – currently the amount being discussed is \$800,000. More details to be provided by the County at a future Active Transportation Committee meeting along with other active transportation items being worked on at Salt Lake County.

National Bike Summit Recap

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, reported on the National Bike Summit held in Washington, D.C., March 3-5. Specific “take-away” from the Summit include:

- Equity – engaging more women, under-represented populations, and supporting low-income areas.
- Partnership – getting more segments of the community engaged such as business people, health communities, elected officials, and partnering with transportation entities.
- Quantifying and Promoting Benefits – showing cost benefit analysis of biking and walking projects as well as how to get this information to the public and decision-makers.
- Shane Marshall, UDOT Deputy Director, presented on a panel “Rural State Success Stories”.

Mr. Sarnoff also reported that during their lobbying day with representatives from legislative offices they discussed three items: 1) Safe Streets Act – which is basically a complete streets process/program that asks that any time a road is being constructed or re-done that all modes of transportation be considered, 2) Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act – provides standard reporting on bicycle and pedestrian accidents so that data can be compared against other states, and 3) New Opportunities for Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure—Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act—TIFIA). Through MAP-21 there is approximately \$300 million for infrastructure and \$50 million minimum that was set aside for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects which entities could apply for. So the “ask” was to take \$11 million from the \$300 million and set it aside to be used in \$2 million portions which is a little more attainable for smaller municipalities to take advantage of and setting aside 25% for low income areas. This is all part of the TIFIA, a low interest loan program.

Mr. Sarnoff provided details for the Utah Bike Summit scheduled for Friday, April 25 at the University of Utah Guest House. Registration begins at 8:30. The Utah Bike Summit brings together bicycle users, bicycle and trail advocates, representatives from bike industries, cycling event promoters, city planners, representatives from Utah’s tourism industry, local and state government offices with one common goal – “to promote biking in Utah”. Registration and more detailed information may be found online at www.utahbikes.org/BikeSummit.

Salt Lake County East-West Regional Trails Master Plan

Lisa Benson, Landmark Design, reported that the East West Trails Master Plan is going to cover preferred trail alignments focusing on both bicycle and pedestrian issues, looking at barriers or constraints and possible solutions, looking at rights-of-way on trailhead locations and connections to the trails system as well as transit connection opportunities.

Current project status includes the design team working on the base mapping as well as touring the preliminary corridors to get a feel for what makes sense. Also looking at existing conditions and where various alignments could be made. There will be a three-part approach in the Public Involvement process: 1) Project Website which is up and running at www.slcoEastWestTrails.org; 2) Social Media—Facebook and OneCount; and 3) Public Meetings. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

ATC members and others interested in the East West Trails Master Plan were encouraged to contact the project managers with any comments they may have.

Complete Streets Update

Greg Scott, WFRC, reminded the ATC that they are the policy committee for Complete Streets with staff on the Complete Streets Steering Committee. He said that Complete Streets means accommodating all users within the transportation network, but does not mean all modes on all roads. He then demonstrated the web-based, interactive design-dialog tool.

Following his demonstration and discussion he announced a training event for the Web-based Roadway Design Dialog Tool Phase 1 being held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 – 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices. An RSVP is required to Greg Scott at gscott@wfrc.org. Fliers were distributed at the meeting for the training event. Please contact Greg Scott with comments or for more information.

Mr. Scott asked for three volunteer cities to help draft Complete Street ordinances. He also distributed the walkable streets priority locations and asked for additional areas that should be included.

Statewide Active Transportation Coordination Committee

Phil Sarnoff, discussed the proposal for a Statewide Active Transportation Coordinating Committee (SATCC). A meeting to determine interest and set direction for a new committee took place on November 18, 2013. The intent was to form a statewide committee that would focus on bicycles. In order to reach a wider variety of transportation system users, the scope of this proposal has been expanded from a bicycle committee, to an active transportation committee.

The goals of the Committee are to:

- Improve Utah's League of American Bicyclist ranking
- Increase the number of bicycle friendly communities, businesses, and universities
- Encourage participation in Road Respect Community Program
- Promote biking and walking as viable transportation options
- Promote health benefits
- Promote economic benefits, such as, tourism and business

The committee structure would include:

- A steering committee with oversight for general communications and SATCC organization.
- Six sub-committees: 1) Health & Economic Development, 2) Regional and Government, 3) Community and Local Planning, 4) College and University, 5) Education, Enforcement and Outreach, and 6) State Infrastructure.

A copy of the mission, vision, and goals along with the committee structure will be emailed to the ATC.

For more information or if you would like to become involved, contact Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah or Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT.

Other Business

- Jennifer McGrath, UTA, distributed information on the Bicycle Pedestrian & Transit Safety Symposium being held on March 20, 2014 from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at the Gardner Village Gather Center. Focus this year is bike and ped safety around transit.
- UTA's draft Active Transportation Policy is being presented at their Policy Sub Committee March 17. The Policy has been reviewed by corporate staff. Review by the Policy Sub Committee is the next step in getting the Policy adopted.

Next meeting will be held April 9, 2014 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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