

Meeting Minutes/Summary
Active Transportation Committee
Meeting of May 14, 2014

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in the offices of the Utah Transit Authority Frontlines Headquarters, 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Louenda Downs, ATC Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Commissioner Downs welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

ATC Members and Staff Present:

Justin Anderson	Ogden City
Louenda Downs	Commissioner, Davis County
Larry Ellertson	Commissioner, Utah County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Jeff Harris	UDOT
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City
Spencer Hymas	Salt Lake County Planning
Jory Johner	WFRC
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Brett McCliff	Utah Department of Health
Cory Pope	UDOT
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Shawn Seager	MAG
Matt Sibul	UTA
Evenlyn Tuddenham	UDOT
Jan Zogmaister	Weber County

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present:

Dave Adamson	UDOT Region 1
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Lisa Benson	Landmark Design
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Julie Bjornstad	Fehr & Peers
Ben Bolte	GREENbike
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves Coalition
Betsy Byrne	Envision Utah
Steve Call	FHWA
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake County
Julia Collins	WFRC
Jeff Gulden	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Todd Hadden	SLC MBAC / UDOT
Max Hanna	UTA
Julie Henry	Salt Lake County
Travis Jensen	Alta Planning & Design
Hal Johnson	UTA
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Nathan Lee	UDOT Region 2

Don Lever
Justin Morgan
Elliott Mott
Chad Mullins
Jeff Oyler
Melanie Penton
Isa Perry
Helen Peters
Greg Scott
Debbie Sigman
Malaena Toohey
Mark Vlasic
Rena Widdison
Muriel Xochimtl
Alexandra Zimmerman

ASSIST
FHWA / USDOT
Wasatch Mountain Club
Bike Utah
Davis County
UTA
Davis County Health Department
JUB Engineers
WFRC
Breathe Utah
Tooele County Health Department & Live Fit
Landmark Design
UBET
WFRC
University of Utah

Excused: Mayor Mike Caldwell, Mayor Christopher Pengra and Councilmember Tina Kelley were excused

Safety Minute

Max Hanna, UTA, provided a safety minute for today for all cyclists is to always inspect your bike prior to riding even if you have ridden it the day before. Take a quick look to make sure you haven't cracked a weld or broken something.

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Commissioner Larry Ellertson moved that the minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Cory Pope, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, asked that all those participating in the bike ride to fill out the provided "Release Form". He will collect all forms prior to the ride.

Robin Hutcheson, Salt Lake City, distributed a flier noting that Salt Lake City is hosting a Community Conversations and Transportation event at the Sorenson Unity Center, May 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A panel of local policymakers will discuss transportation in Salt Lake City and active transportation will be one of the topics. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chair Report

Commissioner Downs report included:

- Emphasis on ending the meeting early so the bike ride can begin. Thanks to Ben Bolte for providing the GREENbikes for the ride.
- Reminder that May is bike month so get out and ride, and June is trail month – get out on the trails.

Complete Streets

Greg Scott, WFRC, gave an update on the following Complete Streets items:

- Web presence and newsletter. The Wasatch Choice for 2040 website will be the host for the Complete Streets information. Complete Streets will offer a "Listserv" where

those looking for specific information about Complete Streets can share the information they may have with others. There will be a button to click on that will take you directly to the Street Plan (Design Dialog Tool) that was recently launched. There will also be a comprehensive library to assist local governments with costs and funding of Complete Streets. Also available on the website will be a periodic newsletter for active transportation and Complete Streets that will have a “calendar of events”, a map of communities that have Complete Street policies, and articles that will change over time.

- Policy Cities Project: Four cities have been identified to be pilot cities – Bluffdale, Centerville, Ogden, and Syracuse. Over the next few months staff will be meeting with these cities to help them develop a Complete Streets Policy.
- Collaborating to Achieve Complete Streets training: The May 20 training and kick off of the web-based Street Design Dialog Tool will be held in the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City. A second training has been scheduled for July 1 also at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center from 10:00 a.m. to noon. RSVP required for these two events.

Andrew Gruber commented that the Street Design Tool is just one tool integrated together with all the other tools in the Wasatch Choice for 2040 toolbox. The Wasatch Choice for 2040 toolbox continues to grow and provide more and more options for communities to use, free of charge, to help figure out how they want to grow.

Road Respect Communities and League of American Bicyclist

Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT, discussed the Road Respect Program goals and objectives. Goals include assisting communities in coordinating activities and resources with an eye toward safety and building their programs. UDOT works with communities that want to take action to improve their communities. She identified the elements that build strong community bicycle programs and include:

- Identify a champion – someone associated with community or city or both.
- Evaluate the needs including strengths, issues and solutions.
- Plan – a bicycle plan can be anything from a map to a full document.
- Educate – kids programs are essential.
- Promote and Encourage – Once a program is in place it is important to move it forward by promoting and encouraging it.

Ms. Tuddenham reviewed the 2013 Road Respect Communities and the upcoming 2014 Road Respect Communities. She distributed the *Road Respect Newsletter* that included information about the 2014 Road Respect Tour. She also noted that for more detailed information or to sign up for a specific ride for this year’s tour go to the Road Respect website at www.roadrespect.utah.gov.

Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, discussed the League of American Bicyclist - Bicycle Friendly America Program. This Program is a tool for states, communities, businesses, and universities to make bicycling a real transportation and recreation option for all people. He encouraged and challenged everyone in attendance to help build the Program throughout the State. Bike Utah is promoting this program because it: 1) raises awareness, 2) creates more advocates, 3) raises the profile of bicycling within Utah, and 4) raises Utah’s profile nationally.

Mr. Sarnoff discussed Utah’s No. 8 ranking as a Bicycle Friendly State. Category Scores included:

- Legislation and Enforcement – 4
- Policies and Programs – 3

- Infrastructure and Funding – 1
- Education and Encouragement – 4
- Evaluation and Planning – 3

It was suggested that at future meetings ideas on possible ways to raise Utah's ranking and how to move forward be a topic for discussion.

Mr. Sarnoff noted that the next deadline for Bicycle Friendly Community application is August 14. The Bicycle Friendly Universities application deadline is August 6. Application for Bicycle Friendly Businesses is June 12. He encouraged everyone to get their applications in and to encourage others to do the same. Contact Phil Sarnoff with any questions or help you may need in this process.

Active Transportation Health Summit

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, announced that UTA, UDOT, MAG, and WFRC are planning an Active Transportation Health Summit. August is the month. She said that the details and more specific information will be announced in the next couple of weeks and also at the June 11 ATC meeting. She asked all those interested in participating, as a presenter or a sponsor, for the event to please contact her at jmcgrath@rideuta.com.

Salt Lake County East West Trails Master Plan Update

Lisa Benson, Landmark Design, reported that their staff have been working closely with their committees over the last couple of months to develop preliminary routes for five primary east-west corridors through Salt Lake County. The goal is to connect the Jordan River Trail, the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, transit stops, and other key destinations with east-west trails through Salt Lake County while serving a wide variety of users from pedestrians to recreation bicyclists to bicycle commuters.

Ms. Benson said the next step in this process is to take this information to the public. Two public meetings have been scheduled:

- June 11, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Sandy City Hall Multi-Purpose Room
- June 18, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Salt Lake County Government Center, Council Chambers, North Building
- For those unable to attend either of the meetings listed above you may make comment on the website at www.slcoEastWestTrails.org. There will be comment forms as well as interactive maps available. You may also comment on their Facebook Page as well.
- Those in attendance at the meeting were also asked to help get the word out about these meeting and send the information to their email lists as well.

Corridor Preservation and Funding

Carlton Christensen, Salt Lake County Director of Regional Planning, said that he was brought on board in Salt Lake County in August 2013 with the intent that we need to look at a broader range of things in reference to the trail system and the interaction with UCAIR. One of the places we saw a real void is funding for active transportation. We realized that we could use some transportation dollars because many of the active transportation issues are within the roadway corridor.

A number of years ago the Salt Lake County Council of Governments asked the County Council to impose a \$10 fee as part of the car registration fee and the Legislature decided to use \$7 of that \$10 fee toward the Mountain View Corridor acquisition leaving \$3 to ongoing corridor preservation. A lot of the Mountain View Corridor has since been acquired so the Legislature

has returned \$5 to the County with most of those funds used as transportation dollars. The Mayor and the Council decided to set aside, on an ongoing basis, approximately \$800,000 to \$900,000 of those funds to be used solely on active transportation projects that are within the road corridor. Mr. Christensen said that since this is the first round of active transportation funding for projects, it has been done rather informally. They asked the communities within Salt Lake County if they were interested and if they had paint ready projects. He said that for those projects that were already planned but lacked funding there were over \$1million worth of requests. He noted that they were meeting with the Mayor to make final recommendation on about \$900,000 paint ready projects that can be done this year and almost all follow the UCATS Plan. He reiterated that these are transportation dollars used within the road corridor to address and deal with existing situations.

Jory Johner commented that the reason he asked that this be brought to the Committee is because Weber, Davis, Utah, Tooele, and Salt Lake Counties all have adopted the \$10 vehicle registration for corridor preservation and doesn't believe any of the other counties are using it in this way. This interpretation by Salt Lake County is anything within the roadway as part of a project opens the \$10 vehicle registration fee funds to help construct active transportation projects.

Mr. Christensen requested that if any counties had follow up questions to contact him directly.

Rules of the Road and Safety for the Salt Lake City Bike Tour

It was recommended that the meeting be adjourned and the safety information and rules for the bike tour be conducted outside after everyone had their helmets on and were ready to ride.

Other Business

- Matt Sibul, UTA, reminded that the UTA Bike Bonanza will be held on Friday, May 16 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Gallivan Center.

Next meeting will be held June 11, 2014 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the WFRC offices

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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