

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

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84116.

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Louenda Downs, 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

Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Louenda Downs	Commissioner, Davis County
Larry Ellertson	Commissioner, Utah County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City
Jory Johner	WFRC
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Ben McAdams	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Brett McIlff	Utah Department of Health
Cory Pope	UDOT
Jim Price	MAG
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Shawn Seager	MAG
Evenlyn Tuddenham	UDOT
Sean Wilkinson	Weber County

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present

Dave Adamson	UDOT Region 1
Will Becker	GREENbike
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Ben Bolte	GREENbike
Dianne Browning	Senator Orrin Hatch's Office
Steve Call	FHWA
Russell Chandler	Bike Life / Catalyst Consulting
Kim Clark	VIA Consulting
Julia Collins	WFRC
Liz Cramer	FHWA
Charles Evert	Weber County
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Todd Hadden	UDOT
Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineers
Spencer Hymas	Salt Lake County Planning
Tracy Jackson	WFRC
Nick Jarvis	Utah League of Cities & Towns

Ted Knowlton
Justin Morgan
Elliott Mott
Colin Olson
Isa Perry
Helen Peters
Ron Phillips
Wilf Sommerkorn
Roland Stanger
Nick Wyatt
Muriel Xochimitl

WFRC
FHWA
Wasatch Mountain Club
Fehr and Peers
Davis County Health Department
JUB Engineers
Phillips Associates, Inc.
Salt Lake County
FHWA
Senate Finance Committee
WFRC

Excused: Councilwoman Tina Kelley

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Caldwell, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Elliott Mott, Wasatch Mountain Club. Mr. Mott thanked Commissioner Downs for her time and effort on behalf of the Active Transportation Committee. He expressed appreciation for the formation of the Committee that allows those interested in active transportation to express views and ideas and be a part of the Committee.

Chair Report

Commissioner Downs's comments included:

- UCATS received the APA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Regional Planning. UCATS is a good example of the collaboration across jurisdictions and agencies and everyone coming together recognizing the need to have a well-planned and well-thought out active transportation system.
- Jory Johner reported that the League of American Bicyclists recently recognized several Utah businesses with a Bicycle Friendly Business award. Utah Department of Health, the Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake County, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council were among those to receive Bronze level status. He also noted that Bicycle Friendly Business applications deadline is January 15, 2015, Bicycle Friendly Community applications deadline is February 11, 2015; and Bicycle Friendly University applications deadline is August 20, 2015. To learn more about building a bicycle friendly America visit: www.bikeleague.org/BFA.

Future Direction of the ATC

Mayor Mike Caldwell led a discussion on the "sticky note" exercise to identify future priorities that was conducted during the August ATC meeting. The comments from the exercise were compiled and a copy of the summary was distributed. The focus areas included: Plans/Policies/Programs; Design/Engineering; Costs/Funding; Benefits; Education/Outreach; Organization Structure; and Other. The discussion during the meeting focused on the "Need for a regional bike share program" which received the second most comments while "Costs and

Funding” receiving the most votes. It was noted that Jennifer McGrath, UT, is going to complete a Regional Bike Share Business Plan in the near future.

There was significant discussion on the summary of the future direction of the Active Transportation Committee. No formal direction was established, however, it was concluded that Mayor Caldwell, Andrew Gruber, Jory Johner, and others would meet to discuss and propose a work plan to bring to the next ATC meeting.

Federal Role in Transportation Solutions

Dianne Browning, Senator Hatch’s office and Nick Wyatt, Senate Finance Committee, provided an overview of federal transportation funding issues. Discussion included:

- MAP-21 was enacted in 2012 – provides for a two-year bill
- Traditional authorization period prior to MAP-21 was six years
- This past July a bill was enacted that authorized infrastructure programs through the end of May 2015. The challenge now is the issue of funding those programs. Most money in the Highway Trust Fund comes from a federal tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. Spending from the Trust Fund has exceeded revenues to the Trust Fund.
- There are a number of funding options still being discussed by various committees and the House of Representative.
- The link between the funding side, the authorization side and the appropriations side
- Senator Hatch’s goal is to put together a long-term solution where the date for the authorization will be a date that is in the bill and will not be dictated by the availability of funding.

Other comments included: The Federal piece is one element of funding – part of the challenge to funding active transportation is that there are shortages in all elements of the transportation system. The challenge is not just where is the money for active transportation but where is the money for the entire system. The Transportation Interim Committee is right now going through a process of evaluating funding sources to address the shortfalls in the entire Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan.

Mobile Active Transportation Tours Review

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, and Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah, discussed the Mobil Active Transportation Tours (MATT) held during 2014. This new program provided opportunities to:

- See the great things happening across the Region
- Gain on the ground experience
- Learn about successful implementation and funding strategies
- Discuss challenges and lessons learned
- Networking between agencies

The 2014 MATT included bicycle rides in downtown Salt Lake City, on the Murdock Canal Trail in Utah Canal, Farmington City, and Ogden City. Each tour was unique and well attended. Participants were asked to provide feedback following each event. Feedback was generally positive and included: 1) Ability to see new, innovative infrastructure projects; 2) Provided the opportunity to speak with the people who have planned and implemented projects; and 3) The chance to network with other individuals interested in active transportation. Comments for improvement included: 1) Improved advertising of future MATTs; 2) More dollar figures associated with projects being observed; and 3) Opportunities for additional networking after each ride.

During the discussion of how to better market the Mobile Active Transportation Tours, comments included expanding the audience of who receives the MATT information as well as how to distribute the information effectively. The goal is to have all 2015 tours locations and dates calendared in early January 2015 and to have Bike Utah, UTA, and the MPO's assist in distributing the information.

Possible Mobile Active Transportation Tour locations for 2015 include: Moab, St. George, Logan, Park City, and Draper.

Other Business

- Janette Sadik-Khan event hosted by UTA, October 20, 2014 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the Salt Lake City Library, Level 4 Conference Room. Ms. Sadik-Khan is the former New York City Department of Transportation Commissioner and active transportation advocate.
- The Wasatch Choice for 2040 Consortium, Thursday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Salt Palace Convention Center. A day-long event that will feature two opportunities for attendees: Wasatch Choice for 2040 Toolbox and Your Utah Your Future Workshop. Lunch and Keynote speaker, Chris Leinberger.

Next meeting November 19, 2014 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the WFRC offices. (This meeting was rescheduled for January 14, 2015)

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 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.