

Meeting Minutes
Air Quality Committee
Meeting of October 20, 2016

A meeting of the Air Quality Committee was held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, AQC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Mayor Seghini welcomed committee members and guests.

AQC Members and Alternates Present:

JoAnn Seghini, Chair	Mayor, Midvale City
Randy Lewis, Vice Chair	Mayor, Bountiful City
Dave Alvord	Mayor, South Jordan City
Myron Bateman	Commissioner, Tooele County
Carmen Freeman	Mayor, Herriman City
Andrew Gruber	WFRC

AQC Representatives and Others Present:

Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Elden Bingham	UDOT
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Susan Hardy	MAG
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Heather McLaughlin-Kolb	WFRC
Steve Meyer	UTA
Glade Sowards	DAQ
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Approval of Meeting Minutes [Recording 01:27]

Mayor Seghini, Chair, moved that the meeting minutes from March 17, 2016 be approved. Mayor Lewis made the motion to accept, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Freeman. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Transit Oriented Development [Recording 01:41]

Steve Meyer, Utah Transit Authority's Chief Capital Development Officer, discussed UTA's Transit Oriented Development Program, and what UTA is doing to be a part of the air quality solution in the region. Utah is one of the fastest growing states in the nation. We will nearly double in population by 2050.

UTA's Transit Oriented Development Goals:

- Increase Ridership
- Support the regional vision
- Support local communities by:
 - Returning property to tax rolls
 - Spurring economic development
- Reduce traffic congestion

- Improve air quality
- Generate revenue

The Transit Oriented Development Process includes three stages:

1. Planning
 - a. TOD system plan
 - b. Station area plan
 - c. Conceptual Plan
2. Implementation
 - a. Developer procurement
 - b. Master plan
 - c. Site plan
 - d. Financial plan
3. Management
 - a. Construction management
 - b. Property management

There are currently five UTA Transit Oriented Development Projects underway. These include: Sandy Civic Center Station (“East Village”), Jordan Valley Station (“Novi”), South Jordan FrontRunner Station (“SoJo Station”), 3900 South Meadowbrook TRAX Station, and the Provo Intermodal Center. In these five projects, there is a total of 800 residential units, 600,000 square feet of office space, 50,000 square feet of retail space, and 192 hotel rooms.

There was discussion among the committee regarding TOD.

DAQ Update [Recording 39:17]

Glade Sowards, DAQ, reviewed three non-attainment items with the committee:

1. 8-hour ozone standard area designation recommendations
2. PM 2.5 series reclassification
3. Volkswagen Settlement

There are currently three nonattainment areas, two along the Wasatch Front, and one in Cache County, and DAQ’s final recommendation based on much analysis, was for three separate nonattainment areas.

- Northern Wasatch Front:
 - All of Salt Lake County
 - All of Davis County
 - Portions of Weber County (west of Wasatch Mountains)
 - Portions of Tooele County
- Southern Wasatch Front:
 - Portions of Utah County
- Uinta Basin:
 - Portions of Duchesne and Uintah counties under state jurisdiction (not under EPA or tribal jurisdiction) and below 6,000 feet in elevation

A recommendation was made that Jay Baker meet with the Tooele County Commissioners.

Mr. Sowards briefly discussed the PM 2.5 reclassification. SIP’s were originally prepared under Sub Part 1 of the Clean Air Act, with regard to PM 2.5. Just as DAQ was finishing up the first round of SIP’s under Sub Part 1, EPA settled a lawsuit where the outcome was that they should have designated DAQ under Sub Part 4, which has additional stipulations and requirements, and changes deadlines. New SIP’s were submitted in the summer of 2014. There were no violations in 2015, but violations in early 2016. EPA was required to reclassify by July 1. The reclassification is “serious” and the new SIP deadline for demonstrating attainment of the

standard is anticipated for December 14, 2019.

The Department of Justice has proposed a settlement with VW. Under the proposed settlement, Volkswagen must remove commerce or perform emissions modification on 85% of affected 2.0 liter vehicles, offer every owner/lessee the option of a buyback or lease termination, offer owners the option of the modification (if VW submits a proposal for modifying the vehicles), invest an addition \$2 billion to promote zero emission vehicles, and pay \$2.7 billion into a mitigation fund to fully remediate the excess Nox emissions.

There was discussion among the committee regarding the Volkswagen Settlement.

Meeting Format Recommendation for 2017 [Recording 01:10:27]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, stated that in August of 2008, the Wasatch Front Regional Council created the Air Quality Committee (AQC) as a subcommittee to the Regional Growth Committee (RGC). The RGC specified that the AQC is to be chaired by an elected official appointed by the RGC. Other members of the AQC include executive level representatives from the Utah Air Board, Division of Air Quality, Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, and other WFRC members.

At the time the AQC was created there was not a forum available to WFRC members to adequately address air quality needs. Since that time, a number of forums and programs have been established that are well equipped to address air quality strategies including Utah Clear Air (UCAIR), the Clean Air Action Team, the Salt Lake City Office of Sustainability, and the UDOT Travelwise program.

The Wasatch Front Regional Council also includes air quality impacts as an integral step in the analysis of long and short range plans and programs. This consideration of air quality impacts is in addition to the air quality conformity analysis required of all transportation plans and programs.

Because of these developments, the Air Quality Committee is recommending that the issues of air quality impacts and changing regulations be shared with a larger audience. The AQC is recommending that beginning in 2017 this subcommittee continue as structured with a Chair and designated members. However, separate meetings of the AQC will only be scheduled as needed and most of the air quality information items will be addressed as part of the RGC agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Freeman to accept the recommendation as outlined by WFRC. Commissioner Bateman seconded this motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment [Recording 01:24:32]

There were no public comments.

Other Business [Recording 01:24:47]

Mayor Freeman would like an update on Tier 3. WFRC staff said that an update would be provided at a later meeting.

Next Meeting: TBD

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.