

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of January 16, 2014

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, January 16, 2014 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, RGC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Jan Zogmaister welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

RGC Members and Alternates Present:

Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Don Carroll	Mayor, Fruit Heights
Charles Henderson	UTA Board
Matt Sibul	UTA
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Dan R. McConkie	Commissioner, Utah Transportation Comm.
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Gary Uresk	Utah League of Cities and Town
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

RGC Representatives and Others Present:

Debbie Burney-Sigman	Breathe Utah
J.P. Goates	Envision Utah
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
Steve Pastorik	West Valley City Planning
David Proffitt	University of Utah
Ken Talbot	UDOT
Peter Tang	UDOT – Region 2
Kevin Young	Salt Lake City Transportation
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC

Mayor Mike Caldwell and Mayor Brent Marshall were excused from the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Derk Timothy moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held October 17, 2013 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Len Arave and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Information – 2015 Regional Transportation Plan – Process Update:

Jory Johner, WFRC, report included review of the 2015 RTP requirements that include: the Plan is updated every four years and must be financially constrained. The Plan must conform to emission budgets within the State Implementation Plan. Projects within the Plan include highway, transit, and bicycle. The projects work with the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision.

Staff is currently in the process of developing a draft preferred scenario. The scenario process includes: “Painting” growth scenarios using the Envision Tomorrow Plus (ET+) tool; matching a transportation system to the four growth scenarios; comparing performance using adopted performance measures; discuss results with cities, counties, partner agencies, and other stakeholders.

Mr. Johner said that an invitation for a second round of small area meetings was sent at the beginning of December to all mayors, city managers, planners, and engineers for meetings in January and February. A map of the planned small area meetings was included in RGC member packets and may also be viewed on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org. The second round of small area meetings is an opportunity for city, and county staff and elected officials to review and discuss a refined draft Preferred Regional Transportation Plan. All were encouraged to participate in the scheduled meetings. Mr. Johner also noted that public open houses would then be held in February and March.

4. ACTION – 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment:

Val John Halford, WFRC, said that on occasion the Regional Transportation Plan needs to be amended. He noted that a process has been adopted by WFRC to consider periodic revisions. Mr. Halford discussed each of the projects included in the proposed 2011-2040 RTP Amendment Number 4. Detailed information on each of the projects was also included in member packets. The following projects have been requested and are included in proposed Amendment 4.

- **I-15 Point of the Mountain Projects: 1-15 from 12300 South to Bangerter Highway** – increase the number of total lanes from five northbound and five southbound to five northbound and six southbound lanes—move this project to Phase 1; **I-15 from Bangerter Highway to the Utah County line** – increase the current number of lanes in this section of I-15 from four and five north and southbound lanes to a total of six lanes thereby providing a fifth general purpose and one High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane profile through this section—move this project to Phase 1.
- **1-15 Interchange at I-215** (near Fashion Place Mall—approximately 6600 South) – move from Phase 3 to Phase 1.
- **I-15 SR-201 to 5300 South** – add a southbound auxiliary lane – new Phase 1 project.
- **I-15 Northbound 9000 South to I-215** – add an auxiliary lane – new Phase 1 project.
- **I-15 400 South to Bangerter Highway** – add second northbound and southbound HOV lane during peak hours – new Phase 1 project.
- **I-15 400 South to 10600 South** – ITS improvements – new Phase 1.
- **I-215 SR-201 to 4700 South** – add auxiliary lanes – new Phase 1 project.
- **I-15 Overpass at 1200 North Layton** – move this project from the Unfunded Phase to Phase 1.

The WFRC staff and UDOT representatives presented these amendments to their respective Ogden-Layton and Salt Lake City-West Valley City Regional Growth Committee Technical Advisory Committees on December 18, 2013. The RGC Technical Advisory Committees recommended approval to release the amendment for public comment.

ACTION: Commissioner John Petroff moved to recommend to the Regional Council that the proposed 2011 RTP amendments, as presented, be released for public comment. Mayor Len Arave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Information – Wasatch Choice for 2040 and Local Planning Resource Program Update:

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, reported that the Local Planning Resource Program is a technical resource for community planning that will begin in 2014. This \$600,000 pilot program in partnership with Salt Lake County provides local governments with technical and financial assistance to achieve their goals. Through this program, assistance is available in the form of staff time, consulting, or financial grants to eligible applicants. The Local Planning Resource Program serves Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Southern Box Elder, Tooele, and Weber Counties. More details on the program may be found at www.wfrc.org and through the Local Planning Resource Program Guidebook (also available online).

Mr. Knowlton said that the Wasatch Choice for 2040 is the metropolitan area's shared, voluntary vision for coordinating growth, transportation, and open space to maintain quality of life for years to come. He reviewed the suite of free Wasatch Choice for 2040 planning and implementation tools that were released last fall and will help implement a community's vision. The resources include: Housing and Opportunity Assessment, Envision Tomorrow Plus (ET+), The Implementing Centers checklist and guidebook, and The Utah Form-Based Code Template. These tools are available at www.wasatchchoice2040.com.

6. Information – UDOT and UTA Active Transportation Policy:

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, said that the WFRC Active Transportation Committee was formed a little over a year ago because of the overwhelming desire and interest in the region for more trails and safer ability to use bikes. He commented that UDOT and UTA have made a remarkable effort to integrate active transportation planning into their overall processes.

Cory Pope, UDOT, (unable to attend the meeting) provided a copy of the UDOT "Inclusion of Active Transportation" Policy and was included in RGC member packets. Jory Johner, in Mr. Pope's absence, reviewed the Policy: He said that the policy "defines the Department's position of the inclusion of Active Transportation improvements in the funding, planning, design, operations, and maintenance of transportation facilities. Safety is an important driver within the Department and inclusion of Active Transportation improvements will provide opportunity to consider all users when addressing safety on the transportation system". The Policy also defines responsibilities for UDOT divisions including Planning, Program Development and Maintenance, Project Managers, Preconstruction Staff, Maintenance Staff, and Operations Staff. UDOT has approved and adopted the Policy.

Matt Sibul, UTA, reported that UTA is currently developing an Active Transportation Policy that includes overall general policies linked to all departments and also includes design criteria related to active transportation for bike racks, trains, buses, stations, etc. He also noted that safety for pedestrians and bicyclists will be addressed in the Policy. Mr. Sibul said the next steps are to take the Draft Policy to UTA Corporate staff and UTA Board for comment,

approval, and adoption. They will then educate UTA staff and the public on Active Transportation Policy requirements and benefits.

7. Other Business

WFRC Committees new member orientation will be held on February 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the WFRC offices.

8. The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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