

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of March 20, 2014

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, March 20, 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 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
Ralph Becker	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Ted Eyre	Mayor, Murray City
Robert Grow	Envision Utah
Jeff Harris	UDOT
Charles Henderson	UTA Board
Matt Sibul	UTA
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Scott Parson	Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Christine Richman	Utah Urban Land Institute
Norm Searle	Mayor, Riverdale City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Gary Uresk	Utah League of Cities and Town
Kathy VanDame	Utah Air Quality Board
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

RGC Representatives and Others Present

James Beers	Hatch Mott MacDonald
Debbie Burney-Sigman	Breathe Utah
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters—Salt Lake
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Sean Murphy	SLC Council Staff
Ken Talbot	UDOT
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Andy Li	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC

Mayor Troy Walker and Commissioner Dan McConkie were excused from the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner John Petroff moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held January 16, 2014 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 and Unified Plan – Process Update:

Jory Johner, WFRC, gave an update on the progress of the 2015 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Utah's Unified Planning process. He said that four scenarios were developed for the 2015 RTP. These four scenarios and corresponding performance measures were reviewed by the local municipalities and counties, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), stakeholders, and the general public. WFRC staff have reviewed the comments and have prepared a Draft Preferred Regional Transportation Plan. This plan includes roadway, transit, and bicycle projects along with the future land use types and intensities for the urban region.

Mr. Johner reported that a number of important steps have been completed during the last three months: 1) The second round of small area meetings were held with cities, counties, and townships throughout the region to review the draft Preferred Regional Transportation Plan; 2) The draft Preferred RTP has been evaluated using WFRC models; 3) Public open houses were held in Davis, Weber, and Salt Lake Counties to receive public comments on the draft RTP; and 4) Presentations were provided to the Regional Growth Committee Technical Advisory Committees following the small area meeting. WFRC staff is currently reviewing and responding to all comments from the second round of small area meetings in collaboration with UDOT and UTA.

Next steps in the development of the 2015 RTP will be adoption of the final preferred scenario, financially constraining the projects in the preferred scenario, phasing the projects, and final adoption of the Plan in May 2015. RGC members will be updated regularly on the progress in the development of the Plan.

4. ACTION: WFRC Draft FY 2015 and FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget:

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, said the draft Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning activities being undertaken by the Wasatch Front Regional Council during the next two fiscal years. The draft UPWP has been jointly developed by the WFRC, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and must be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration in order for the region to receive federal transportation planning dollars. A summary of the draft UPWP was included in RGC member packets. Mr. Bennion highlighted efforts included in the summary:

- Work efforts to complete the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Preparation of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Assisting communities with planning tools for implementation of the growth principles.
- Work with the State Division of Air Quality in preparing the State Implementation Plan (SIP).
- Actively participate in several studies throughout the region as well as provide technical support for the Your Utah Your Future visioning effort.

The draft UPWP for FY 2015 and FY 2016 will be presented to the County Councils of Governments over the next few weeks for their comment and review and will also be made available on the WFRC website 30-days prior to the Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting scheduled for May 22.

ACTION: Commissioner John Petroff moved to recommend that the Regional Council make the draft Unified Planning Work Program and Budgets for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 available to the County Councils of Governments for their review and comment. The motion was seconded by Kathy VanDame. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, said the Local Planning Resource Program is a technical resource for community planning that is provided by WFRC and Salt Lake County. One of the objectives of the Local Planning Resource Program is to support the use of the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Toolbox. 2014 is the pilot year for the program and overall WFRC has received a high level of interest from communities across the metropolitan area:

- 53 letters of intent from 36 municipalities or townships representing approximately \$1.6 million in requests for assistance.
- Project ideas range from general plan update, zoning support, transit oriented development (TOD) and town center specific area planning support, trails and active transportation planning requests, as well as many others.

Mr. Knowlton noted that the awardees will be announced prior to the next RGC meeting, and the awards will be highlighted on the May agenda.

A new Wasatch Choice for 2040 tool called the “Street Design Dialogue Tool”, is currently being developed by WFRC in conjunction with UTA, UDOT, and Mountainland (MAG). Greg Scott, WFRC, demonstrated the tools capabilities. The tool is set to launch in May with a training opportunity scheduled for May 20. RSVP is required to Greg Scott (gscott@wfr.org) to participate in the training event.

6. ACTION: 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Amendment:

Val John Halford, WFRC, reported that the Regional Transportation Plan may be amended to accommodate changing conditions and the recognition of additional needs. He said a formal adopted process is followed when an amendment is proposed. The RGC Technical Advisory Committees and the County Councils of Government have reviewed the amendment. Three public open houses were held in addition to a formal 30-day comment period from February 14 to March 17 to receive comment on the proposed amendment projects. Information was also posted on the WFRC website. To date, no comments had been received. The following projects have been requested and are included in proposed Amendment 4:

- 1) **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;
- 2) **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.
- 3) **1-15 Interchange at I-215** (near Fashion Place Mall—approximately 6600 South) – move from Phase 3 to Phase 1.
- 4) **I-15 SR-201 to 5300 South** – add a southbound auxiliary lane – new Phase 1 project.

- 5) **I-15 Northbound 9000 South to I-215** – add an auxiliary lane – new Phase 1 project.
- 6) **I-15 400 South to Bangerter Highway** – add second northbound and southbound HOV lane during peak hours – new Phase 1 project.
- 7) **I-15 400 South to 10600 South** – ITS improvements – new Phase 1.
- 8) **I-215 SR-201 to 4700 South** – add auxiliary lanes – new Phase 1 project.
- 9) **I-15 Overpass at 1200 North Layton** – move this project from the Unfunded Phase to Phase 1.

The projects were included in the regional emissions analysis for conformity with air quality regulations and modeling results showed that the amended regional transportation plan conforms to both state and federal air quality regulations. This conformity analysis is documented in the Air Quality Memorandum dated February 7, 2014 and may be found on the WFRC website.

ACTION: Mayor Derk Timothy moved that the Regional Growth Committee recommend to the Wasatch Front Regional Council that the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment 4 as presented, be amended into the Plan. Scott Parson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Reid Ewing and Kathy VanDame noting their opposition to projects 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 (noted above).

7. Special Topic: “Analyzing Wasatch Front’s Transportation Future”: WFRC Modeling Overview and Current Model Development Activities:

Jon Larsen, WFRC, presentation included a background on modeling at WFRC and an overview of the model development efforts that are in-progress. Uses of travel demand models include: 1) Regional Transportation Plan updates; 2) Air Quality Impact; 3) Congestion Management Systems; 4) Corridor Studies; and 5) Project Environment Impact Studies.

Mr. Larsen said that the two main drivers of travel behavior are development patterns and transportation infrastructure. In order to forecast travel behavior, WFRC, maintains a regional travel demand model which is used to forecast traffic volumes, transit riders, and a variety of travel behaviors.

What’s new for WFRC modeling efforts: Completion of the 2012 state-of-the-practice, Household Travel Survey by 9,000 residents to understand their transportation behavior; implementing the New Travel Model – Version 8.0; and update on the Real Estate Market Model (REMM). The result of using these tools will help us to better understand the specific impacts of proposed changes to the transportation system and changes in the way the region or municipalities grow; and better forecasts and better use of scarce resources.

8. Other Business

9. The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 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.