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March 12, 2015

Members of the Regional Growth Committee and Other Interested Persons:

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, in Salt Lake City. The Agenda will be as follows:

Welcome and Introductions

1. **Action:** Minutes for the January 15, 2015 Meeting
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
3. **Action:** 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan
4. **Information:** Local Planning Resource Program 2015 awardees
5. **Information:** Discuss RGC 2015 focus areas
6. **Information:** Legislative Session Recap
7. **Other Business**
8. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

Commissioner John Petroff, Jr., Chair
Regional Growth Committee

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Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of January 15, 2015

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner John Petroff, RGC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Petroff welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

RGC Members and Alternates Present

Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace City
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Ron Bigelow	Mayor, West Valley City
Wade Bitner	Commissioner, Tooele County
Ari Bruening	Envision Utah
Steve Call	FHWA
Don Carroll	Mayor, Fruit Heights City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
James Ebert	Commissioner, Weber County
Ted Eyre	Mayor, Murray City
Jeffery L. Harris	UDOT
Charles Henderson	UTA Board
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Dan R. McConkie	Commissioner, UDOT
Aimee Winder Newton	Councilmember, Salt Lake County
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Christine Richman	Utah Urban Land Institute
Norm Searle	Mayor, Riverdale City
Matt Sibul	UTA
Kathy VanDame	Air Quality Board
Logan Wilde	Councilman, Morgan County

RGC Representatives and Others Present

Myron Bateman	Commissioner, Tooele County
Richard Brockmyer	UTA
GJ LaBonty	UTA
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Chad Mullins	Bike Utah
Justin Morgan	FHWA
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County-Regional Office
Julia Collins	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Stephen Hanamaikai	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Derk Timothy was excused from the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Len Arave moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held October 16, 2014 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Don Carroll and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments

Information: 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Utah's Unified Plan: financial and other key issues

Jory Johner, WFRC, gave an update on the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan development process. He noted that the Regional Vision established and endorsed by the Regional Council in 2007 along with the Goals, Objectives and the Regional Growth Principles were important in assessing the needs for the Plan. The RTP Goals include:

- Enhance safety and health
- Preserve infrastructure
- Provide mobility and accessibility
- Achieve cost efficiency
- Promote economic vitality
- Support environmental stewardship
- Encourage community-friendly and sustainable urban form

Mr. Johner discussed the process to develop a preferred scenario. Staff worked with local governments and transportation partners to develop the final Preferred Scenario. The Preferred Scenario includes roadway, transit, and bicycle projects along with the future land use types and intensities for our region.

Mr. Johner then discussed the phasing and financial constraints for the phases included in the 2015-2040 RTP which are: Phase 1—2015-2024; Phase 2—2025-2034; Phase 3—2035-2040; and Unfunded. He also discussed and previewed the newly developed interactive map now available on the WFRC website. This is a tool for local governments and others to view specific areas and projects included in the 2015-2040 RTP as well as to provide comments. The draft 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan is scheduled to be adopted in May.

It was noted that included in member packets and also distributed at the meeting was information detailing the Small Area Meetings being held across the Wasatch Front Region. Elected officials, city planners, engineers, planning commissions, and others have been invited to attend and provides an opportunity for them to ask questions and comment on the phased and financially constrained draft 2015-2040 RTP. Also distributed at the meeting was a flier with a schedule of Open Houses where the public can make comment on the Plan. All comments will be reviewed and answered.

Mr. Johner reported that WFRC staff is working and coordinating with the other Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the State (Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), Dixie MPO, and Cache MPO) as well as the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) on the 2015-2040 Utah's Unified Transportation Plan due to be released later this year. This update to the Unified Plan builds on the previous version by adding a few enhancements. The Utah's Unified Transportation Plan consolidates all the regional plans in the State and includes roads, transit and bicycle improvement projects. This Plan also addresses regional and local needs, capacity and maintenance and preservation.

Also discussed during the meeting were the two bicycle layers that are included in the draft 2015-2040 RTP interactive maps. The Priority Bike Route was developed during the Utah Collaborative Active Transportation Study (UCATS) and is a high level grid that connects transit. The Base Bicycle map includes all the cities master plans bicycle routes.

Mr. Johner gave an overview of the financial assumptions that go into the Plan and include: 1) Updated growth rates; 2) Existing revenues; 3) New revenues; and 4) Identify the needs. He noted that revenues in the 2015-2040 RTP were initially developed using the assumptions from 2011 Plan.

Andrew Gruber noted that because this Plan goes out to 2040 and is an update to the current Plan which goes to 2040 we are not anticipating seeing dramatic swings in the big picture numbers but we are continually updating, identifying and balancing needs.

Information: Active Transportation 2015 key projects and programs

Julia Reynolds gave an overview of progress on plans and programs staff are working on. Her report included the following information:

- Active Transportation Benefits include:
 - Health and safety
 - Transportation choices
 - Economic development
 - Air Quality improvements
- The 2015-2040 RTP has incorporated bike paths as a main component
 - Bike Base Plan – a collaborative effort with updated data from every community in the Wasatch Front Region.
 - Priority Plan – a collaborative effort through all the counties in the region and through our regional agency partners.

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, reported on the UCATS Phase 1 & 2 effort. Phase 1 completed the end of 2013 and focused on: An overall Plan for a bicycle network for all ages and abilities; Enhanced connections to transit; Prioritized “backbone” network; and Integrate quality of life benefits. Recently kicked off UCATS Phase 2 will focus on: Implementing key projects (which were identified in the Top 25 from Phase 1); Determine the next high priority projects; Identify process to keep the Plan alive; Establish performance measures; and evaluate how the Plan affects our community—economy, traffic and property values.

Ms. McGrath also discussed the First/Last Mile Strategies effort that is a collaborative effort with UDOT, UTA, MAG, and WFRC. First/Last Mile is that portion of a transit riders trip from their point of origin to the transit station and then from the transit station to their final destination. The objective of the study was to provide recommendations for First/Last Mile Strategies that will be most effective for increasing ridership on the UTA system. Included in the next steps of the project are: Prioritize Implementation; Design recommended strategies for individual stations to develop preliminary costs; Identify partnership opportunities; Identify funding options; and Perform analysis that shows conditions before and after implementation to evaluate success.

Ms. McGrath also noted that the Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) will continue through 2015. These tours make it possible for elected officials, city staff, and the public to actually see and participate in some of the bicycle infrastructure projects already in use in the State. The 2015 MATT locations include Provo, Moab, Riverdale, Park City and St. George.

Information: Discuss RGC 2015 focus areas

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, said that core responsibility of the Regional Growth Committee is to:

- Guide the Regional Transportation Plan
- Oversee intergovernmental coordination and visioning
- Inform land use and economic development assistance
- Advise metropolitan research and dissemination

Mr. Knowlton said that 2015 is a pivotal year as a new Plan is adopted and as we look back to 2011 and then forward to 2019 – where should the Regional Growth Committee focus its attention. He said that a Regional Transportation Plan is adopted every four years and each time a Plan is adopted staff are also looking forward and asking the question “what is the pathway within the process and what new things should be incorporated into the next Plan cycle?” He said that over the next several meetings staff will be looking for direction on a long-term basis from the Regional Growth Committee that will help guide staff to meet and help local government representatives address ongoing needs and issues. This information from the Regional Growth Committee along with the work that comes out of the Your Utah Your Future effort will also help in the beginning stages of setting the course for the 2019-2050 RTP.

Other Business

- WFRC Orientation will be held Thursday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the WFRC offices. New committee members are encouraged to attend – all members are invited.
- WFRC 2015 Committees Meeting Schedule was distributed and also included in member packets

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

A recoding of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2015 meetings.

DATE: March 12, 2015
AGENDA ITEM: 3
SUBJECT: **Action:** 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Utah's Unified Plan
PREPARED BY: Jory Johner

BACKGROUND:

2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the region's long-range blue print for transportation. At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting staff will outline comments received and key changes from the stakeholder and public process of developing the plan.

Below is an outline of milestones in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan:

On May 22, 2014, Council approved the Preferred Scenario. The Preferred Scenario addresses roadway, transit, and bicycle needs out to 2040 unconstrained by available financial resources. This approval directed staff to phase these unconstrained projects (phase one: 2015-2024, phase two: 2025-2034, phase three, 2035 to 2040, and unfunded projects).

On December 18, 2014, Council authorized release of the draft phased, financially constrained plan for public comment. The phased, financially constrained RTP has been reviewed and commented on by the local governments, UDOT, UTA, stakeholders, and the general public during our public comment period between January 12, 2015 and February 20, 2015.

In January and February, WFRC staff reviewed the comments to respond to the input from the local governments, transportation partners, stakeholders and the public.

At the March RGC meeting, a summary of the comments will be discussed along with an overview of recommended changes. These changes include moving the phase of projects and adding or removing projects from the draft to maintain the financial constraints of the plan. As a result of having substantial changes made to the draft RTP, WFRC must re-assess the Air Quality Conformity and will also need to have another public comment period. At the Regional Growth Committee meeting staff will ask the RGC to recommend to the Regional Council to release the draft 2015-2040 RTP for additional public comment (between April 8, 2015 and May 7, 2015). If released for comment, WFRC will hold an online public open house during this period.

At the May meeting the Council will consider adoption of the draft Regional Transportation Plan. In the following months it will then be incorporated into the next version of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

WFRC staff recommends that the Regional Growth Committee make a motion "requesting that the Wasatch Front Regional Council release the draft phased and financially constrained 2015 - 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for public comment."

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DATE: March 12, 2015
AGENDA ITEM: 4
SUBJECT: **Information:** Local Planning Resource Program Awards
PREPARED BY: Julia Collins

BACKGROUND:

The *Local Planning Resource Program* is a partnership between WFRC and Salt Lake County to offer technical resources to help communities address their most challenging planning needs. In doing so, it helps to reduce travel demand for the region and encourage an understanding of regional impacts as planning decisions are made. The program also helps communities use the Wasatch Choice 2040 Toolbox of planning resources.

The 2015 is the second round of the grant program as 2014 was the first year for the program. Overall, for the 2015 Local Planning Resource Program, we have received a high level of interest from communities. Staff received:

- 35 letters of intent, from
- 21 municipalities or townships, representing approximately
- 1.36 million dollars in requests for assistance.
- Project ideas range from general plan update, zoning support, active transportation master plans, TOD and town center specific area planning support, among others.

Through a selection process that involved a committee of practitioners from across the region the outstanding projects are announced as Program recipients on the attached exhibit page.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

CONTACT PERSON:

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EXHIBIT:

Local Planning Resource Program 2015 Recipients

Local Planning Resource Program 2015 Awards

2015 Program Recipients in Ogden-Layton Urbanized Area

Community	Project Name	LPRP Resources	Local Match	WC2040 Tools
Brigham City Corporation	Brigham City General Plan Update	\$40,000	\$40,000	ET+, Implementing Centers, Envisioning Centers, FBC, Green Infrastructure, StreetsPlan, Housing Analysis
Clearfield City	Form Based Code, Small Area Plan for Downtown Clearfield	\$15,000	\$5,000	Implementing Centers, FBC, StreetsPlan, Complete Streets Policy, ET+
Kaysville/ Farmington City	Kaysville & Farmington Joint Bicycle Active Transportation Plan	\$40,000	\$12,500	Active Transportation Design Guidelines, Complete Streets Policy, StreetsPlan
North Ogden City	North Ogden City, Form Based Code	\$27,500	\$27,500	Implementing Centers, FBC, StreetsPlan

2015 Program Recipients in Salt Lake-West Valley Urbanized Area

Community	Project Name	LPRP Resources	Local Match	WC2040 Tools
Town of Alta	General Plan Amendment	\$60,000	\$10,000	Implementing Centers/Envisioning Centers
Cottonwood Heights City	Wasatch Boulevard/Gravel Pit Corridor Master Plan	\$85,000	\$12,500	ET+, StreetsPlan, Envisioning Centers, Green Infrastructure
Holladay City	Highland Drive / Van Winkle Expressway Intersection Study	\$30,000	\$8,000	ET+, StreetsPlan, Envisioning Centers
Riverton City	Riverton City Bike Trail System Study	\$20,000	\$2,000	Active Transportation Design Guidelines
Kearns, Salt Lake County	Kearns Oval Center	\$50,000	\$30,000	ET+, FBC, Implementing Centers, Envisioning Centers
City of South Jordan	Redwood Road Corridor	\$80,000	\$10,000	ET+, Implementing Centers, Envisioning Centers, FBC
City of South Salt Lake	Downtown South Salt Lake Redevelopment	\$62,800	\$10,900	FBC, StreetsPlan, Implementing Centers

2015 Program Recipients in Morgan and Tooele Counties

Community	Project Name	LPRP Resources	Local Match	WC2040 Tools
Tooele County	Tooele County Transportation Plan Update	\$25,000	\$6,750	ET+, Envisioning Centers

DATE: March 12, 2015
AGENDA ITEM: 5
SUBJECT: **Information:** Discuss RGC 2015 focus areas
PREPARED BY: Ted Knowlton

BACKGROUND:

At the Regional Growth Committee meeting staff would like to discuss and receive direction on key topics and areas of interest that the RGC would like to explore in 2015. This item was introduced at the January meeting agenda for continuation at this March meeting.

For background, the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) serves as the policy advisory body to the Regional Council on long range transportation planning, land use and other growth-related issues. The RGC is responsible for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), corridor preservation.

Further, the Regional Growth Committee's role is to provide overall direction, guidance, and oversight to the Regional Council staff and subcommittees in carrying out the programs and activities associated with the Regional Transportation Plan and process, and facilitating the coordination of planning in the Region. This may include concerns such as open space and trails, affordable housing, water resources, hazard mitigation; and for consideration of land use and other growth-related issues, especially as they relate to transportation planning. In summary, the RGC has a broad advisory role that it serves for the Council.

Through May, a key topic for RGC necessarily must be the Regional Transportation Plan, scheduled for adoption in May. Regardless, there is an ongoing opportunity for the RGC to consider other topics and issues to guide staff and advise the council.

At the March 19 RGC meeting, staff will facilitate a discussion on 2015 focus areas for the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only and no action is required.

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DATE: March 12, 2015
AGENDA ITEM: 6
SUBJECT: **Information:** Legislative Session Recap
PREPARED BY: Muriel Xochimitl

BACKGROUND:

The 2015 Legislative Session has been an important one for transportation funding. WFRC worked closely with our transportation partners, members of our Council and the legislature regarding a comprehensive approach to funding the \$11.3 billion shortfall identified in Utah's Unified Transportation Plan.

Two main efforts to increase funding focused on 1) a reform in the current 24.5 cents per gallon gas tax to a percentage and 2) a .25% local option general sales tax for transportation, including an allocation of funds directly to cities, counties and transit providers across the state.

This report will include a discussion regarding the process we underwent to facilitate the various legislative proposals, the final outcomes of the session and the implications for funding moving forward.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

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