

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of May 19, 2016

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 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

Abby Albrecht	SL Chamber Utah Transportation Coalition
Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace City
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Ron Bigelow	Mayor, West Valley City
Ryan Beck	Envision Utah
Steve Call	FHWA
Don Carroll	Mayor, Fruit Heights City
James Ebert	Commissioner, Weber County
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Gary Gygi	Mayor, Cedar Hills
Jeff Harris	UDOT
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Dan McConkie	Commissioner, UDOT
Norm Searle	Mayor, Riverdale City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Steve Sands	Utah Air Quality Board
Troy Walker	Mayor, Draper City

RGC Representatives and Others Present

Roger Borgenicht	Utahans for Better Transportation (UBET)
Bryan Dillon	FHWA
Nic Dunn	Salt Lake County
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Davis Schwartz	UDOT
Nicole M Zinnanti	ASSIST, Inc.
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Mark Allen moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held March 17, 2016 be approved as written. Mayor Norm Searle seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments

Action: Regional Transportation Plan amendments – release for comment

The Wasatch Front Regional Council prepares and adopts a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years. The WFRC adopted the current 2015-2040 RTP in May 2015. The identification of new funding sources, the determination of the final environmental impact statements, or the rapid development of certain projects may warrant a change to the RTP. A process has been reviewed by the Regional Growth Committee and formally adopted by WFRC to consider periodic revisions and this process was last updated in March 2016.

Jory Johner, WFRC, reported that recently the WFRC received requests from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Ogden City, North Ogden City, Harrisville City, and Bluffdale City to amend the 2015-2040 RTP. Mr. Johner discussed the following projects included in Amendment Two to the RTP.

UDOT Proposed Amendments

- Widening on 9000 South from 1-15 to 700 East: This project is currently in Phase 1 as an “operational project”. The proposed change is to add a lane in each direction through restriping of the current roadway, making it a “widening project”. Cost: \$14 million
- Widening on Redwood Road from 9000 South to Bangerter Highway. This request consists of multiple projects within the RTP along Redwood Road. Total project cost: \$41 million. Note that this proposed amendment has several significant issues that are being discussed with UDOT and the local governments in the area regarding: 1) Removal of three miles of existing striped bicycle lanes on the shared regional bicycle priority network from the South Jordan Parkway to 12600 South, 2) Removal of on-street parking from the South Jordan Parkway to 12600 South, and 3) Addressing impacts on transit improvements and planned land uses along the entire corridor.

Ogden City Amendments

- Operational Improvements on Valley Drive from 20th Street to SR-39. This project calls for a new Phase 1 operational improvement along Valley Drive to help reduce the impacts of growing traffic congestion between Harrison Boulevard and the mouth of Ogden Canyon. Cost: \$5 million.
- Operational Improvements on 2nd Street from Washington to Monroe Boulevard. This request is for a new Phase 1 operational improvement project on 2nd Street to help reduce traffic congestion and provide better access to three schools on or near this road. Cost: \$4 million.
- Operational Improvements on 17th Street from Wall Avenue to Washington Boulevard. This is a new Phase 1 operational improvement project on 17th Street to help handle truck traffic that serves a number of freight outlets including State Grain Station and the Bishop’s Storehouse. Cost: \$3 million.
- Operational Improvements on 26th Street from Wall Avenue to Washington Boulevard. This is a new Phase 1 operational improvement project on 26th Street to help with east – west traffic flow both prior to and after 26th Street. Cost: \$4 million.

North Ogden City

- Widening on 2600 North from Washington Boulevard to Fruitland Drive. This project is widening of 2600 North in North Ogden City. The widening of this section of 2600 North would improve connectivity to I-15 for several communities. Cost \$13 million.

Harrisville City

- Removal of Wall Avenue Extension from Larsen Lane to 2700 North. This project is requesting to remove the Phase 3 Wall Avenue Extension (150 East) project from the RTP. With the extension of 2700 North to serve Pleasant View and North Ogden, the Wall Avenue Extension is no longer needed. Cost: N/A.

Bluffdale City Amendments

- New Construction on 14000 South from 2700 West to 3600 West. Bluffdale City is requesting that a new construction project on 14000 South be built as a two-lane collector in Phase 1. This facility would provide access to a new regional park and provide a needed network connection for this area of the City. Cost: \$4.5 million.

Mr. Johner reported that WFRC staff has reviewed the air quality impacts to ensure that all applicable air quality conformity requirements are met and results will be provided during the comment period. He said that the formal public review and comment period will be from May 23 to June 24, 2016. The WFRC staff presented these amendments to the Regional Growth Committee's Ogden-Layton Technical Advisory Committee and the Salt Lake County PlanTAC on April 20, 2016. The Regional Growth Committee will review all comments and make a final recommendation to the Wasatch Front Regional Council on August 18, 2016.

Mayor Derk Timothy made a motion to recommend to the Regional Council the release for public comment the proposed 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mark Allen and passed unanimously.

Information: Wasatch Choice 2050 and 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan

The WFRC adopted Regional Goals are a critical element in the work of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. With the development of a new Wasatch Choice Vision and 2019-2050 RTP, both efforts look out ten additional years and represent a fundamental update to these products. The first draft of the Regional Goals relates to existing WFRC RTP Goals, the Wasatch Choice for 2050 Growth Principles, and federal transportation legislation, MAP-21 and the FAST Act.

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, said the Goals state desired regional outcomes which can be meaningfully affected by WFRC, our member communities, and partners. They will be translated into specific and measurable metrics to inform all decisions of WFRC. The Goals will also be used to understand progress being made along the Wasatch Front toward achieving the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision.

Mr. Knowlton discussed the initial results from the round of ten Small Area Meetings that have taken place over the last several weeks. The first round of meetings focused on understanding needs and objectives in each part of the metropolitan area. The results will inform a working set of Goals. He discussed and asked for comments on the following Wasatch Choice 2050 Draft Goals:

- 1) Economic vitality/ Jobs and opportunities accessible within a reasonable commute;
- 2) Livable and vibrant communities;
- 3) Manageable and reliable traffic conditions;
- 4) Quality transportation choices;
- 5) Safe streets for all anticipated users;
- 6) Good air quality;
- 7) Housing choices and a low

cost of living; 8) Accessible parks, green spaces, and recreational opportunities; 9) A sustainable and healthy natural environment; and 10) A state of good repair.

Mr. Knowlton said that additional input and engagement will be sought on the draft Goals over the next few months from the public and regional stakeholders. He noted that a final set of Goals will be presented at the August meeting for approval.

Information: Transportation and Land Use Connection program awards

The Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program is a partnership between WFRC and Salt Lake County to help communities address their most challenging planning needs, integrate land use and transportations considerations, and improve growth and transportation outcomes. The TLC Program provides staff time, consulting, and training to local communities for planning, implementation, and visioning efforts.

Julia Collins, WFRC, said that the TLC Program is in its third year and reported that 32 letters of intent were received from 23 municipalities or townships. There were \$1.3 million in requests for assistance for both the Ogden-Layton and Salt Lake-West Valley urbanized areas. Project ideas range from ordinance support, town center specific area planning support, Transit Oriented Development (TOD), and others. The selection process involved a committee of practitioners from across the region.

Ms. Collins reviewed each of the following twelve TLC Program recipients (detailed information on each project was included in committee member packets):

Salt Lake County Projects

- Town of Alta, Alta Commercial Core Implementation. TLC Resources - \$50,000; Local Match - \$10,000.
- Bluffdale City, Transportation Master Plan. TLC Resources - \$55,000; Local Match - \$10,000.
- Kearns Township, Community Center (A Placed Based Initiative) Master Site Plan. TLC Resources - \$60,000; Local Match - \$20,000.
- Salt Lake City/South Salt Lake City, Life on State Implementation Plan. TLC Resources - \$165,000; Local Match \$45,000.
- Sandy City and Surrounding Communities, Point of the Mountain. TLC Resources - \$80,000; Local Match – TBD.
- West Valley City, Hunter Town Center Small Area Plan, Market Study and Form Based Code. TLC Resources - \$65,000; Local Match - \$10,000.

Davis County Projects

- Bountiful City and Davis County – South Davis Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Planning and Form Based Code. TLC Resources - \$65,000; Local Match \$15,000.
- Farmington City – Central Davis County Pedestrian and Bicycle Linkage Study. TLC Resources - \$35,000; Local Match \$6,250.

Weber County Projects

- North Ogden City – Complete Streets Policy. Morgan/Weber Health Department Resources - \$5,000; Local Match - \$2,500.
- Pleasant View City and Farr West – 2700 North Corridor Form Based Cost. TLC Resources - \$40,000; Local Match - \$20,000.
- Roy City and Weber County – Redevelopment Livability Study, Roy Station Area Plan and Complete Streets Policy. TLC Resources - \$75,000; Morgan and Weber Health Department Resources - \$5,000; Local Match - \$7,500.

- South Ogden City – Form Based Code and Complete Streets Policy. TLC Resources - \$10,000; Morgan/Weber Health Department Resources \$5,000; Local Match - \$5,0000.

Other Business

Reminder that the National Association of Regional Councils 50th Anniversary Convention is being held in Salt Lake City at the Little America Hotel, June 26-29 as well as the Wasatch Choice 2050 Consortium and Active Transportation & Health Summit on June 29 at the Little America Hotel from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. registration is open and participation is encouraged.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, August 18, 2016 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, 2016 meetings.