

**Minutes**  
Regional Growth Committee  
Meeting of August 17, 2017

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]**

Mayor Ben McAdams, Regional Growth Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor McAdams welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

**RGC Members and Alternates Present**

IN ATTENDANCE	2017 RGC MEMBERS
	<b>BOX ELDER COUNTY</b>
x	Member - Karen Cronin (Perry)
	Alternate - Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	<b>DAVIS COUNTY</b>
	Member - Randy Lewis (Bountiful)
x	Alternate - Len Arave (North Salt Lake)
	Member - Don Carroll (Fruit Heights)
	Alternate - Erik Craythorne (West Point)
	<b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>
	Member- John Barber (Morgan County)
x	Alternate - Tina Cannon
	<b>SALT LAKE COUNTY</b>
x	Member - Ben McAdams ( <i>Chair</i> ) (Salt Lake County)
x	Alternate - Larry Johnson (Taylorsville)
	Member - Ron Bigelow (West Valley City)
x	Member - Aimee Winder Newton (Salt Lake County)
	Member - Ted Eyre (Murray)
	Member - Derk Timothy (Bluffdale)
	Alternate - Jackie Biskupski (Salt Lake City)
	Alternate - Cherie Wood (South Salt Lake)
	Alternate - Troy Walker (Draper)
	Alternate - Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek)
	<b>TOOELE COUNTY</b>
x	Member - Wade Bitner (Tooele County)
x	Member - Brent Marshall (Tooele County)
x	Alternate - Dave McCall (Tooele City)
	<b>WEBER COUNTY</b>
x	Member - Mark Allen (Washington Terrace)
	Alternate - Norm Searle (Riverdale)
x	Member - James Ebert ( <i>Vice Chair</i> ) (Weber County)
	Alternate - Brent Taylor (North Ogden)
	<b>OTHER APPOINTMENTS:</b>
	<b>Utah Transportation Commission:</b>
	Member - Meghan Holbrook
x	Alternate - Dannie McConkie
	<b>UTA Board:</b>
	Member - Charles Henderson
	Alternate - Keith Bartholomew
	<b>Utah Air Quality Board:</b>
	Member - Stephen Sands
	Alternate - Erin Mendenhall
	<b>Envision Utah:</b>
	Member - Robert Grow
x	Alternate - Ari Bruening
	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>
	<b>UDOT Representative:</b>
x	Member - Nathan Lee
x	Alternate - Jeff Harris
	<b>UTA Representative:</b>
X (Laura Hanson)	Member - Matt Sibul
	Alternate - GJ LaBonty
	<b>Air Quality Board, DAQ Staff Representative:</b>
x	Bryce Bird
	<b>FHWA - UTAH Division Representative:</b>
x	Member - Ivan Marrero
	Alternate - Steve Call
	<b>Utah League of Cities &amp; Towns Rep:</b>
x	Gary Uresk
	<b>Utah Association of Counties Representative:</b>
x	Wilf Sommerkorn
	<b>Mountainland Association of Governments:</b>
	Gary Gygi

	<b>WFRC Appointments from other organizations:</b>
	Christine Richman - Utah Urban Land Institute
	John Bennett - GOMB/Quality Growth Commission
	Abby Osborne - Utah Transportation Coalition
	Reid Ewing - University of Utah

**RGC Representatives and Others Present**

Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Kip Billings	WFRC
Roger Borgenicht	UBET
Richard Cohen	University of Utah
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Cameron Diehl	Utah League of Cities and Townes
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Alex Roy	WFRC
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Brian Wilkinson	Urban Land Institute
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC
Nicole Zinnanti	Assist Inc.

**Action: Approval of Minutes [Recording 01:45]**

Mayor McAdams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held May 18, 2017. Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County, motioned to approve these minutes, and it was seconded by Mayor Brent Marshall, Grantsville City. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Opportunity for Public Comment [Recording 03:00]**

There was none.

**Chair Report [Recording 03:10]**

Mayor McAdams reported on the Transportation Funding and Governance Taskforce. He reminded the committee that the working groups met over the summer to develop recommendations to report back to the full Taskforce. The areas that the subgroups are working on include: Governance, Funding, and Land Use, Economic Development, Active Transportation (aviation will not be addressed this year).

Muriel Xochimitl, Wasatch Front Regional Council, explained that the Taskforce held its third meeting on August 16, 2017, and heard from experts on various things including value capture as an innovative funding idea looking along transportation corridors, and how to look at other alternatives for funding that type of infrastructure. The committee also heard from the working group chairs as they reported on their respective efforts. Xochimitl reported the following: The Economic Development and Land Use subcommittee, chaired by Representative Mike Schultz, has been looking at corridor and area planning. Jeff Harris gave a presentation about the Wasatch Front to the corridor study. The Funding subcommittee, chaired by Representative Kay Christofferson, is looking at value capture, road user charges, and most importantly, they are looking at how to preserve the level of funding from the state and how to provide more flexibility in that funding. The Governance subcommittee, chaired by Senator Wayne Harper, is looking at potential changes to the structure of how transportation is governed in the state going forward. She stated that it's anticipated that the Taskforce will meet a couple more times in the coming months, and presumably the working groups will have recommendations to the full Taskforce to report on in September or October. There was discussion held among the committee.

Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council, briefly updated the committee on the Wasatch Choice 2050 and Regional Transportation Plan 2019-2050. Wasatch Choice 2050 is the collected effort of thinking about how local land use planning and regional infrastructure works together. He

noted that the Regional Growth Committee is the steering committee for this process, and reminded the committee that WFRC has just finished gathering information on three different land use and transportation scenarios, and are now in the process of developing a preferred scenario.

Mayor McAdams said that the Point of the Mountain Commission met in July. Ari Bruening, Envision Utah, reported that they are looking at more than just the old prison site and that they are looking from Sandy to Utah Lake. They are currently in phase 2, where they are building scenarios for the area. The first scenario was released in July, and they are now working on alternative scenarios that will be released in October. Discussion was held among the committee.

**Information/Discussion: Economic Development Integration at WFRC [Recording 24:00]**

LaNiece Davenport, Wasatch Front Regional Council, explained that the Wasatch Front Regional Council is the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She stated that we are also the region's Economic Development District (EDD). As such, we are not just responsible for planning transportation infrastructure but also for regional economic development activities. Last August, the "Three Key Strategies" were brought to the committee for integrating economic development with land use and transportation. The Three Key Strategies include:

1. Coordinate transportation investments with economic cluster locational and service needs.
2. Coordinate transportation investments to improve access to opportunity.
3. Ensure fiscal sustainability through efficient growth and infrastructure investments.

Ms. Davenport explained that an Economic Cluster is when businesses find themselves locally locating based on firm likeness. She said that there are six targeted clusters in the state of Utah. These include:

1. Life Sciences
2. Information Technology and Software
3. Outdoor Recreation
4. Aerospace
5. Financial Services
6. Energy and Natural Resources

Of these six clusters, it was found that four of them including Financial Services, Energy and Natural Resources, Aerospace, and Outdoor Products rely heavily on road and rail. Information Technology and Life Sciences rely on Transit and Active Transportation. There was discussion held among the committee.

**Action: RTP 2015-2040 Amendment Number 4 [Recording 43:22]**

Val John Halford, Wasatch Front Regional Council, presented the proposed Amendment Number 4 to the current 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (2015-2040 RTP), along with Draft Air Quality Memorandum 36. The action requested is to make a recommendation to the Council on the formal adoption of these modifications and conformity analysis. This proposed amendment was presented and discussed at the May 18 Regional Growth Committee meeting, and then public comments were solicited from July 1, 2017 to August 5, 2017; no comments were received. Therefore, this Amendment 4 has not changed from what RGC reviewed in May.

Amendment 4 reflects 17 requests WFRC received from Salt Lake County, Draper, Herriman, South Jordan, Cottonwood Heights, Taylorsville, Murray, Kaysville and Layton, Marriott-Slaterville, Clearfield, and UDOT to amend the 2015-2040 RTP. Nearly two-thirds of these projects need to be included in the RTP because of State requirements for local funding eligibility:

- Ten amendments are seeking financing through local Corridor Preservation Funds.
  - Herriman City: Operational Improvements on 6000 West – \$2.5 Million
  - Herriman City: Operational Improvements on 6400 West - \$1.9 Million
  - Herriman City: Operational Improvements and New Construction on 7300 West - \$4.7 Million
  - South Jordan City: Widening of Riverfront Parkway - \$1.8 Million
  - South Jordan City: Operation Improvements on 2700 West - \$4 Million
  - Cottonwood Heights: Operational Improvements on Bengal Blvd. - \$2.6 Million

- Cottonwood Heights: Widening of Fort Union Blvd. - \$3.6 Million
- Murray City: Widening of Vine Street - \$10 Million
- Clearfield City: New Construction of Depot Street - \$2 Million
- Salt Lake County: Operational Improvements on 8000 West - \$2 Million
- One amendment is seeking Weber County-administered sales tax revenue:
  - City of Marriot-Slaterville: Operation Improvement on 1200 West - \$5.6 Million
- The remaining six projects need to be included in Phase 1 of the 2015-2040 RTP because they are major capacity projects in order to be eligible for funding:
  - Draper City: Widening of Lone Peak Parkway - \$6 Million
  - Taylorsville City: New Construction of I-215 Frontage Road - \$14.5 Million
  - Kaysville and Layton City: Widening of Main Street - \$3.1 Million
  - Utah Department of Transportation: Bangerter Highway Interchange at 4700 South - \$44.3 Million
  - Utah Department of Transportation: Bangerter Highway Interchange at 13400 South – \$43.2 Million
  - Utah Department of Transportation: Widening of US Highway 89 – Currently Funded

Mayor McAdams entertained a motion to recommend approval of Amendment Number 4 to the full Council. Mayor Mark Allen, Washington Terrace, motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Commissioner Wade Bitner, Tooele County. The motion passes.

#### **Information: Corridor Planning – The Wasatch Front Central Corridor [Recording 01:00:30]**

Mayor McAdams commented that the Wasatch Front Corridor Study was recently completed. This refers to the I-15 and Frontrunner corridor that runs from Lehi to Bountiful. He said that this is the state's busiest travel way and biggest job center, so the study is important for those reasons. In addition, the effort provides some options worth noting for future corridor studies, an idea that is being explored by UDOT, WFRC, and other partners. Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council, discussed the joint effort of Mountainland Association of Governments, WFRC, UDOT, and UTA, with help from the Federal Highway Administration. The effort considered new ways of undertaking a corridor plan, and explored a variety of innovative potential solutions. Jeff Harris, UDOT, explained that currently there isn't a solid solution for the I-15 corridor because it is very challenging and it does defy the traditional approach to planning. Given that, during the last RTP update cycle it was decided on to take a step back and look at it differently. He explained that rather than beginning with the end in mind, they looked at the possibilities for the corridor. A slideshow was presented, and a discussion was held among the committee.

#### **WFRC Funding Opportunities for Local Governments [Recording 01:28:37]**

LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, said that WFRC has six funding programs that are all competitive, and all operate on an annual funding year. The idea is that WFRC wants to share these programs with the committee, ask that you look in to them, and reach out to any of the program managers if you have questions. The six programs include:

- Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) – LaNiece Davenport
- Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program (CDBG) – LaNiece Davenport
- Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) – Megan Townsend
- Surface Transportation Program (STP) – Ben Wuthrich
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) – Ben Wuthrich
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Ben Wuthrich

A short presentation was given on each of the programs, and a discussion was held among the committee.

#### **Air Quality Planning Update [Recording 01:39:27]**

Bryce Bird, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, discussed key air quality issues that are affecting the Wasatch Front. Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Box Elder and Tooele counties have been designated by EPA as a serious non-attainment area for PM 2.5 pollution. Work on the State

Implementation Plan (SIP) to reduce and control emissions to meet federal air quality standards for this is continuing. The Department of Air Quality is working with EPA to extend the December 2017 deadline for the PM 2.5 SIP.

He explained that EPA tightened the ozone standard in 2015 from 75 to 70 ppb. Based on observed ozone levels, many counties in the urbanized areas of Utah were recommended to EPA for non-attainment designation. EPA is scheduled to make those designation recommendations official by October 2017.

### **Other Business**

There was none.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

*A recording of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org), under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2017 meetings.*