



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

Wasatch Front Regional Council  
Meeting of May 22, 2014

Commissioner Bret Millburn, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Members Present**

Stuart Adams	Senator, Utah State Senate
Michael Allegra	General Manager, Utah Transit Authority
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake City
Ralph Becker	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Ken Bullock	Utah League of Cities & Towns
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Brad Dee	Representative, Utah State House
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
Louenda Downs	Commissioner, Davis County – UAC
Robert Grow	Envision Utah
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Alan Matheson	State Planning Director
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Bob Stevenson	Mayor, Layton City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

**Alternate Members Present**

Carmen Freeman	Mayor, Herriman City
Amy Winder Newton	Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Cory Pope	UDOT

**Others Present**

Alan Blanch	Governor's Office
Jordan Giles	Congressman Chris Stewart's Office
Jeff Harris	UDOT
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters-Salt Lake/Breathe Utah
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Regina Nelson	Tooele County PSAP
Eric Parry	Utah 9-1-1 Committee
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
Matt Sibul	UTA
Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC

Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Andy Li	WFRC
Ali Oliver	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Mark Alan, Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Mayor Brent Marshall, and Commissioner John Petroff were excused from the meeting.

### **Welcome**

Commissioner Millburn welcomed Council members and guests and introductions were made.

### **Consent Agenda**

**ACTION:** Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held March 27, 2014 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for March and April 2014. Commissioner Jan Zogmaister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Chairman's Report**

#### ***Information: Service Award***

Andy Li, Senior Transportation Engineer and Model Demand Lead, was recognized and presented with a certificate for his ten years of dedicated service.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments

### **Budget Committee**

#### ***ACTION: Approve WFRC Work Program and Budgets for FY 2015 and FY 2016***

Council members were provided with a draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that outlines the activities that WFRC plans to undertake in the next two years and draft budgets for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 during the March 27, 2014 meeting. The draft UPWP and budgets were also distributed to the County Councils of Government for comment and WFRC staff were available to discuss and answer any questions. There have been no changes to the UPWP or budgets from those provided in March. An overview and re-cap of the Unified Planning Work Program and FY 2015 and FY 2016 Budgets was included in Council member packets which also included an explanation of expenditures and funding sources.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the draft Unified Planning Work Program and budgets for fiscal years 2015 and 2016. The motion was seconded by Mayor Brent Marshall and passed unanimously.

#### ***ACTION: Amend FY 2014 Budget***

The Council amends its budget from time to time to include additional funds as they become available. There are two new funding sources and one adjustment to funding that was previously estimated and contained in the proposed amended budget. The new sources include \$200,000 in local funds from Salt Lake County for the Local Planning Resource Program. The majority of these funds are expected to carry forward into FY2015. The other new source of funds is provided by a \$2,500 Marketing Grant from EDC Utah for the purpose of assisting entities who are applying for Economic Development grants.

The proposed amended budget also includes additional FTA 5303 funds in the amount of \$212,477. When the FY 2014 Budget was drafted, FTA 5303 funds, as part of the overall Consolidated Planning, were estimated to be \$410,452. This was based on amounts awarded in the previous year. Subsequently, as a result of MAP-21 FTA 5303 funds were awarded to WFRC in the amount of \$622,929. These funds were added to the WFRC Consolidated Planning Grant for FY 2014 by the Utah Department of Transportation. The majority of these funds are expected to carry forward into FY 2015.

The footnotes that were included in Council member packets provide more detail on the changes to funding sources, expenditures by function and expenditures by program.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to amend the WFRC FY 2014 Budget as proposed. Commissioner Jan Zogmaister seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

### **Regional Growth Committee**

#### ***ACTION: Approve 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan Preferred Scenario***

The process to develop the 2015-2040 RTP began with the exploration of four land use and transportation scenarios. The scenarios and corresponding performance measures were reviewed by the local municipalities, the Utah Department of Transportation, the Utah Transit Authority, stakeholders, and the general public. The WFRC staff reviewed and evaluated the comments in preparation of a Draft Preferred Scenario. The Draft Preferred Scenario includes highway, transit, and bicycle projects along with the future land use for our region. The Final Preferred Scenario represents the final set of projects before financial constraints are applied and before the projects are prioritized into phases. Detailed information and interactive maps of the Draft Preferred Scenario may be found on the WFRC website at [http://www.wfrc.org/new\\_wfrc/index.php/plans/regional-transportation-plan](http://www.wfrc.org/new_wfrc/index.php/plans/regional-transportation-plan).

Commissioner Jan Zogmaister moved that the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan Preferred Scenario, in the form presented, be adopted and that the WFRC staff apply financial constraints and phase the Preferred Scenario. The motioned was seconded by Councilman Michael Jensen and passed unanimously.

#### ***Information: Local Planning Resource Program 2014 Awards***

The Local Planning Resource Program is a technical resource for community planning that is provided by WFRC in collaboration with Salt Lake County. 2014 is the inaugural year for the program. The Program objectives are to help local governments with technically challenging planning needs. To support the use of the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Toolbox, and to encourage an understanding of regional impacts as planning decisions are made.

This first year of the Program, WFRC staff received 53 letters of intent from 36 municipalities or townships for a total of \$1.7 million in requests for assistance. A list of the 2014 Program Awards and detailed information on each of the projects was included in Council member packets and may also be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org) under "Programs", then

click on the Local Planning Resource Program.

***ACTION: 2011-2040 RTP Amendments – Release for Public Comment***

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received a request from the Utah Department of Transportation to amend the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. The current RTP was adopted in May 2011. The RTP receives considerable review before being formally adopted. However, the identification of new funding sources, the determination of the final environmental impact statements, or the rapid development of certain projects, often warrants a change to the RTP. The proposed modifications and proposed additions to the RTP were discussed. The requested action is to release the 2011-2040 RTP Amendment Four for public comment and to receive input from all concerned parties. Detailed project descriptions were included in Council member packets and may also be viewed on the WFRC website.

Commissioner Jan Zogmaister moved that the 2011-2040 RTP Amendment Five, as presented, be released for public comment. Michael Allegra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Transportation Committee (Trans Com)**

***Information: Board Modifications to the 2014-2019 TIP***

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received a request to modify the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Since the Regional Council was not meeting, Trans Com, by delegated authority, reviewed the request and approved the modifications. It was noted that the modifications in Amendment Five and the Resolution were included in member packets. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

***ACTION: Approve Board Modifications to the 2014-2019 TIP***

The WFRC received requests to modify the current 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (Amendment Six). A copy of the resolution and a list of projects were included in Council member packets. This modification requires action from the Regional Council and the Transportation Commission but does not require a new conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period.

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to approve the resolution to modify the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, as requested. Mayor JoAnn Seghini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***ACTION: Approve Surface Transportation Alternatives Program (STP) / Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) / Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects for 2015-2020 TIP***

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is responsible for programming Surface Transportation Program funds, Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality funds, and Transportation Alternatives Program funds for the Salt Lake–West Valley and the Ogden–Layton Urbanized Areas. Trans Com reviewed the results of the evaluation process and the project recommendations from the Salt Lake–West Valley and the Ogden–Layton Technical Advisory Committees, as well as input from the three COGs, and the Active Transportation Committee. A copy of the tables with recommended projects was included in Council member packets and may also be viewed on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org).

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to approve the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion

Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and the Transportation Alternatives (TAP) projects as presented and as recommended by Trans Com to be added to the draft 2015-2020 STP, CMAQ, and TAP Programs. Mayor Derk Timothy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Air Quality Committee Report**

The WFRC Air Quality Committee met on May 15. The discussion in the meeting focused on two items: 1) Transit Oriented Development - There are at least 19 TOD projects open or under construction along the Wasatch Front. Benefits of TOD projects include increased transit use rates, reduced vehicle travel and congestion, and reduced vehicle emissions; 2) Clear the Air Challenge – The Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 2014 Clear the Air Challenge which will take place during the month of July. The goals of the Challenge are to improve air quality short term, educate people about activities that impact air quality, and initiate long-term behavior changes to improve air quality.

### **Active Transportation Committee Report**

The Active Transportation Committee met April 9 and May 14. Topics of discussion at the April meeting included: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP and other WFRC funding programs, UTA Active Transportation Policy, the Recreational Trails Program details and how to apply for funds, information on the UDOT Road Respect Program and Tour, and an update on the UCATS Phase 2 project.

The May meeting included discussion on: Complete Streets Street Plan Tool, reports on the Road Respect Communities Program and the League of American Bicyclist—Bicycle Friendly Communities, Businesses, and Universities application process, the Active Transportation Health Summit being held on August 19 at the University of Utah Rice Eccles Stadium, and update on the Salt Lake County East West Trails Master Plan, Corridor Preservation and Funding. Following the meeting there was a Salt Lake City bike tour in which over 50 people participated.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- The 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program – STP, CMAQ and TAP Projects that were approved (Agenda Item 6c) – a lot of effort went into evaluating many projects around the region, site reviews for all the projects, etc. Ben Wuthrich coordinated all the work for WFRC in collaboration with the local governments, UDOT, and UTA. This was discussed very quickly but was a significant step that was taken.
- Introduced Muriel Xochimitl, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Communications, a newly created position at WFRC. The goal of the position is to further WFRC's engagement and collaboration with local, regional, state, and federal partners, and stakeholders.
- Federal Transportation funding and policy update. Members received an email that included a brief overview of some of the recent developments in Washington that included information on The Highway Trust Fund impending insolvency; the USDOT reauthorization proposal; and the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee reauthorization proposal.
- State Legislature update – Transportation Interim Committee, Chaired by Senator VanTassell and Representative Anderson have taken on the charge to evaluate various funding sources to address the gap in funding that has been identified in Utah's Unified Transportation Plan.

### **Other Business**

Immediately following the Council meeting, Envision Utah facilitated the “Your Utah | Your Future” Advance Strategy Lab for Council members.

The next Council meeting will be held on May 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

*A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org) under ‘committees’ ‘Wasatch Front Regional Council’ ‘2014 meetings’ “recordings”*