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Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of January 22, 2015

Commissioner Bret Millburn, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Michael Allegra	General Manger, UTA
Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Kelvyn Cullimore	Mayor, Cottonwood Heights City
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
James Ebert	Commissioner, Weber County
Kerry Gibson	Commissioner, Weber County
Robert Grow	Envision Utah
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Alan Matheson	State Planning Director
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Bob Stevenson	Mayor, Layton City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Adam Trupp	Utah Association of Counties
Logan Wilde	Councilman, Morgan County

Alternate Members Present

Wade Bitner	Commissioner, Tooele County
Cory Pope	UDOT
Matt Sibul	Utah Transit Authority

Others Present

Brian Berndt	Cottonwood Heights City
Lisa Galvez	Weber County
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Rob Jolley	RRJ Consulting
Lynn Pace	Salt Lake City
Lincoln Shurtz	Utah Association of Counties
Jim Smith	Commissioner, Davis County
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC

Val John Halford	WFRC
Stephen Hanamaikai	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Ralph Becker, Commissioner Matthew Bell, Mayor Ben McAdams, and Carlos Braceras 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 December 18, 2014 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for November and December 2014. Mayor Brent Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Chairman's Report

WFRC is made up of 21 voting members, 19 appointed by the Councils of Governments (COGs) of the six-county area, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, Morgan, Tooele, and southern Box Elder, and the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Transportation and the General Manager of the Utah Transit Authority. Additionally, seven non-voting members can be appointed by WFRC. These appointments are for one-year terms.

Information: Welcome new members

Commissioner Millburn recognized and welcomed the following new members of the Council: Councilman Logan Wilde, Morgan County; and Commissioner Matthew Bell (excused), and Commissioner James Ebert (alternate), Weber County. It was noted that outgoing Councilmembers were recognized at the December 18, 2014 meeting.

ACTION: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The WFRC Bylaws require that a Chair and Vice-Chair be elected at the first regular meeting in odd number years. The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected for two-year terms. At the October 23, 2014 Council meeting, a six-member Nominating Committee was formed representing the region's six counties—Mayor Karen Cronin, Box Elder County; Councilmember Tina Kelley, Morgan County; Commissioner Kerry Gibson, Weber County; Mayor Brent Marshall, Tooele County; Mayor Ben McAdams, Salt Lake County; and Commissioner Bret Millburn, Davis County.

The Nominating Committee met and unanimously nominates Mayor Tom Dolan, Sandy City, and currently Vice-Chair of WFRC, as the Chairman for a two-year term. The Committee also

unanimously recommends that Mayor Mike Caldwell serve as Vice-Chair for a two-year term. Councilman Michael Jensen moved to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. The motion was seconded by Mayor Bill Applegarth and passed unanimously. It was noted that these appointments are effective immediately.

Mayor Tom Dolan expressed appreciation to outgoing Chairman Millburn for his service and leadership over the last two years and presented him with a plaque.

ACTION: Endorse appointments to WFRC committees

Pursuant to the WFRC bylaws and resolutions, the WFRC Chairman makes appointments of WFRC members to the Regional Growth Committee, Trans Com, Air Quality Committee, Active Transportation Committee, Budget Committee, and Joint Policy Advisory Committee. Appointments to these committees are also made by the County Council of Governments in the region, and several other entities, depending on the committee. The Committee lists were reviewed and it was noted that the Nominating Committee made recommendations for appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the committees. The majority of the members of each committee are continuing their service. The changes to each of the committees are highlighted in the information packet provided at the meeting.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the members, alternates, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each of the committees as reflected in the roster as WFRC appointments. Commissioner Bret Millburn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Information: Service Award

Jory Johner, Long Range Planning Group Manager, was recognized and presented with a certificate for his fifteen years of dedicated service.

Information: Legislative preview

The 2015 Utah State Legislative Session begins on Monday, January 26 and goes through Thursday, March 12. One of the key issues during the Legislative Session will be to address the transportation funding shortfall. There have been significant discussions leading up to the Legislative Session on how to address the transportation funding issue not only with cities and counties but also with the business community and local organizations who are also very engaged in the conversations. The Salt Lake Chamber and other chambers around the State as well as Utah Association of Counties (UAC), Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT), Utah Transportation Coalition, and others support the need to address transportation challenges.

It was noted that throughout the Legislative Session every Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. WFRC staff and those interested, would meet in the State Capitol cafeteria to discuss what has transpired and the standings of bills related to issues that are of concern. All are invited and welcome to participate in these meetings. A Bill Tracker will also be emailed weekly to members of WFRC and its committees.

Regional Growth Committee

Information: 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan / Unified Plan update

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the region's long-range blue print for transportation. The RTP is updated every four years. The draft Preferred Scenario and performance measures for evaluation include roadway, transit, and bicycle projects along with the future land use type and intensities for our region. The Regional Council approved the Final Preferred Scenario at

their May 22, 2014 meeting and directed staff to move forward with the phasing portion of the RTP development process. At the December 18, 2014 meeting the Regional Council approved releasing the draft phased and financially constrained RTP for public comment. The small area meetings and the public comment period is scheduled for January 12, 2015 through February 20, 2015. Also discussed at the meeting were the newly developed interactive maps of the Regional Plan on the WFRC website. The interactive maps are a tool for local governments and the public to go online, view the draft 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and provide comments. All comments received will be reviewed by WFRC staff. The 2015-2050 RTP will be considered for adoption in May.

The 2015-2040 Utah's Unified Transportation Plan combines the long range plans developed by the four Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the State and the Utah Department of Transportation Plan for the rural areas of the State. This third version of the Unified Plan builds on the two previous versions by adding a few enhancements: 1) More in-depth analysis of financial revenues and needs by 2040; 2) Active transportation issues and needs are being more fully explored; and 3) The impacts of the plan on various performance measures will be augmented. It was also noted that Federal Highways Administration is using the Utah's Unified Transportation Plan as a case study throughout the country.

Information: Wasatch Choice for 2040 / Local Planning Resource Program

The Wasatch Choice for 2040 is the Wasatch Front Region's shared, voluntary vision for coordinating growth, transportation, and open space to maintain quality of life for generations to come. To assist local governments in their planning efforts a suite of tools have been developed and are available as a resource. The tools include: Envisioning Centers, Envision Tomorrow Plus (ET+); Housing and Opportunity Assessment; Form-Based Code Template; and Implementing Centers.

The Local Planning Resource Program is jointly sponsored by Salt Lake County and Wasatch Front Regional Council. The Program assists communities in their local planning efforts and in the use of the WC2040 toolbox. WFRC and Salt Lake County are in the second year of the Local Planning Resource Program that provides \$600,000 annually to assist local governments in their most challenging planning needs. The Cottonwood Heights City – Fort Union Boulevard Corridor Study was highlighted as one of the inaugural recipients of the Local Planning Resource Program.

Cottonwood Heights City Mayor, Kelvyn Cullimore, and Economic Development Director, Brian Berndt, provided an overview of the planning effort. The study will result in a comprehensive plan to improve mobility while creating a blueprint for adjacent growth.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

Information: Report on Board Modifications to the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received a request to modify the 2015-2020 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 Two and the Resolution were included in member packets. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

The WFRC received requests to modify the current 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement

Program (Amendment Three). 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. Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reviewed the modifications in Amendment Three for Council members.

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to approve the Resolution to modify the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, as requested. Mayor Derk Timothy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council office.

Mr. Wuthrich discussed the process for new projects to be included in the Draft Transportation Improvement Program with funds from the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). A request for Letters of Intent for new projects was sent out in September 2014. Concept Report forms were due January 15, 2015. Staff is currently in the process of reviewing and evaluating each of the project Concept Reports received. A draft list of projects for addition to the draft Transportation Improvement Program will be presented and discussed at the May 2015 Council meeting.

Air Quality Committee Report

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Chair, WFRC Air Quality Committee, distributed a one-page document distributed by WFRC and other public agencies to invite cities and counties to participate in a united effort for better air this inversion season. City and county elected officials were asked to forward the information to employees and consider how the linked materials can be included in communications to residents through social media and other communication channels. Mayor Seghini encouraged members and others to join in making a difference in Utah's air quality.

Active Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Chair, reported on items which discussed during the January 11 ATC meeting. He also noted some of the areas of focus for the upcoming year which included: Local connections to existing trails and bicycle routes; Utilizing existing funding; Encourage flexibility and/or dedication of new funding sources for active transportation; Regional Bike Share program; Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) throughout the State in 2015; Tie air quality and safety to active transportation options. There are also various studies the ATC will continue to be involved in—UCATS II, First/Last Mile, and Active Transportation Benefits Study. Also noted, the Utah Bike Summit will be held April 10 in Provo and Gary Fisher (acclaimed father of mountain biking) will be the keynote speaker.

Executive Director's Report

Andrew Gruber discussed the following items:

- What is going on in Washington. May is the expiration of the transportation funding authorization. Not a lot of action is expected on a federal gas tax. WFRC is involved nationally with National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and also the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and is well position and engaged in conversations regarding transportation funding.
- WFRC was featured in a national report in "The Innovative MPO". The article talked about creating an effective and visionary long range transportation plan.
- WFRC has recently completed, as part of a statewide effort, the Regional Broadband Plan. This statewide effort led by the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) in coordination with the Association of Governments around the state to

assess where we are and develop a strategic plan for bringing Broadband to as many homes in Utah as possible.

- WFRC is continuing to look at relocating the office to be more centrally located and accessible by multiple modes of transportation. The current WFRC 15,000 square foot building is for sale.
- Mr. Gruber expressed appreciation to Council members and those who take the time to participate in all WFRC meetings, programs and projects.

Other Business

- WFRC New Member Orientation: February 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
- Next meeting: March 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting 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 under 'committees' 'Wasatch Front Regional Council' '2015 meetings' "recordings"