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Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of March 26, 2015

Mayor Tom Dolan, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:10 p.m. in the Offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Stuart Adams	Senator, Utah State Senate
Michael Allegra	CEO, UTA
Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace
Ralph Becker	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Matthew G. Bell	Commissioner, Weber County
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Kelvyn Cullimore	Mayor, Cottonwood Heights City
Brad Dee	Representative, Utah House of Representatives
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
Kerry Gibson	Commissioner, Weber County
Robert Grow	Envision Utah
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Ben McAdams	Mayor, Salt Lake County
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

Alternate Members Present

Shane Marshall	Utah Department of Transportation
Kim Rolf	Councilman, West Jordan City
Matt Sibul	Utah Transit Authority
Jim Smith	Commissioner, Davis County
Jenny Wilson	Councilmember, Salt Lake County

Special Guests

Representative Greg Hughes	Speaker, Utah House of Representatives
Representative Johnny Anderson	Utah House of Representatives

Others Present

Taylor Almond	Daily Utah Chronicle
Travis Campbell	Representative Rob Bishop's Office
Steven Call	FHWA
George Chapman	Citizen
Cameron Diehl	Utah League of Cities and Towns
Deb Henry	Utah Transit Riders Union
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Linda Hull	UDOT

Nathan Jackson	Senator Orrin Hatch's Office
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters SL and Breathe Utah
Rob Jolley	RRJ Consulting
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Peter Matson	Layton City
Barry McLerran	Congresswoman Mia Love's Office
Justin Morgan	FHWA
Lynn Pace	Salt Lake City
Ellen Reddick	Utah Transit Union Board
Lincoln Shurtz	Utah Association of Counties
Bill Wright	Layton City
Kathy VanDame	Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
Steve VanMaren	Citizen
Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Kip Billings	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Stephen Hanamaikai	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Bill Applegarth, Carlos Braceras, Mayor Brent Marshall were excused from the meeting.

Welcome

Mayor Tom Dolan 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 January 22, 2015 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for January and February 2015. Commissioner Bret Millburn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

George Chapman recommended that transit "span of service" be put as the highest priority in the Regional Transportation Plan. He commented that he would like the local option sales tax to pass but felt voters would not pass it in Salt Lake County if it would provide UTA more money for projects. He said voters will vote for the local option sales tax if the dollars go to increasing transit service.

Kathy VanDame, Wasatch Clean Air Coalition and retiring Utah Air Quality Board member, expressed appreciation for the work WFRC has done through the Active Transportation Committee and the WFRC Air Quality Committee. She also suggested that WFRC consider a Transit Committee as an arena for citizens to talk.

Linda Johnson also expressed appreciation to WFRC for their good work. She also commented that transit is so important it should be a public utility and shouldn't necessarily have to make a profit and should be governed by the people it serves.

Steve VanMaren, citizen from Sandy, also expressed concern about the UTA funding with regard to the draft Regional Transportation Plan. He commented that capital projects be removed from the RTP not just deferred to a later phases.

Deb Henry, Utah Transit Riders Union, commented that it is important that people who are willing to take transit and people who are transit dependent have access to transit. She said the Regional Transportation Plan makes significant revenue assumptions that include projects but not the needed focus on increasing transit service. She noted that there is not currently a span of service that creates a culture of transit and suggested that transit service be a priority in the RTP.

Ellen Reddick, East Bench Community Councils of Salt Lake City, commented that another Foothill Boulevard Study is about to begin. She noted that in the last twenty years there have been at least three Foothill Boulevard studies with each study recommending some type of mass transit on Foothill Boulevard and still there is none. She said that the Foothill Cultural District (that includes an award winning museum, botanical gardens, and zoo) generate over three million visitors a year. She suggested that mass transit be built in the Foothill Boulevard Corridor or that it be taken off the RTP.

Chairman's Report

Information: Legislative Update

Mayor Tom Dolan introduced Speaker Greg Hughes and Representative Johnny Anderson who talked about the journey to getting HB 362—Transportation Infrastructure Funding passed during the 2015 Legislative Session. Representative Johnny Anderson, sponsor of HB 362, expressed thanks to the many partners who came together to develop a really complete package. HB 362 is the most significant transportation funding package in nearly 20 years and the first piece of legislation in State history to comprehensively fund all modes.

Andrew Gruber discussed the two main provisions in the bill: 1) Gas Tax Reform and Increase, effective January 1, 2016; and 2) Local Option Transportation Sales Tax, provides local communities with a tool to address their needs.

Budget Committee

ACTION: Amend the FY 2015 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program

Councilman Michael Jensen reported that over the last several months the Council has discussed an overall plan to ensure long-term financial stability. This plan included increasing FHWA-Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds as well as increasing state and local contributions. The full effect of these changes is anticipated to take place during fiscal year 2016. This amendment to the FY 2015 budget is for a prorated portion of the FHWA-STP

funds. These funds will be used for partial year salary and benefits costs for a new Active Transportation Planner, additional communications and collaborative planning consulting work, and to begin to address the long-term financial stability issue for the WFRC.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to amend the WFRC FY 2015 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program as proposed. Commissioner Bret Millburn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Regional Growth Committee

ACTION: 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan / Utah's Unified Plan

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the region's long-range blue print for transportation. Jory Johner, WFRC, outlined the milestones in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan over the last several months. He said that the Regional Council authorized release of the draft phased, financially constrained Plan for public comment on December 18, 2014. The public comment period was held January 12 through February 20, 2015.

Through January and February, WFRC staff reviewed the comments and responded to the input from the local governments, transportation partners, stakeholders and the public. A summary of the comments and an overview of the recommended changes were discussed. As a result of the comments received through the small area meetings and the public comment period, substantial changes were made to the draft RTP and therefore, WFRC staff must re-assess the Air Quality Conformity and an additional comment period will be held.

Commissioner John Petroff made a motion to release the draft phased and financially constrained 2015-2040 Regional Transportation for public comment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Derk Timothy. The motion passed unanimously.

Information: Local Planning Resource Program 2015 awardees

The Local Planning Resource Program is a partnership between the Wasatch Front Regional Council and Salt Lake County that offers technical resources to help communities address their most challenging planning needs. The Program also helps communities use the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Toolbox, helps reduce travel demand for the region and encourages an understanding of regional impacts as planning decisions are made. In the second year (2015), the Utah Transit Authority and the Utah Department of Transportation will also be working with the partners to provide technical assistance to participating communities.

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, reviewed the 2015 Local Planning Resource Program recipients and noted that a list of Program recipients was included in Council member packets.

Mr. Knowlton introduced Layton City Mayor Bob Stevenson and Mr. Bill Wright, Community and Economic Development Director, noting that Layton City was a 2014 Local Planning Resource Program recipient. Mayor Stevenson and Mr. Wright discussed the value of the Program and the assistance provided in developing Layton City's long-range visioning effort "Envision Layton".

Information: Your Utah Your Future update

Your Utah Your Future is a statewide visioning effort and is the largest of its kind in U.S. history. Your Utah Your Future focuses on eleven topics: 1) Housing and Cost of Living; 2) Education; 3) Agriculture; 4) Air Quality; 5) Transportation & Communities; 6) Economic Development; 7) Disaster Resilience; 8) Recreation; 9) Water; 10) Public Lands; and 11) Energy.

Robert Grow, Envision Utah, said that the goal is to have 50,000 Utahns participate in the Your Utah Your Future survey that goes live on April 2 and runs through May 31. He said that with enough public participation, we'll be able to create a vision for Utah's future that has the public will necessary to drive change and ensure we're prepared for the future.

Mr. Grow asked for support from local governments to help motivate Utahns to participate in the survey. A one-page flier was distributed at the meeting with suggestions for organizations, agencies, and citizens on "how you can help" to spread the word and encourage people to get involved and to take the survey.

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 Four 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 Wasatch Front Regional Council received requests to modify the current 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (Amendment Five). 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 Five for Council members.

Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore moved to approve the Resolution to modify the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, as requested. Mayor JoAnn Seghini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council office.

Information: Review FY 2014 obligations of Federal highway and transit funds

The federal transportation law, MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century), requires all metropolitan planning organizations, state transportation departments, and public transportation operators to cooperate in preparing a report of federal funds obligated during the immediately preceding year. The WFRC staff, with assistance from UDOT and UTA, has prepared a report of obligated federal, state, and local match funding during fiscal year 2014 (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014). Ben Wuthrich, discussed the obligation in relation to funding for the projects, and reviewed obligation amounts by type of project.

Air Quality Committee Report

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Chair, WFRC Air Quality Committee (AQC), reported the following discussed at the AQC March 19 meeting:

- The Utah Department of Air Quality (DAQ) provided an update on the PM2.5 State Implementation Plan
- The Wasatch Front Regional Council submitted a comment letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that addressed ozone standard concerns.

- Breathe Utah made a presentation on their school and community outreach program noting that Air Aware has reached over 5,000 students and instructs participants on the basics of air quality.
- Legislative transportation bills were discussed and how they relate to air quality.

Active Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Chair, highlighted two items discussed at the ATC meeting on March 11.

- 2015 Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) are being planned for St. George, Provo, Moab, Park City, Draper, and Riverton. These tours provide an opportunity for city leaders and staff to gain on the ground experience, learn about successful implementation and funding strategies, discuss challenges and lessons learned. The tours can also be a valuable networking tool.
- The Wasatch Front Regional Council has an Active Transportation position for which they are now accepting applications. A job description and announcement sheet was distributed that included a description of the position as well as functions and duties, qualification requirements, and how to apply.

Executive Director's Report

The following calendaring items were noted:

- Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference – April 8, 9, 10 in St. George.
- UTA is hosting the APTA Rail Conference the third week of June at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City (American Public Transportation Association).
- AASHTO's Conference on 21st Century Mobility for Freight and Passenger Transportation – July 6-10 in the Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek.
- The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) have selected Utah for the 2016 annual conference and their fiftieth anniversary.

Other Business

Next meeting: May 28, 2015

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 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"