



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of May 26, 2016

Mayor Tom Dolan, 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 located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Stuart Adams	Senator, Utah State Senate
Jerry Benson	Utah Transit Authority
Jackie Biskupski	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Kelvyn Cullimore	Mayor, Cottonwood Heights
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
Andrew Gruber	Executive Director, WFRC
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Bob Stevenson	Mayor, Layton City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City

Alternate Members Present

Ryan Beck	Envision Utah
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake County
Cameron Diehl	Utah League of Cities and Towns
Carmen Freeman	Mayor, Herriman City
Tammy Long	Mayor, South Weber City
Beverly MacFarlane	Mayor, Sunset City
Brigitte Mandel	FHWA
Shane Marshall	Utah Department of Transportation
Matt Sibul	Utah Transit Authority

Others Present

Andrea Bohmholdt	AECOM
Barry Edwards	North Salt Lake City
Charles Mason Hill	UDOT
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City Transportation
Barry McLerran	Congresswoman Mia Love
Russell Weeks	Salt Lake City Council Staff
Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Julie Bjorstad	WFRC
Renae Bodily	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Amber Gonzales	WFRC

Ned Hacker	WFRC
Roman Huerta	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Heather McLaughlin-Kolb	WFRC
David Lloyd	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Andrea Pearson	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Bill Applegarth, Commissioner Matthew Bell, Commissioner Kerry Gibson, and Commissioner John Petroff 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 March 24, 2016 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for February and March 2016 and Budget/Expenditure Report as of March 31, 2016. Mayor Brent Marshall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Mayor Dolan encouraged Council members and WFRC committee members to support the upcoming National Association of Regional Council's 50th annual conference that is being held in Salt Lake City at the Little America Hotel, June 26-29 and to also be involved, participate, and if possible, assist financially with the Wasatch Choice 2050 Consortium being held on June 29, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. also at the Little America Hotel.

Jerry Benson, UTA Interim President and CEO, took some time to discuss and explain the restructured open meeting approach. Beginning in May, decision-making authority previously delegated to board committees will be returned to the full board, with an aim toward increased public involvement and accountability. The monthly meeting of the full board is a noticed, open meeting, and this change will provide an opportunity for greater dialogue among the board and the public as decisions are made. A summary of other reforms may be found on UTA's website at www.rideuta.com/trust.

Information: Service Awards

Scott Festin, Senior Planner and Demographer, 20 years of service and Julia Collins, Program Manager Transportation & Land Use Connection, five years of service were each recognized and presented with a certificate for their dedicated service and contributions to the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Budget Committee

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: Adopt Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Councilman Michael Jensen, Budget Committee Chairman, reported that Council members were provided with a draft FY2017 Budget and Summary Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in their packet of materials and noted this information was also discussed at the March 24, 2016 Council meeting. He said the draft Budget and Summary UPWP were distributed to the County Councils of Government for their review and also made available to the public for review and comment. Councilman Jensen said there have been no changes to the budget from that which was provided.

The UPWP outlines the work tasks that the WFRC will pursue during FY 2017 in collaboration with local agencies, UDOT, UTA, and other partners. The UPWP was updated to include additional input from Utah Transit Authority that included technical changes, definitions and updates to program work they are going to do over the next few years.

Councilman Jensen said that WFRC is required to provide an opportunity for public comment and made a motion to open the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to provide for public input on the FY 2017 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program. Since there were no public comments, Councilman Jensen moved to close the Public Hearing.

Councilman Michael Jensen made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as proposed. Mayor Brent Marshall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Regional Growth Committee

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

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 ten Small Area Meetings that took 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 that also reflect feedback from the Regional Growth Committee meeting held on May 19. 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 from the public and regional stakeholders. He noted that a final set of Goals will be presented at the August meeting for approval.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

Information: Report on Board Modifications to the 2016-2021 TIP

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received a request to modify the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Since the Regional Council was not meeting, Trans Com, by delegated authority reviewed the request and approved the modifications in the April 21, 2016 meeting. Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, noted that the modifications in Amendment Six of the Resolution were included in member packets. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received requests to modify the current 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (Amendment Seven). 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 State Transportation Commission but does not require a new conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Ben Wuthrich reviewed each of the modifications in Amendment Seven for Council members.

Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore moved to approve the Resolution to modify the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Michael Jensen. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

ACTION: Approve Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects for 2017-2022 TIP; Review Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program awards

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is responsible for programming three sources of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding and coordinating those federal programs in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Salt Lake-West Valley and the Ogden-Layton urbanized areas. The sources of funding are the Surface Transportation Program (STP), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, and that Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). 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 (TACs) at their April 21, 2016 meeting. 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.

Mayor JoAnn Seghini moved to approve the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects as presented and as recommended by Trans Com be added to the draft 2017-2022 STP, CMAQ, and TAP Programs. Mayor Mike Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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 said there are twelve TLC Program recipients for FY2017 and highlighted the Kearns Township, Community Center Master Site Plan. She noted that detailed information on each of the twelve projects was included in Council member packets and may also be viewed on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org.

Air Quality Committee Report

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Air Quality Committee Chairman, reported the following:

- Tier 3 vehicles will be on the market by this fall. Look on the window sticker for a smog rating of eight or higher.
- Tesoro is moving forward with Tier 3 fuel production by 2020. Sinclair out of Wyoming will also be providing low sulfur Tier 3 gasoline to the Utah market.
- The annual Clear the Air Challenge will be held in July. This is a great opportunity to get involved and informed about improving air quality. Attendees were encouraged to register and participate in the 2016 Clear the Air Challenge at <http://cleartheairchallenge.org>.

Active Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Active Transportation Committee Chairman, highlighted the following information:

- Our region submitted a TIGER grant application, led by UTA that requests \$28 million specifically for active transportation. The grant focuses on first-last mile connections to transit within communities from across the region. Grant decisions will be made late summer 2016.
- The kickoff of the Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) was on May 11 in Bluffdale City. The ride was a success with over 25 participants. The next MATT will be June 24, 2016 in Logan and will look at how to connect to recreation using active transportation.
- UDOT has hired Heidi Goedhart to fill the Active Transportation Manager role. She is taking over for Evelyn Tuddenham.

Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns, reported that the League would be hosting one of the Mobile Active Transportation Tours on September 15 as part of their Planners Day during their September Conference scheduled for September 14-16 in Salt Lake City. He invited Commissioners and County Councils to participate.

Executive Director's Report

Andrew Gruber's report included:

- Economic Development and transportation relate very closely to each other. LaNiece Davenport from WFRC, who staffs the EDD, has been working on priorities for those connections. A handout was provided that discusses the three key strategies for integrating economic development with transportation and land use.
- Point of the Mountain – connection of southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah County is the epicenter of growth in Utah. The legislature mandated the creation of a Point of the Mountain Commission. The Commission is made up of legislators, local elected officials, business leaders and others (Mayor Tom Dolan will serve on the Commission). The legislation explicitly mandates coordination between the Commission and the transportation agencies, WFRC, MAG, UDOT, UTA.

- Northwest quadrant in Salt Lake City, another important area – it's not just about the prison moving to that area. What happens in that area is going to matter to the City, the County, and the State. Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County are leading out on a visioning effort for that area and working with the State to address the opportunities that we can take advantage of in that area.
- The National Association of Regional Councils 50th annual conference and the Wasatch Choice for 2050 and Active Transportation and Health Summit will be held June 26-29 at the Little America Hotel. Registration, sponsorship, and agenda information for the Consortium was distributed.
- Several new employees were introduced: Amber Gonzales, Accounting and Human Resources, Andrea Pearson, executive administrative assistant, Heather McLaughlin-Kolb, communications specialist, Megan Townsend, assisting with the Transportation and Land Use Connection Program, Gustavo daSilva, intern, assisting with the Economic Development District, and David Lloyd and Roman Huerta, interns and both working with the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) group.

Other Business

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting: August 25, 2016 at 2:00 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' '2016 meetings' "recordings"