

Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
 Meeting of June 14, 2017

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 in the offices of the UTA Transit Police Station, 149 W. Vine Street, Murray, Utah.

ATC Members and Alternates Present

IN ATTENDANCE	2017 ATC MEMBERS
	BOX ELDER COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS
	Member: Commissioner Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	DAVIS COUNTY
	Member: Mayor Don Carroll (Fruit Heights) VICE CHAIR
	Member: Commissioner Bret Millburn (Davis County)
	MORGAN COUNTY
	Member: Daryl Ballantyne (Morgan County)
	Alternate: Austin Turner (Morgan County)
	SALT LAKE COUNTY
x	Member: Mayor Bill Applegarth (Riverton) CHAIR
	Member: Councilmember Jenny Wilson (Salt Lake County)
	Alternate: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek)
	TOOELE COUNTY
	Member: Commissioner Myron Bateman (Tooele County)
	Alternate: Mayor Mark Whitney (Stockton)
	UTAH COUNTY
	Member: Mayor Christopher Pengra (Eagle Mountain)
	WEBER COUNTY
	Member: Mayor Mike Caldwell (Ogden)
x	Member: Commissioner James Ebert (Weber County)
	BIKE UTAH
x	Non-Voting Member: Phil Sarnoff
	UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
	Non-Voting Member: Brett McIlff
	UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
x	Member: Nathan Lee
	UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
	Member: Matt Sibul

ATC Representatives and Others Present

Dan Bergenthal	Salt Laker City
Betsy Byrne	NPS-RTCA
Steve Call	FHWA
Matthew De Lora	UDOT
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Heidi Goedhart	UDOT Planning
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC

Dave Ittis	Cycling Utah
Jory Johner	WFRC
Tom Millar	Alta Planning
Jeff Oyler	Davis County
Andrea Pearson	WFRC
Eliot Setzer	NA
Brandon Stocksdale	NPS-RTCA
Michele Weeks	Draper City
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC
Chris Zawislak	Murray City

Welcome and Introductions [Recording 04:47]

Mayor Bill Applegarth, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m. Mayor Applegarth welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

Phil Sarnoff commented that last week they kicked off a bicycle friendly driver training program. It started with the UTA new bus operators, when they received a 30-45 minute training on how to make sure that bicyclists stay safe out on the roadways. He mentioned that he had met with UDOT the previous day on how to roll this training out, and how to integrate this with the training that UDOT employees receive. Mr. Sarnoff said that if anyone has any ideas on how to get this information and training out to the general public to please let him know, that he would really appreciate the support.

Scott Hess, WFRC, commented that the UDOT Open House for Highway 89 will be held on June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Layton High School.

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary [Recording 00:21]

Mayor Applegarth moved that the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by George Deneris, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment [Recording 00:50]

Elliott Mott, private citizen, requested that in the future, the Active Transportation Committee consider a report on Highway 89 through Davis County. He said that when he rides from Salt Lake to Ogden he takes Highway 89 and he understands that it's going to be reconfigured and realigned. He also asked the committee for a report on when the Legacy Highway trail will be completed. Mayor Applegarth commented that the committee will see what can be done to report on both of these requests. Jory Johner, WFRC responded by saying that there is an open house being held the following Tuesday from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. regarding Highway 89. Heidi Goedhart said she would send information out regarding this. Jeff Harris, UDOT, commented on the Legacy Trail, and said that this project has been very frustrating for people in Davis County. He said that Questar Gas was originally going to re-open this trail in May, and that it continues to get postponed. Mr. Harris spoke with Questar and they said that it has been postponed due to weather. At this time, this trail is scheduled to open in August.

Mr. Mott reminded the committee that The Tour of Utah is coming up. He encouraged people to be involved in this event and that it greatly helps and supports the participants.

Lastly he asked the committee if electric bikes are considered "motorized." Phil Sarnoff responded by saying that if it has a motor, it's considered motorized.

Chair Report [Recording 10:48]

Mayor Applegarth reported that Governor Herbert announced plans to develop an additional one thousand miles of family-friendly trails and bike paths over the next ten years to provide and promote active connections to schools, work, and outdoor recreation in urban and rural communities throughout the state. This goal will make a great impact on our region's active transportation networks. Mayor Applegarth expressed his appreciation for what Governor Herbert is doing.

Developing Bicycle Networks – Salt Lake City (Goal 3 – Construct Priority Network) [Recording 11:40]

Dan Bergenthal, Salt Lake City, presented on developing bicycle networks. In 2010, Salt Lake City passed its first Complete Streets ordinance. This policy ensures that the right of way is planned, designed and operated to provide safe access for all users. He said that the next step in getting these facilities out on the streets is to include your infrastructure planning in a document, whether that be a specific bicycle/pedestrian master plan, or a more general type plan for your city. These types of plans demonstrate the community's willingness and commitment to install these types of facilities. He said that it's also very important to collaborate with your other regional partners, and to make sure your bicycle facilities get in the plans that they have.

Mr. Bergenthal expressed that once all of this is in place, you're ready to implement. How do you do this for the lowest cost?

- Have your own staff go out and measure the roads
- Include bike improvements in projects that are regular maintenance projects
- Tie into your maintenance process

If you do this process on your own, without following these steps, it will cost roughly \$40,000 - 60,000 per mile. If you piggy back with other projects, it will only roughly cost \$1,000 - \$2,000 per mile. He stated again that in order to save this kind of money, you must have staff on board. There was discussion held among the committee.

Next, he discussed how to find the space for these bike lanes along the roads:

- If there is already space, add the bike lane to an existing space
- Other times you have an existing lane, but it doesn't appear that there's room unless you change something.
- Reducing number of lanes – where volume allows

There was discussion held among the committee.

2019 – 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Active Transportation Process – Scott Hess (Goal 1 – Update Regional Priorities) [Recording 33:00]

Scott Hess, Wasatch Front Regional Council, discussed with the committee the Wasatch Choice 2050, and the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan development. He reminded the committee that during the last meeting he went over the keypad polling results of what we at WFRC have heard back from the active transportation committee as well as at the scenario workshops, where we went out to ten specific areas within the region from Brigham City to Bluffdale City, covering all of our municipalities and discussed what those key pieces of feedback were. He reminded the committee that the scenario workshop groups, as well as the active transportation committee's number one priority was that they preferred more separation between bikes and cars in general, whether that's multi-use paths, or bike lanes that are more separated than a standard bike lane. The lowest priority was wider, multi-use sidewalks, and standard bike lanes that are mixed in traffic. Moving forward, Mr. Hess wanted to let the committee know what the next process is. He stated that the current Regional Transportation Plan has a priority bike routes network in it, but it doesn't identify bicycle route type, it's more of a location map of those bike routes. He said that WFRC will

be looking at a measure from the Salt Lake County Bicycle Best Practices that has road speeds and volumes, in order to help us make a recommendation to local communities regarding the best type of bicycle facility for each roadway, and we will be brining that map out to our local planners and engineers on June 21, 2017. Currently the RTP doesn't talk about sidewalks, but he said that the intention is to roll together three products that will make up the new RTP. These three products include: The Regional Transportation Plan Map, a Regional Point Project Map, and the Regional Sidewalk Map. He stated that all three of these will ultimately roll together and become an actual active transportation map instead of just a regional priority bicycle routes map.

Dissemination of Active Transportation Plan Standards (Goal 2 – Local AT Plans) [Recording 39:20]

Scott Hess, WFRC, reminded the committee that during the last meeting held in March, the Active Transportation Plan Standards were discussed. He commented that this has been a group effort with two different consulting firms, both MPO's, county representatives, UDOT, and UTA, coming together to discuss what needs to be in a local plan in order for it to be considered an active transportation plan, as opposed to lines on a map that are rolled into a public works streets plan or a general plan document that might indicate some trails. The Active Transportation Plan Standards include:

1. Partner Engagement: Involving internal and external partners in the planning process, as well as identifying and empowering community champions, creates an opportunity for comprehensive input and buy-in. Their unique perspectives will generate support for the plan as many of these partners will be critical to successful implementation.
2. Public Engagement: At least two distinct methods of engagement and data collection must be utilized during all phases of the process in order to gather input from diverse community members:
 - a. Open houses or charrettes
 - b. Online survey
 - c. Opportunities to comment on plans or maps online or in-person
 - d. Intercept surveys
 - e. Pop-up meetings and attending existing events
 - f. Walk and bicycle audit
 - g. Stakeholder interviews or events at major work sites
3. Set the Vision, Goals, & Objectives: The vision, goals, and objectives of an active transportation plan create the framework and guide all policy, project, and program recommendations.
4. Existing or Current Conditions: Creating a clear image of what the community is now enables a meaningful comparison with what the community wants to be in the future. The analysis should use words, photos, maps, and data to descript:
 - a. Existing on and off-street bicycling and walking network and facility types
 - b. Identification of network barriers and gaps
 - c. Demographics
 - d. Crash and safety data
 - e. Integration with local and regional plans, including other active transportation plans
 - f. Connections to transit and community destinations
5. Recommendations: This task involves recommending new infrastructure, supportive programs, and policies in order to promote better accommodation of people walking and bicycling.
6. Implementation Strategy: Creating an implementation strategy is a critical step in the active transportation planning process so that the momentum and public support do not stall when the plan is finished. It should be detailed, yet easy to use.
7. Performance Measures: Performance measures are effective ways to evaluate progress and the effectiveness of the implementation of recommendations.

Agency/City/County Program Updates [Recording 48:30]

Heidi Goedhart, UDOT, gave a brief update on the first Strava training that was held the previous week. This training was a GIS training, more of a technical training. She said that UDOT has the data with Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center (AGRC) right now to make it easily available and downloadable for their partners and consultants. She introduced Matt De Lora, who they have hired as an intern to be exclusively focused in on the technical analysis of the Strava data, helping UDOT with visualizations, analysis work on projects, corridors, and geographical areas.

Muriel Xochimitl, WFRC, noted that the public comment period for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will start on Saturday, July 1, and go through August 5, 2017. She said that this will be for the 2018-2023 TIP.

Jory Johner, WFRC, said that the RTP Amendment #4 will be open during this same public comment period as well.

Dave Iltis, Cycling Utah, informed the committee that Salt Lake County has a new bike map. He passed around maps to those that were interested.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, reminded the committee that the Legislative Governance and Funding Task Force is underway. He stated that one of the things that this taskforce is looking at is active transportation. There are three working groups of this taskforce which include: funding, governance, and a policy group. Our hope from this taskforce is an enhanced consideration by the legislature and by the state for active transportation. The issue of how to fund and how to structure transportation in our state is something that's getting a lot of attention right now, through this task force. Mayor Applegarth expressed that he feels this is a historically significant taskforce.

Dan Bergenthal, Salt Lake County, said that the Jordan River Bridge is proceeding this week or the following week. This is estimated to be completed by early November. Andrew Gruber commented that hopefully the bridge will be completed before it's too cold, to celebrate the Golden Spoke ride and completion of the connected backbone trail network.

Scott Hess, WFRC, directed the board members and staff to the "Important Dates" that are coming up. He said that there is an out of state Mobile Active Transportation Tour coming up in Minnesota, on September 10-11. He said that there are 12 spaces available, so if you'd like to attend, please contact Scott Hess or Phil Sarnoff.

Next Meeting – August 9, 2017 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at WFRC

Important Dates (Goal 4 – Engagement and Outreach)

- Looking Glass Academy: June 20-21, West Jordan City Hall (Salt Lake County Building) – To register contact: Rebecca Fronberg, rfronberg@utah.gov
- Planners4Health Workshop: UTA Frontline Headquarters 669 W. 200 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84101: June 28, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- MATT Tour Save the Dates: Time and Location to be determined
 - Southwest Davis County, August/September, 2017(Joint MATT/ATC Mtg.)
 - Minnesota MATT: ATC board members/staff and focused invitees, September 10-11, 2017
- Golden Spoke, Fall 2017
- A recording of this meeting, agendas, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Active Transportation, 2017 meetings.