

Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
 Meeting of October 10, 2018

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ATC Members and Alternates Present

IN ATTENDANCE	
	BOX ELDER COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS
	Member: Kenneth Braegger (Willard)
x	Alternate: Kevin Jeppsen (Perry)
	DAVIS COUNTY
	Member: Bret Millburn (Davis County)
x	Vice Chair: Jo Sjoblom (South Weber)
	MORGAN COUNTY
x	Member: Daryl Ballantyne (Morgan County)
	Alternate: Austin Turner (Morgan County)
	SALT LAKE COUNTY
	Member: Jenny Wilson (Salt Lake County)
x	Chair: Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek)
	Alternate: Kristie Steadman Overton (Taylorsville)
	TOOELE COUNTY
	Member: Myron Bateman (Tooele County)
	Alternate: Dave McCall (Stockton)
	UTAH COUNTY
	Member: Michelle Weeks (Draper)
	WEBER COUNTY
	Member: Lawrence Flitton (Uintah)
	Member: Richard Hyer (Ogden)
	MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
x	Member: Bill Wright (Payson)
	Member: Kurt Christensen (Salem)
	UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
x	Member: Jeff Harris
x	Alternate: Heidi Goedhart
	UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
	Member: Laura Hanson
	NON-VOTING MEMBERS
	BIKE UTAH
x	Member: Phil Sarnoff
	UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
x	Member: Brett McIlff

ATC Representatives and Others Present

Carrie Bennett	Utah County Health Department
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Roger Borgenicht	UBET
Mark Bradley	Brigham City
Keith Breinholt	Riverton City
Barry Burton	Davis County
Dirk Burton	West Jordan City
Steve Call	FHWA
Kim Clausing	Tooele County Health Department
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Charles Ewert	Weber County
Dave Foster	Alta Planning + Design
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Bert Granberg	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Kathryn Hiolski	SLCO Health Department
Sarah Hodson	Get Healthy Utah
Jory Johner	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Brian Kolbe	Lochner
Kelly Lund	FHWA
Shauna Mecham	MAG
Elliott Mott	Private Citizen
Ben Nadolski	Ogden City Council
Travis Olsen	Weber-Morgan Health Department
Jeff Oyler	Davis County
Jodi Pearson	AECOM
Helen Peters	Salt Lake County
Jim Riding	West Jordan City
Becca Roof	Salt Lake City
Matt Seipold	UDOT Planning
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Roland Stanger	FHWA
Joe Taylor	UTA
JulieAnn Titmus	Utah County Health Department
Hugh Van Wagenen	WFRC
Bryce Wheelwright	Willard City
Nicole Zinnanti	Assist Utah

Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, ATC Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m. Mayor Silvestrini welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary [Recording 02:42]

Mayor Silvestrini entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on August 8, 2018. Mayor Jim Riding, West Jordan City, motioned to approve these

minutes, and it was seconded by Mayor Jo Sjoblom, South Weber City. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment [Recording 03:08]

Elliott Mott, Private Citizen, discussed the problem of goathead thorns and urged the committee to consider this a problem that cyclists face. He commented that there is planning for pathways and roadways, but there isn't a maintenance component to address the goathead issue. He suggested that each city/county place money in their active transportation budget, and give money to those people that collect and get rid of goatheads.

Chair Report [Recording 05:34]

Mayor Silvestrini turned the time over to Hugh Van Wageningen, WFRC's new Active Transportation Planner. Mr. Van Wageningen introduced himself and told the committee that he believes active transportation is a critical component of our future in Utah, not just for people that choose to do it, but because people have to do it and it's a big part of our health. He commented that he's very excited to be at Wasatch Front Regional Council and to work with those on this committee.

Mayor Silvestrini reported on his time on the Boise City Mobile Active Transportation Tour (MATT). He explained that a big asset that he saw is a trail that runs on both sides of the Boise River, called the Boise Greenbelt. Mayor Silvestrini commented that he was impressed how they used this as an economic development tool by locating businesses along the river that have a front door on to the street, but a back door right on the river. He commented that this really draws people to the trail. Last he stated that he communicated with other cities in the central part of Salt Lake Valley, particularly Mayor Camp with Murray City and a planner from Midvale City, and they coordinated to combine on a TLC grant application to do an active transportation plan. Currently, Taylorsville, Millcreek, Midvale, Murray, Holladay, and Cottonwood Heights are signed up to participate in applying for this grant.

Update: Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan Phased Needs – Hugh Van Wageningen (Goal 1 – Update shared Regional Priority Bicycle Routes Plan/Map) [Recording 15:07]

Mayor Silvestrini explained that the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, consisting of roadway, transit, and active transportation projects is on target to being adopted in May 2019. Mr. Van Wageningen gave a brief overview on the current stage of the process as active transportation projects are transitioning from a needs basis to a phased basis as informed by the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision.

Mr. Van Wageningen explained this is the first plan that has attempted to phase active transportation projects according to the same schedule as transit and roadways with Phase 1 2019-2030, Phase 2 2031-2040, and Phase 3 2041-2050. The current phasing draft used the WC2050 goals to develop performance measures to decide which facilities go in which phase. In addition to identifying phasing, the type of facility, e.g. bike lanes, protected bike lanes, etc. for each project is also being identified on the map. The current draft is also the output of meetings with UDOT, UTA, and Technical Advisory Committees. Next steps are to take maps to local communities through a series of workshops to talk about fiscally constraining the projects. However, AT is not fiscally constrained like road and transit because there is not a significant source of specified funding and many projects are built in conjunction with road projects. Mr. Van Wageningen stated that WFRC staff has made some base assumptions on available AT project revenue throughout the plan and that there is more need than funding for AT projects currently identified.

Jory Johner then stated the goal of everyone in the region using the same regional network map to increase coordination efforts. Also, the projects shown on the RTP phasing map only show regionally

significant projects. Communities have their own local AT networks that compliment the regional network. The RTP can be adjusted following adoption and every four years a new plan is adopted.

Jim Price gave an update on MAG's AT plan adoption efforts.

Discussion: 2019 ATC Goals – Mayor Silvestrini [Recording 25:00]

Mayor Silvestrini said that because this is the last ATC meeting of the year, he would like to review the current 2018 ATC goals and discuss upcoming goals for 2019. He commented that this is a discussion in which he'd like as much input from the committee members as possible. As a reminder, he commented that according to the Resolution creating the Active Transportation Committee, the purposes of ATC are to:

- I. Advise the Regional Growth Committee on long-range planning and growth issues related to active transportation.
- II. Advise Trans Com on short-range programming issues related to active transportation.
- III. Serve as a forum for regional collaboration between local governments, agencies and other stakeholders on active transportation issues.

Mayor Silvestrini then reminded the committee of the current ATC goals, which include:

1. Update shared Regional Priority Bicycle Routes Plan/Map
2. Cities and counties adopt Local Active Transportation Plans
3. Fund and construct priority projects
4. Build support for AT through effective engagement and outreach

He asked the committee if these goals are adequate or if there are other things that the committee should be looking towards or focusing on? The following were ideas discussed during this meeting:

- Mayor Silvestrini: discussed adding shared mobility options to the goals
- Travis Olsen, Weber-Morgan Health Department: agreed with Mayor Silvestrini and also suggested working together on funding opportunities to fund projects that are identified in the active transportation plans.
- Helen Peters, Salt Lake County: suggested re-wording Goal 3
- Kim Clausing, Tooele County Health Department: suggested adding a health-related component
- Phil Sarnoff, Bike Utah: suggested adding a piece about data, and amending Goal 4
- Elliott Mott, Private Citizen: suggested adding a piece of making our communities bicycle friendly

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, suggested that staff put together goals based on suggestions received during this meeting without changing substance, and bring the amended goals back to the committee in February.

There was brief discussion held among the committee. Finally, it was determined that WFRC staff would work on the wording within the goals to incorporate the suggestions of (1) shared mobility device uniform regulation, (2) more awareness of funding sources and ability to coordinate on projects, (3) a health-related component, and (4) a data collection component. Staff will bring the new wording back to the committee in February.

Update: Utah County TIGER updates – Jim Price (Goal 3: Fund and construct priority projects) [Recording 58:03]

Jim Price, Mountainland Association of Governments, updated the committee on the progress of TIGER funded projects in Utah County.

- Trail Bridge at SR 92:
 - 280 ft long
 - 14 ft wide
 - \$5.2 million
- Funding Partners
 - TIGER
 - UDOT
 - MAG
 - Lehi City

This bridge will provide access to:

- Murdock Canal Trail
- Jordan River Trail
- Provo River Trail
- Lehi FrontRunner Station

SR-92 is a significant obstacle to Active Transportation users because it is an eight lane, heavily trafficked, high speed roadway and is not easy nor comfortable to cross. Additionally, north of SR 92 there is an expected residential population of 30,000 people. This population is currently cut off from the trail system and the ability to access the Lehi Frontrunner Station. By constructing the trail bridge, 30,000 people will have new access to use active transportation facilities to access regional transit and trails.

Presentation: Trail and Road Intersection Crossing Safety – Shauna Mecham (Goal 4 – Build support for AT through effective engagement and outreach) [Recording 49:20]

Shauna Mecham, Mountainland Association of Governments, presented information regarding pedestrian, cycling, and vehicular behavior at at-grade crossings based on Murdock Canal Trail intersections. MAG conducted a series of observations at key at-grade crossings.

The MCT had about 4,000 daily trips during the peak month of July with 15-18% of trips for commuting. MAG calculates that 14.5 million crossings have taken place at the mid-block crossings since the trail opened. There has only been one reported crash at those locations. MAG observations noted that a high percentage of trail users do not totally comply with stop signs at these intersections, but rather “negotiate” the intersection with vehicular users, meaning that all users, trail and roadway, seem to be slightly confused at who actually has the right of way. This leads all users approaching the intersection to navigate by negotiating with other users to see who will proceed first. In other words, it forces an awareness that actually leads to safer conditions at the crossings. This is a major take-away for designers of future facilities that are concerned with uncontrolled crossings.

Update: Health Department Year End – Brett McIff (Goal 4 – Build support for AT through effective engagement and outreach) [Recording 1:04:11]

Brett McIff, Utah Department of Health, provided information regarding Health Department Programs. Mr. McIff said they are working with local health departments to conduct video intercept surveys across the state. He said they are also conducting random digit dial surveys to all phones, to ask questions about health. Finally, he explained that the department of health has been collecting information on the places that people go to, in a health resource locator. They are taking this information and hoping to develop an app for people to see where they are and to see where they want to go.

Agency/City/County Program Updates [Recording 1:11:34]

Heidi Goedhart, UDOT, said that to kick off the Move Utah Program, they rebranded the old Active Transportation Health Summit to the new Move Utah Summit. Ms. Goedhart discussed this event and provided highlights from the day.

Bert Granberg, WFRC, shared UDOT obtained a FHWA grant to work with WFRC, MAG, and UTA to build and maintain a GIS network analysis dataset capable of calculating travel sheds for bikes, pedestrians, transit, and mixed mode travel. The project and resulting dataset are scheduled to be completed for summer of 2019. The major tasks are building the mode-to-mode connectors, densifying bike/ped paths around key destinations, campuses, and rail stations, building both shortest path and quality-weighted travel costs, and automating the process for assembling future updates and performing analysis to inform project selection and prioritization. Contact Jordan Backman (UDOT Planning) or Bert Granberg (WFRC) for more information.

Jory Johner, WFRC, provided information on his recent visit to New Orleans for the Walk Bike Places Conference.

There was discussion held among the committee.

Mayor Silvestrini entertained a motioned to adjourn. Jim Price, MAG, motioned to adjourn and it was seconded by Mayor Jo Sjoblom, South Weber City. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting – February 13, 2019 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at WFRC

A recording of this meeting, agendas, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at, www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Active Transportation, 2018 meetings.