

MINUTES
Of
WFRC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 12, 2019

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 in the Boardroom of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 41 North Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. The following were present:

IN ATTENDANCE	MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:	ATC REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHERS PRESENT:
X	Kenneth Braegger, Member (Willard) (Box Elder County)	Heather Bening, UTA
	Kevin Jeppsen, Alternate (Perry) (Box Elder County)	Lyle Gibson, Kaysville City
X	Katie Witt, Member (Kaysville) (Davis County)	Camille Merkley, Davis Co. Health Department
X	Jo Sjoblom, Member (South Weber) (Davis Co.)	Mikala Jordan, S.L. Co. Planning & Development
X	Daryl Ballantyne, Member (Morgan County)	Mark Bradley, Brigham City
	Robert McConnell, Alternate (Morgan County)	Ben Bolte, Green Bike, SLC
	Troy Walker, Member (Draper) (Salt Lake County)	Anna Laghridge, Green Bike, SLC
X	Jeff Silvestrini, Member (Millcreek) (Salt Lake County)	Blake Thomas, Herriman
	Kristie Steadman Overson, Alternate (Taylorsville) (S.L. Co.)	Kathryn Hiaski, S.L. Co. Health Department
	Dave McCall, Member (Tooele County)	Rick Cobia, Div. of Services with Disabilities
X	Thomas "KJ" Karjola, Alternate (Stockton) (Tooele County)	Marc Benigni, Weber Pathways
X	Michelle Kaufusi, Member (Provo) (Utah County)	Elliott Mott, R&T, VO, JRC/TC
X	Norm Searle, Member (Riverdale) (Weber County)	Kim Clausing, Tooele Co. Health
	Richard Hyer, Member (Ogden) (Weber County)	Matt Drzayich, Alta Planning & Design
		Dave Foster, Alta Planning & Design
X	Heidi Goedhart, Member (Utah Dept. of Transportation)	Dave Iltis, Cycling Utah
	Laura Hanson, Member (Utah Transit Authority)	Bryce Wheelwright, Willard City
	NON-VOTING MEMBERS:	Eric Kraan, United for Cottonwood Heights
X	Phil Sarnoff, Member (Bike Utah)	Matt Seipold, UDOT Planning
X	Brett McIff, Member (Utah Department of Health)	Christopher Chesnut, UDOT Planning
	ATC REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHERS PRESENT:	ATC REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHERS PRESENT:
	Tim Harpst, Horrocks Engineers	Nikki Lake, Get Healthy Utah
	Mark Watterson, AHA	Clay Christensen, Weber Pathways
	Jared Stewart, Salt Lake Co.	Austin Taylor, Provo City
	Joe Taylor, UTA	Jeff Oyler, Davis Co.
	Jim Price, MAG	Dick Burton, West Jordan City
	Helen Peters, S.L. Co.	Becka Roof, Salt Lake City Transportation
	Justin Anderson, Ogden City	WFRC Staff: Christy Dahlberg, Katie Gerard, Bert Granberg, Ned Hacker, Mary Pratt, Nicole Proulx, Alex Roy, Lauren Victor

1. **Welcome and Roundtable Introductions [Recording 00:00:03:].** Mayor Jo Sjoblom, ATC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Mayor Sjoblom welcomed committee members and guests, and roundtable introductions were made. There was a good turnout with participants taking public transit. Mayor Sjoblom brought her bike and took FrontRunner.
2. **Action Item: Approve Minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting [Recording 00:03:23].** With no comments, Chair Sjoblom entertained a motion to approve minutes from the meeting held April 10.

A motion was made by Heidi Goedhart and seconded by Daryl Ballentine that the Minutes of April 10, 2019 be approved without changes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Public Comments [Recording 00:04:16].**
 - Becka Roof, Salt Lake City Transportation recently published (in collaboration with Salt Lake County, UDOT, UTA, and the U. of U.) the latest edition of a Salt Lake City and County Bike Map (hand out) which is updated every two years. Jared Stuart from the S.L. County assisted with providing countywide data. Dave Iltis of Cycling Utah helped distribute maps to all bike shops. It contains newly constructed bike trails, as well as future construction.
 - Elliott Mott is a recreation enthusiast and volunteer. He suggests placing a bounty on collection of Goat Head weeds (puncturevines), requesting a multi-jurisdiction like ATC or the Jordan River Commission to organize and control the weeds.
 - Kim Clausing from the Tooele County Health Department is encouraging visits to a short segment of Tooele Valley Pathway. This is a new section of road that is closed to traffic, dedicated to biking or walking, with a creek and farm fields running through it. She is seeking more funding; and also working with Brett McIff, State Department of Health, who will coordinate a video.
 - Mark Benigni from Weber Pathways extends an invitation to their Third Annual Trailfest Celebration, which is on June 22. They are celebrating a connection between the Weber Parkway, Centennial Trail and Bonneville Shoreline Trail. There are 24 checkpoints throughout the circuit. Passports can be obtained at each trail head. There will be drawings at the amphitheater at 1 PM. Farmer's Market starts that weekend. Visit: www.weberpathways.org.
 - Erik Kraan of United 4CH is forming an advisory committee of community groups and the city of Cottonwood Heights for the EIS project at Little Cottonwood Canyon, to re-implement a master plan of protected street crossings and bring better ways to get across the first and last mile transit.
4. **Chair Report by Mayor Sjoblom [Recording 00:13:28].**
 - Mayor Sjoblom reports good participation at the Golden Spoke event in May.
 - As mentioned by Mark Benigni, bike racks will be changed to a new style in the FrontRunner. Joe Taylor from UTA will check on the status of when this takes place.
5. **Informational: Regional Transportation Plan Active Transportation Overview [Recording 00:14:55].**

(Goal 1: Regional Plan)

 - a. **RTP process overview for WFRC.** Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, gave an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is a framework within the Wasatch Choice 2050. The 2019 RTP, recently adopted by WFRC, was started in 2015. It was a four-year process with three performance measures: to explore, choose and prioritize its vision. There are ten Wasatch Choice Vision Goals (outlined on Slide 3 of PowerPoint), most of which are directly tied in with active transportation projects for the next 31 years. Mr. Van Wagenen spoke of adopted scenarios: Phase 1 is expected to be 11 years; Phase 2: Years 2031-2040; and Phase 3: Years 2041-2050. Projects are based on need and revenue. There are currently 630 projects in the plan. The RTP overview and interactive map can be found on the front page at: www.wfrc.org. The 2019-2050 is now in adopted, but can be amended. A new Unified Plan is set for October 2019 adoption; and input for the 2023-2050 plan will begin imminently.
 - b. **Demonstrate Interactive Map for Each Organization (MAG).** Jim Price, Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), shared information about “Transplan 50.” Its goal is to make “connections—to expand the network and connections to transit,” with an emphasis in Utah County to not depend on cars. There are currently 40,000 residents who don’t have comfortable access to active transportation; therefore, work is on connecting

small towns to existing transit by using bridges over major roadways. Their goal is to also find existing walk and bike sheds.

Two projects were highlighted: First, connecting the Murdock Canal Trail to the TIGER bridge in Provo; and also expanding the Jordan Trail with an additional half mile. Part of these projects used Tiger Project 2015 awards. Contact Mr. Price at: jprice@mountainland.org.

c. Brief Mention of Statewide Unified Plan (Adoption Planned for Fall 2019) (UDOT). Christopher Chesnut, Long-Range Planning Manager, UDOT, discussed the Statewide Long-Range Planning process. He presented the planning boundaries of 200 statewide MPOs including rural areas. The UDOT Long-Range Planning team met with various advocates, including Bike Utah; and UDOT is identifying needs with its four regions. Their goal is to bring plans together with agencies that have long-range planning. For active transportation plans around the state, long-range planning is in its infancy stage. Their steps include: collecting existing active transportation plans; then matching and organizing their plans. There are currently 937 projects with between 5,000 to 6,000 miles statewide to improve connection; and 945 miles of various projects. Projects will be published for comment in June and Fall of 2019. Contact Mr. Chesnut at: cchesnut@utah.gov.

Of note, SB136 from 2018 made structural changes within UDOT about how to move forward with funding through TIF and TTIF; and in 2019, funding was added for active transportation. UDOT is providing administrative rules to implement legislative changes for both years. Mayor Sjoblom also commented that one connection is huge for South Weber, and she is glad to see a network coming together.

6. Informational: Kaysville Active Transportation Plan Highlights [Recording 00:40:40].

(Goal 2: Local Plans). Lyle Gibson from the Kaysville Community Development Department gave an overview of their 2015 AT plan that was adopted in 2016; and projects that would connect safe walking and bicycling with recommended improvements. The City of Kaysville, in collaboration and planning with the City of Farmington and MAG received a grant from WFRC. Mr. Gibson spoke of their progress and challenges. He mentioned that approximately 30% of their population is under 16 years old; and many kids bike to school, so they are continuously expanding their trails.

Kaysville’s existing system and needs analysis includes horse trails, bike lanes, and new shared-use paths; plus, they found good network and had positive public involvement. Utah State University paved trails along the Botanical Ponds. They are 5-10% completed on active transportation (worth \$30 million), such as street projects and I-15 crossings. These are priority pieces but are most difficult to construct.

7. Informational: First-Mile/Last-Mile Solutions [Recording 00:53:24].

(Goal 3: Build; Goal 5: Coordinate).

a. First/Last Mile Project Update/UTA. Heather Benning, Project Manager for the TIGER Project with UTA, gave progress on construction of projects funded with \$20 million awarded by the federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant funds; and they had local matches of \$11.8 from WFRC, UDOT, MAG and local communities. The First/Last Mile Program is a four-year program started in 2018 with UTA funding transportation with a commitment of \$75.7 million. It runs through December 2021. There are 161 projects located along the Wasatch Front that focus on first-mile/last-mile connections. Their goal is to remove barriers to make better connections and improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and disadvantaged communities. Given a breakdown, 50 of the projects are UTA’s. Ms. Benning listed 69 completed projects with an overview of design and construction that includes ADA ramps, bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, bike shares (Green Bike stations); an overhead bridge, etc. For further details visit UTA’s website under Active Projects—Active Transportation, which has an interactive map for each city under “current projects.” Bike parking plus bike repairs are also offered. UTA will enter into contracts and start projects and funding with stakeholders in each city.

b. Ogden City Experience – [Recording 01:05:50]. Justin Anderson, Ogden City, presented on their experience with dockless e-scooters that were recently launched in Ogden. He stated that a bike share program is forthcoming. There was a video from Ogden and from Texas by limebike.com, entitled: “Good, Bad and Ugly.” It shows abuse of scooters (such as skid art with back tires and jumping curbs) and usage (riders wearing costumes such as an Easter Bunny) that results in injuries. CDC has taken note on scooter safety and mischievous behavior. For instance, San Antonio reported 271 injuries resulting in hospitalizations. Most injuries relate to wearing no

helmets and first-time users going onto roads. There is more risky behavior in children than with adults. There is a top limit set at 15 m.p.h. by a 90-day agreement set with Lime Bike. Trips and miles driven on scooters in Ogden are off the charts, however. City is encouraged by use.

c. Provo City Experience – [**Recording 01:17-50**]. Mayor Michelle Kaufusi and Austin Taylor from Parking and Sustainability in Provo City, are in an early phase of exploring micro mobility for students at BYU and UVU. Many counties and departments have met as an internal committee to support the RFP for bike share and dockless scooters. There are four companies that want to operate in Provo. They selected Zagster for a contract during the summer. Zagster has an on-site team and picks up its scooters every night. It offers 200-500 spin scooters and 100 bicycles. Dockless scooters are at no cost to Provo; and the riders pay 15 cents per minute.

d. Green Bike Future [**Recording 01:27-00**]. – Ben Bolte, GreenBike, spoke about milestones and expansion in Salt Lake City and throughout the region. GreenBike is Salt Lake City’s non-profit bike share program. It has been growing for more than six years. Their title sponsor is Select Health that provides shares to charity; and there is good media coverage. In September 2019, a one-year Equity Pass will be offered for \$5; 12-hour rides for annual users will be provided with cable locks; and in August there will be a 70% expansion, including free transportation for affordable housing communities. Mr. Bolte described having several new partnerships with private developers, including Twilight Concert series; and a free GreenBike Day is scheduled for June 22.

8. **Informational: Agency/City/County Program Updates** [**Recording 01:34:06**]. There were none.

9. **Action Item: Meeting Adjournment** [**Recording 01:34:12**]. Mayor Sjoblom entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Mayor Katie Witt and seconded by Joe Taylor that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM. The next scheduled meeting is August 14, 2019.

Important Deadlines:

- [Walk Friendly Community](#): June 15 or December 15
- National Park Service’s [RTCA Technical Assistance Program](#): June 30
- [UDOT Safe Routes to School Grant](#): July 19
- [Bicycle Friendly Community](#): August 8

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A recording of this meeting, agendas, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at: www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Active Transportation Committee, 2019 meetings.