



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**  
Of  
**WFRC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**October 9, 2019**

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) was held on Wednesday, October 9, 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:	
		Travis Evans, UDOT
	Kenneth Braegger, Member (Willard) ( <b>Box Elder County</b> )	Bryce Terry, Herriman City
	Kevin Jeppsen, Alternate (Perry) ( <b>Box Elder County</b> )	Chris Wiltsie, BikeUtah
X	Katie Witt, Member (Kaysville) ( <b>Davis County</b> )	Matt Taylor, OCottonwood Heights
X	Jo Sjoblom, Member (South Weber) ( <b>Davis Co.</b> )	India Nielsen, Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation
X	Daryl Ballantyne, Member ( <b>Morgan County</b> )	Grant Farnsworth, UDOT
	Robert McConnell, Alternate ( <b>Morgan County</b> )	Richard Brockmyer, UDOT
X	Troy Walker, Member (Draper) ( <b>Salt Lake County</b> )	Aric Manning, Weber Pathways
	Kristie Steadman Overson, Alternate (Taylorsville) ( <b>S.L. Co.</b> )	Austin Taylor, Provo City
X	Jeff Silvestrini, Member (Millcreek) ( <b>Salt Lake County</b> )	Kim Clausing, Tooele County Health Department
	Dave McCall, Member ( <b>Tooele County</b> )	Elliott Mott
	Thomas "KJ" Karjola, Alternate (Stockton) ( <b>Tooele County</b> )	Dave Iltis, Cycling Utah
	Michelle Kaufusi, Member (Provo) ( <b>Utah County</b> )	Camille Merkley, Davis County Health Department
	Norm Searle, Member (Riverdale) ( <b>Weber County</b> )	Steve Call, FHWA
	Richard Hyer, Member (Ogden) ( <b>Weber County</b> )	Matthew Huish, Sandy City
X	Heidi Goedhart ( <b>Utah Dept. of Transportation</b> )	Mercedes Maestas, Salt Lake County Health Department
X	Kerry Doane for Laura Hanson ( <b>Utah Transit Authority</b> )	Jason Wheeler, Assist Utah
	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS:</b>	Zac Smallwood, Murray City Planning
X	Crys Lee, Member ( <b>BikeUtah</b> )	Emily Guffin, Alta Planning & Design
X	Brett McIlff, Member ( <b>Utah Department of Health</b> )	Mack Drzayich, Alta Planning & Design
	<b>ATC REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Sarah Hodson, Get Healthy Utah
	Roger Borgenicht, UBET Future Exmission	Rick Cobia, State Div. Services for People with Disabilities

	Tim Harpst, Horrocks Engineers	Ryan Perry, Salt Lake County
	Scott Shea, CRS Engineers	Bryce Wheelwright, Willard City
	Helen Peters, Salt Lake County	Jeff Oyler, Davis County
	Dirk Burton, West Jordan City Council	Joe Taylor, Utah Transit Authority
	Ben Huot, UDOT	WFRC Staff: Katie Gerard, Jory Johner, Ned Hacker, Scott Hess, Ted Knowlton, Nikki Navio, Mary Pratt, Nicole Proulx, Hugh Van Wagenen

**1. Introductions and Consent Agenda.** Mayor Jo Sjoblom, ATC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. She welcomed committee members and guests, and roundtable introductions were made. Crys Lee was introduced as the new Executive Director of BikeUtah.

**a. ACTION ITEM: Minutes [Recording 00:03:25].** With no comments, Chair Sjoblom entertained a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting.

*A motion was made by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini and seconded by Mayor Katie Witt that the Minutes of August 14, 2019 be approved without changes. Motion carried unanimously.*

**2. Chair’s Report by Mayor Sjoblom [Recording 00:04:05]. (a)** Mayor Sjoblom attended the Madison Active Transportation Tour in Wisconsin last month. She stated that Madison City and Salt Lake City have similar concerns, such as lack of transportation and parking, and efforts to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. **(b)** Last evening, Mayor Sjoblom attended a public comment meeting at Davis County in partnership with the Forest Service to construct and improve the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, as portions cross lines administered by the Uintah Wasatch Cache National Forest. This is a significant non-paved trail that crosses five counties. If approved for Davis County, work on various segments will begin in 2020. **Future Item:** *Mayor Sjoblom requested a written letter of support from ATC regarding the Shoreline Trail for Davis County. WFRC will write a letter in behalf of ATC, with the Committee’s review and approval.*

**3. Public Comment [Recording 00:05:11].**

- Dave Iltis of Cycling Utah spoke of challenges he encountered while taking his bike onto the Trax Blue Line between Sandy and Salt Lake. He described unsafe crossings at 9000 South and 9400 South, goat heads, and the S Line bike trail that winds around utilities and boxes. Mr. Iltis is asking for several municipalities to address these overlooked details.
- Kim Clausing is Health Educator for Tooele County, which lacks active transportation. She is applying for several grants with national parks for trails to public land and getting an active transportation planner for the Bonneville North Shoreline on the Oquirrh benches. Tooele hopes to make bike trail connections through Butterfield Canyon to Salt Lake County. She will be giving a progress report.
- Elliott Mott is a bicycle enthusiast that arranges events. There is a repeated issue of near or head-on collisions, and he suggests placing white arrows on the pavements that stay to the right. He also recommends placing showers in office spaces to promote active transportation.

**4. Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) (Goal 4: Educate) [Recording 00:19:35].** Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, and others participated in the Madison Active Transportation Tour which traveled in two groups. These tours are to encourage elected officials, city staff and others to walk and ride bikes. Their purpose is to gain ground experience in the city, find how seasonal temperature changes are dealt with, and discover how projects are funded and implemented for active transportation. UTA, UDOT, BikeUtah, MAG, National Park Service and WFRC are tour partners.

Mr. Van Wagenen gave opportunity for roundtable discussion on lack of local tours and whether they should be continued; and if so, which communities might be involved. Consensus is that local tours are

beneficial. Comments were that this is a way to collaborate with local officials and see how community neighbors handle their challenges. Mayor Sjoblom said more resources are needed. Mayor Silvestrini announced a multi-city bike tour which will be held in Salt Lake City on October 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

A second question was posed on more ways to get people interested in walking and bicycling. Mayor Walker shared his sightseeing visit to DC with a stay in Crystal City, which has great infrastructure, and drivers are more adept to bikes. On their first day of commuting, traffic was an issue. On their second day his family road bikes, which saved money, and they covered 150 miles in one week.

Jason Wheeler introduced himself as a bicyclist who got hit by a car. The number of pedestrian fatalities in the U.S. is 49,000. He described that roads are designed primarily for cars. One comment was that infrastructure is the key issue to help reduce aggressive and distracted driving behaviors.

There was discussion of official bike to work days in other cities with free food. Ms. Goedhart stated that one was held in Utah this year. She will keep the committee posted on annual events.

**5. Health Department Video Intercept Surveys (Goal 4: Educate) [Recording 00:44:30]. *Trails and Tribulations*:** Brett McIlff, PhD, from the Utah Department of Health presented a video of collective interviews of trail users along the Wasatch Front. Utah's Public Health System provides health data and technical assistance, and coordinates with the federal government and partners at many levels. Contact Brett at: [bmcliff@Utah.gov](mailto:bmcliff@Utah.gov); [www.choosehealth.Utah.gov](http://www.choosehealth.Utah.gov).

**6. UDOT Project Prioritization Update (Goal 3: Build) [Recording 00:57:23].** Richard Brockmyer provided an update to UDOT's new Transportation Capacity Project Prioritization process, rulemaking, and decision-making on models and funding. UDOT is responding to changes made by Senate Bills 136, 72 and 34, with requirements to provide a written prioritization process. Capacity programs include Transportation Investment Funds: first, TIF for highway and expanded projects including standalones; second, TTIF for transit including First and Last Mile connections. Local governments need to demonstrate mitigation of traffic and guarantee maintenance. UDOT will help with the planning procedure. Mr. Brockmyer mentioned that rulemaking was approved to comment, moving on next week, and effectuated beginning November 21.

UDOT is working under U-Vision, developed collaboratively with focus on improving quality of life for a multimodal framework. This is reviewed annually, and models may change over the years. Ted Knowlton is reminding local governments that it's in their best interests to get plans into a formal framework and into the long-range transportation plan. Visit UDOT's website at: <http://udot.utah.gov/go/projectprioritizationprocess>.

**7. Governor's 1,000 Miles Campaign (Goal: 3 Build) [Recording 01:15:41].** Chris Wiltsie from BikeUtah presented on the 1,000 Miles Campaign, which is an effort to create 1,000 miles of family friendly walking and biking trails over a ten-year period. Mr. Wiltsie emphasized the safety and loss of children's lives. BikeUtah offers resources to help track, build and maintain active transportation facilities. Mr. Wiltsie writes grants and works with individuals to identify and dedicate a funding source. Contact information: [Chris@Bikeutah.org](mailto:Chris@Bikeutah.org).

**8. Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (Goal 3: Build) [Recording 00:33:50].** India Nielsen from the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation (under the Governor's Office of Economic Development) presented with handouts on grant programs for active lifestyle. There are two new funding grants available for construction, maintenance and programming. Submission period is from January 15 to March 20, 2020. One criterion is, projects must be available for public use. Her office is conducting free statewide workshops on grants with representatives from national and state park services. Registration is required at: <http://bit.ly/2IPK8op>. Contact information for funding for active transportation is: [indianielsen@utah.gov](mailto:indianielsen@utah.gov). Visit their website at: [business.utah.gov/outdoor.uorg](http://business.utah.gov/outdoor.uorg) (under programs).

**9. Agency/City/County Program Updates.** This was tabled until next meeting.

**10. Other Business [Recording 00:35:45].** The next scheduled meeting for ATC is **February 12, 2020.**

Upcoming Events:

- *Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit — October 22-24, 2019*
- *UDOT Annual Conference — November 5-7, 2019*
- *UAC Conference — November 14-15, 2019*
- *Bicycle Friendly Community Deadline — February 5, 2019*

**11. ACTION ITEM: Meeting Adjournment [Recording 01:35:02].** With no other business, Mayor Sjoblom entertained a motion to close the meeting.

*A motion was made by Mayor Katie Witt and seconded by Ms. Heidi Goedhart that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.*

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*A recording of this meeting, agenda, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at: [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org) under Committees, Active Transportation Committee, 2019 meetings.*