



**WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

April 8 , 2020

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, via remote connection due to the safety restrictions put in place by the Utah Governor’s Office, in response to COVID-19 concerns, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following were present:

	<b>MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:</b>	<b>ATC REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHERS PRESENT:</b>
NO	Kenneth Braegger, Member (Willard - Box Elder County)	Becka Rolff, SLC Transportation
NO	Kevin Jeppsen, Alternate (Perry - Box Elder County)	David Foster, Alta Planning
NO	Katie Witt, Member (Kaysville - Davis County)	Nathan Peterson, Intermountain Healthcare
YES	Jo Sjoblom, Member (South Weber - Davis County)	Chris Wiltsie, Bike Utah
YES	Daryl Ballantyne, Member (Morgan County)	Evan Curtis, UT State Planning
NO	Robert McConnell, Alternate (Morgan County)	Jeff Oyler, Davis County
NO	Troy Walker, Member (Draper - Salt Lake County)	Kent Andersen, Davis County
NO	Jeff Silvestrini, Member (Millcreek - Salt Lake County)	Dave Iltis, Cycling Utah
YES	Dirk Burton, Alternate (West Jordan - Salt Lake County)	Peter Tang, UDOT
YES	Thomas “KJ” Karjola, Member (Stockton - Tooele County)	Sarah Hodson, Get Healthy Utah
NO	Justin Brady, Alternate (Tooele City)	Kim Clausing, Tooele Co Health
NO	Michelle Kaufusi, Member (Provo - Utah County)	Helen Peters, Salt Lake County
NO	Norm Searle, Member (Riverdale - Weber County)	Kayla Kinkead, Utah Transit Authority
YES	Richard Hyer, Member (Ogden - Weber County)	Mark Bradley, Brigham City
YES	Heidi Goedhart, Member (Utah Dept of Transportation)	Mercedes Maestas, Salt Lake County
YES	Ben Huot, Member (Utah Department of Transportation)	Angelo Papastamos, UDOT
NO	Andrea Olson, Alternate (Utah Dept of Transportation)	Jim Price and Shauna Mecham, MAG
YES	Laura Hanson, Member (Utah Transit Authority)	Steve Call, FHWA
	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS:</b>	Tim Harpst, Horrocks Engineering
YES	Crys Lee, Member (Bike Utah)	Travis Olsen, Weber County
YES	Brett McCliff, Member (Utah Department of Health)	Mark Watterson,
<b>WFRC Staff:</b> Hugh Van Wagenen, Alex Roy, Andrew Gruber, Rosie Hernandez, Megan Townsend, Bert Granberg, Bill Hereth, LaNiece Davenport, Lauren Victor, Ned Hacker, Katie Gerard, Nicole Proulx, Jory Johner, Ted Knowlton, Joshua Reynolds, Andrea Pearson		Lars Anderson,
		Roland Stanger,
		Trent Thatcher,

**1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:04]**

Mayor Jo Sjoblom, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. and welcomed committee members and guests. Introductions were made via roll call.

**1a. ACTION: Approval of Minutes [00:04:40]:**

Mayor Sjoblom entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on March 11, 2020. A motion was made by Councilmember Richard Hyer, and seconded by Mayor Dirk Burton, that the minutes be approved without changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Chair Report [00:05:40]:**

**2a. COVID-19 and Active Transportation**

Mayor Sjoblom opened the meeting up for discussion and comments regarding the impact that the COVID-19 restrictions have had on active transportation in our communities. The Mayor suggested that the group consider the ways to best help and support our region as we work through the issues over time. Suggestions made to the chat feature during the meeting are included below. [00:15:48] Heidi Goedhart, UDOT, presented some informational slides that provided an update on Strava.

**3. Public Comment [00:28:25]:**

Dave Iltis, Cycling Utah, confirmed that Bike Month will still be celebrated in May, and if there are events that you know of in your communities, he would be glad to post them on Cycling Utah's calendar. The League of American Bicyclists hope to have the opportunity for more events in September. Mr. Iltis also mentioned that the current issue of *Cycling Utah* will be posted on their website and available in local bike shops. [00:57:11] Heidi Goedhart, UDOT, stated that given the circumstances this year, UDOT will not be printing Bike Month posters for statewide distribution, as they have in the past, but will have a digital option available. [00:29:50] Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, read an email that was received prior to today's meeting: *My name is Wendelin Knobloch and my family and I live in Magna. I won't be able to participate in the meeting today, however, I am very interested in active transportation. Would you or Hugh be able to bring up in the meeting to work with Magna Township, Salt Lake County, West Jordan etc. to bring about the construction of the western portion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail with a connection to Tooele County? Especially the northwestern portion of the Salt Lake Valley, with Magna at its center, would benefit from trail connectivity and currently has very little trail infrastructure. I believe there is a lot of interest in Tooele County in a trail connection to the Salt Lake Valley as well. Thank you very much, Wendelin Knobloch.* Mr. Van Wagenen stated that this project is included in the current Regional Transportation Plan.

**4. Regional Transportation Plan Amendments - Active Transportation [00:31:54]**

Jory Johner, WFRC, discussed the modifications to the Regional Transportation Plan amendment process that are applicable to the Active Transportation Program, that were recently approved by the WFRC Regional Council.

**5. Legislative Recap [00:42:15]**

LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, shared some of the key issues that came out of the 2020 Legislative Session, that are relevant to the Wasatch Front Region. More information can be found at <https://wfrc.org/billtracker/>

**6. Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program Awards - 2020 Recipients [00:50:15]**

Megan Townsend, WFRC, provided a status update on the Transportation and Land Use Connection Program and introduced the 17 newly funded projects that will be a part of the

TLC program for the coming year. A list of the awarded projects can be found at <https://wfrc.org/programs/transportation-land-use-connection/awarded-projects/>

Mayor Sjoblom's audio began malfunctioning so she asked Mr. Van Wagenen to proceed with the leading the meeting.

**7. Golden Spoke West Haven Segment [00:54:11]**

Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, suggested that, in the interest of time, this Item be discussed at a later date.

**8. Agency/City/County Program Updates [00:54:48]**

**[00:55:22]** Jeff Oyler, Davis County, stated that a favorable record of decision has been received, for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, a NEPA project coordinated by the County and the US Forest Service.

**9. Other Business [00:56:40]**

Mr. Van Wagenen reminded the group that the next ATC meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2020.

**10. Adjournment [00:58:24]**

Mr. Van Wagenen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heidi Goedhart, UDOT, made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Richard Hyer seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 10:46am.

*A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org)*

00:03:21.202,00:03:24.202  
Jory Johner: nathan petersen is on video but muted

00:07:13.286,00:07:16.286  
Kim Clausing: May I comment ?

00:07:54.604,00:07:57.604  
Dave Iltis: I'd like to comment

00:08:43.489,00:08:46.489  
Matthew Karjola: In Stockton I've seen a lot more families out walking together while still maintaining social distancing from people in other households.

00:10:19.538,00:10:22.538  
Kim Clausing: Loving the Clean Air

00:10:29.138,00:10:32.138  
Becka SLC: We are seeing many people walking in the street to maintain social distance. SLC is working on some open-street or lane repurposing to provide more space for people.

00:11:39.292,00:11:42.292  
Dirk Burton: With traffic reduced, it is more difficult for me to pas a line of automobiles during rush hour. However, I am enjoying riding on empty streets!

00:11:49.889,00:11:52.889  
Matthew Karjola: I just realized that I'm on here under my son's profile. This is Stockton Mayor Thomas Karjola.

00:13:03.903,00:13:06.903  
Becka SLC: Very nice point, Hugh!  
00:13:11.110,00:13:14.110  
Kim Clausing: Maybe a promotion of allowing the At Risk Population times on Pathways and Trails in Communities?

00:13:27.338,00:13:30.338  
Andrew Gruber: UDOT reports that traffic volumes are down by about 1/3. Truck volumes have not declined, as supply chains continue

00:13:35.739,00:13:38.739

Andrew Gruber: ATC is #1!

00:14:10.618,00:14:13.618

Kim Clausing: Our Dept of Aging is seeing those stuck at home wanting to get out but scared to go places

00:14:11.833,00:14:14.833

Bert Granberg: Somewhat disappointed that high school and college track facilities have been closed in many areas...seems like they could remain open with posted instruction that 6-foot distancing be maintained. They can help take recreation pressure off parks

00:14:54.396,00:14:57.396

Heidi Goedhart: I have a Strava Update.

00:15:15.700,00:15:18.700

Tim Harpst: Bicycling and jogging in Emigration Canyon appears to be down by about 1/3, so exercising is still alive!

00:15:16.800,00:15:19.800

Crys Lee: I want to add that we should try to promote people as per the new cdc recommendation wearing masks when they are out and about.

00:18:18.875,00:18:21.875

Brett McIff: I wanted to say thank you from the Public Health side of things for everyone being so supportive during this outbreak. It is difficult, but the guidelines we promote will protect our most vulnerable populations.

00:18:49.582,00:18:52.582

Jim Price: MAG has preliminary urban trail increases of 77-81%

00:19:21.405,00:19:24.405

Kim Clausing: Please promote mask wearing appropriately.

00:20:27.387,00:20:30.387

Kim Clausing: Just wear masks when around others

00:21:21.240,00:21:24.240

Shauna Mecham: "CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission." CDC website.

00:22:20.220,00:22:23.220

Becka SLC: Basic cloth masks don't keep you from breathing that much, but they do help filter out droplets. Not nearly as restrictive of breathing as an N95

00:22:49.616,00:22:52.616

Crys Lee: ^^ Yes - I should have grabbed language, many people are unaware that they should be using them in public locations at all because it is a sort of reversal from what was said before. "Remember to grab your mask when you are making that bike ride to the grocery store."

00:23:13.145,00:23:16.145

Rich Hyer: I have a comment.

00:24:25.291,00:24:28.291

Jeff Oyler: Could Jory bring me some breakfast?

00:24:38.520,00:24:41.520

Kim Clausing:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

00:30:40.277,00:30:43.277

Kim Clausing: YAHOO!!!!

00:46:35.514,00:46:38.514

Dave Iltis: Why did the Gov veto this? Only \$22k?

00:50:51.881,00:50:54.881

Jolene Sjoblom: I can't unmute. Ideas?

00:50:59.477,00:51:02.477

Bert Granberg: Ctrl-D toggles the microphone muting

00:51:22.698,00:51:25.698

Jolene Sjoblom: Thanks!

00:52:38.733,00:52:41.733

Kim Clausing: Ya, Tooele County

00:54:40.856,00:54:43.856

Becka SLC: You are good hugh

00:54:41.361,00:54:44.361

Andrea Pearson: Mayor, we can hear him

00:55:03.453,00:55:06.453

Dirk Burton: I can hear both of you

00:55:11.608,00:55:14.608

Andrea Pearson: Hugh is continuing, Mayor Jo

00:56:21.142,00:56:24.142

Bert Granberg: Where is this year's project?

00:57:32.908,00:57:35.908

Andrew Gruber: Great to "see" you all! Stay well

00:57:46.957,00:57:49.957

LaNiece Davenport: Hi Dave, for HB278, the Governor 'questioned the appropriateness of this type of expenditure for the State, especially during this time.'

00:58:25.542,00:58:28.542

Andrea Pearson: For anyone whose question was not addressed, WFRC staff will follow up with the committee

00:58:50.428,00:58:53.428

Becka SLC: Fare well!

00:58:54.356,00:58:57.356

Nicole Proulx: Thanks!