



**WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

August 12, 2020

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, August 12, 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
Yes	Katie Witt, Member (Kaysville - Davis County)	Nathan Peterson, Intermountain Healthcare
Yes	Jo Sjoblom, Member (South Weber - Davis County)	Chris Wiltsie, Bike Utah
No	Daryl Ballantyne, Member (Morgan County)	Evan Curtis, UT State Planning
No	Robert McConnell, Alternate (Morgan County)	Jeff Oyler, Davis County
Yes	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
No	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
Yes	Norm Searle, Member (Riverdale - Weber County)	Kayla Kinkead, Utah Transit Authority
No	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 McIlff, Member (Utah Department of Health)	Mark Watterson,
<b>WFRC Staff:</b> Hugh Van Wagenen, Alex Roy, Andrew Gruber, Rosie Hernandez, Bill Hereth, LaNiece Davenport, Nicole Proulx, Jory Johner, Ted Knowlton, Christy Dahlberg		Lars Anderson,
		Roland Stanger, FHWA-UT
		Trent Thatcher,

## **1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:01]**

Mayor Jo Sjoblom, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and welcomed committee members and guests. Introductions were made via roll call.

### **1a. ACTION: Approval of Minutes [00:02:55]**

Mayor Sjoblom entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on June 10, 2020. A motion was made by Mayor Dirk Burton and seconded by Mayor Troy Walker, that the minutes be approved without changes. The affirmative motion carried unanimously.

## **2. Chair Report [00:03:50]**

Mayor Sjoblom initiated her report by presenting on the Weber River Parkway Trail Extension Feasibility Study.

Mayor Troy Walker reported on the trail connection between Lehi and Draper providing safe egress for constituents from county to county.

## **3. Public Comment [00:11:22]**

Mayor Sjoblom opened the meeting for public comment. Dave Iltis, Cycling Utah, reported a lot of work has been done with Emigration Canyon township and the coordinated advocacy campaign to encourage proper bike lanes as the Emigration Canyon gets repaved. Although they were successful in doing so, there was an error on the striping of the center lane, which was placed about a foot and a half off the original plans. [00:14:27] Kim Clausing, Tooele County Health, reported there was a ribbon cutting on Saturday, August 8, 2020, for the underpass on State Route 138 connecting the north and the south sides of Stansbury area. Ms. Clausing reported this was a project she had been working on since 2014. [00:15:40] Tim Harpst, Horrocks Engineering, reported there are additional mishaps in Emigration Canyon pertaining to the striping of the newly paved roads, aside from the one mentioned by Mr. Iltis. He stated the township community council is requesting that the municipal services district send a representative to their next meeting to discuss these issues and find a solution.

## **4. TLC / TIP Fall Application Process [00:38:12]**

Alex Roy, WFRC, reported on funding programs for Fiscal Year 2021. He informed the group that if anyone is interested in applying for any of the following WFRC funding programs to contact him or Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC; Transportation and Land Use Connection Program, Federal Funding Programs, Wasatch Front Economic Development District, and Community Development Block Grant Program. He also reported on the Transportation and Land Use Connection Program (TLC), whose mission is to support local governments planning efforts, implementing the Wasatch Choice Vision. TLC Active Transportation Projects include the Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan, the Six Cities (Millcreek, Midvale, Murray, Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, and Taylorsville) project, and developing consensus on which routes should have top priority for regional active transportation travel. Lastly, he informed the group that Transportation and Land Use Connection Program Letters of Intent are due to WFRC on September 30, 2020.

## **5. Utah Leads Together: Economic recovery through AT investment [00:17:20]**

Theresa Foxley, Economic Development Corporation of Utah, provided an update on Utah Leads Together, Utah's plan for health and economic recovery, which consists of Volumes 1-4. She reported Volume 1 was to set forth the expected economic phases; Volume 2 is a color-coded health guidance; Volume 3 is continuing to learn about the virus and the way it interacts and moves; and, Volume 4 is the economy recovery plan.

Ms. Foxley reported that it was determined there are high risk populations that are extra vulnerable to the virus, which has had an unfortunate and very negative impact on multi-cultural communities. Volume 3 addresses how to manage some of those high-risk populations.

Volume 4 was broken down into three different timelines. The first is a 100-day plan; the second is a 250-day plan; and the third is a 500-ongoing day plan. Ms. Foxley reported there have been a number of programs utilizing CARES funding to help stimulate and support the economy under the In Utah brand. Thirty-five million dollars have been allocated for impacted business who offered discounts to customers.

Ms. Foxley reported one of those programs is the Safe in Utah program, which provides a \$500 million grant for companies to become "COVID compliant." Companies can seek up to \$100 per FTE for expenses to make their spaces "COVID compliant" as employees begin to return to the office, or as customers are allowed back into their shops. This can be used to reimburse purchases of masks, sanitizing equipment, engineering controls, and other physical elements that might help a company.

Ms. Foxley also reported that one of the focuses during the 250-day plan is active transportation and outdoor recreation. The recommendation of Utah Leads Together is that the state and local governments focus on outdoor recreation projects that will increase quality of life in urban communities and bring jobs to gateway communities. It is recommended that the state fund projects to bring recreation opportunities to within 10 miles of every resident's home across the state.

Lastly, she reported on the Learn and Work in Utah program. This program is a \$16.5 million initiative supporting the Utah System of Higher Education's Custom Fit program and several other workforce training programs to provide education and training to displaced workers. A copy of Utah Leads Together Volume 4 can be found at [https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Governor/Utah Leads Together Version 4.0 061720.pdf](https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Governor/Utah_Leads_Together_Version_4.0_061720.pdf).

## **6. TIF Active / TIFF Project Awards [00:49:11]**

Heidi Goedhart, Utah Dept of Transportation, reported on TIF (Transportation Investment Fund) and TTIF (Transit Transportation Investment Fund) Active Transportation projects that have been funded by the Transportation Commission. She reported the TIF Active Process includes; (1) the project is nominated by Local Government or District; (2) ensure that it's part of UDOT's approved Active Transportation Plan, (3) demonstrate that the project will mitigate traffic congestion; (4) demonstrate that local government will be responsible for maintenance; (5) demonstrate that it has a 40% match; and (6) once the project is able to demonstrate it meets criteria, it is then ranked, prioritized, and presented to the Transportation Commission.

**7. Trail Maintenance: Puncture Vine Removal [00:56:50]**

Jeff Ellis, Trails Foundation of Northern Utah, reported they have been focusing on puncturevine removal efforts in the Weber area. He reported removal of the vine has been successful, but it is a continued effort due to the fast growth and reproduction of the plant.

**8. Active Transportation Map Resources [01:07:21]**

Nicole Proulx, WFRC, reported the Active Transportation GIS Data Resources interactive map is now complete. It showcases existing and planned bike infrastructure, envisioned future bike network, bike demand scores, level of traffic stress (network quality) and local Active Transportation plan status. This information can be found at <https://maps.wfrc.org/>.

**9. RTP AT Amendments [01:22:48]**

Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, updated the committee on the RTP process. He said that WFRC is currently looking to amend the Active Transportation section of the Regional Transportation Plan. Some of the benefits of these amendments include updates on existing bicycle facilities, identification of intersections requiring safer crossings, improvement of connections to existing and planned regional trails.

**10. Agency/City/County Program Updates [01:25:20]**

Mayor Sjoblom asked if there were any updates that anyone would like to share. There were none.

**11. Other Business [01:25:34]**

Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, reported that the Provo River Parkway Trail Gap, a three-mile trail segment which is the missing link to connect more than 100 miles of existing trail systems in Utah and Wasatch counties, is now fully funded. [01:26:43] Jim Price, MAG, reported this project has been ongoing since 2002, and anticipates construction to begin in 2021. [01:28:10] Mayor Sjoblom reminded the group that the next ATC meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2020. [01:28:20] Hugh Van Wagenen reported on 2020 Golden Spoke, an event celebrating over 170 miles of safe and connected multi-use trails linking Ogden and Provo. This is a free event and encourages participation by bike riding and exploring along the Golden Spoke Trail network anytime during the month of September.

**12. Adjournment [01:29:40]**

Mayor Sjoblom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Norm Searle made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Troy Walker seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 11:15am.