



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

March 10, 2021

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 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:

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:		ATC REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHERS PRESENT:
No	Kenneth Braegger, Member (Willard - Box Elder County)	Becka Roof
Yes	Kevin Jeppsen, Alternate (Perry - Box Elder County)	Brittney Ward
No	Katie Witt, Member (Kaysville - Davis County)	Christopher Wiltsie
No	Jo Sjoblom, Member (South Weber - Davis County)	Dave Iltis
Yes	Blaine Fackrell, Member (Morgan County)	Grant Farnsworth
No	Robert McConnell, Alternate (Morgan County)	Helen Peters, Salt Lake County
Yes	Troy Walker, Member (Draper - Salt Lake County)	Jeff Oyler, Davis County
Yes	Jeff Silvestrini, Member (Millcreek - Salt Lake County)	Jim Price
Yes	Dirk Burton, Alternate (West Jordan - Salt Lake County)	Kayla Kinhead
No	Thomas "KJ" Karjola, Member (Stockton - Tooele County)	Mark Bradley, Brigham City
Yes	Maresa Manzione, Alternate (Tooele City)	Mercedes Maestas, Salt Lake County
No	Michelle Kaufusi, Member (Provo - Utah County)	Riley Wilcox
Yes	Norm Searle, Member (Riverdale - Weber County)	Roland Stanger, FHWA-UT
Yes	Jon Beesley, Member (Plain City - Weber County)	Ryan Beck
Yes	Heidi Goedhart, Member (Utah Dept of Transportation)	Sarah Hodson, Get Healthy Utah
Yes	Ben Huot, Member (Utah Department of Transportation)	Scott Shea, AECOM
No	Andrea Olson, Alternate (Utah Dept of Transportation)	Stephanie Tomlin, UDOT
Yes	Laura Hanson, Member (Utah Transit Authority)	Tim Harpst, Horrocks Engineering
NON-VOTING MEMBERS:		Toby Lowry, Salt Lake County
Yes	Crys Lee, Member (Bike Utah)	Todd Hadden
Yes	Brett McIff, Member (Utah Department of Health)	Travis Evans
WFRC STAFF:		Travis Olson
Andrew Gruber	Julie Bjornstad	Wendy Thomas
Ted Knowlton	Marcia White	Zoey Mauck, Alta Planning + Design
Andrea Pearson	Megan Townsend	
Bert Granberg	Ned Hacker	
Christy Dahlberg	Nicole Mendelsohn	
Hugh Van Wagenen	Nikki Navio	
Jory Johner	Rosie Hernandez	

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

Mayor Troy Walker, Vice Chair, reported Mayor Jo Sjoblom, Chair, was not able to attend the meeting, and called the meeting to order at 9:46am.

a. ACTION: Approval of Minutes [00:03:10]

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on February 10, 2021. A motion was made by Mayor Dirk Burton and seconded by Commissioner Blaine Fackrell, Morgan County, that the minutes be approved without changes. The affirmative motion carried unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:04:01]

a. Legislative Wrap-up. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, initiated the legislative wrap-up by reporting that a significant amount of money was allocated towards active transportation and infrastructure. He stated that HB 433, Amendments Related to Infrastructure Funding, was passed, appropriating \$1.1 billion into roads, public transit, and active transportation. He also stated that the state allocated more funds this year towards active transportation than any other year, and thanked the members of the WFEDD and all of the WFRC partners, for their dedication and concerted effort in getting this accomplished. [00:10:54] Ben Huot, UDOT, reported on the \$35 million one-time general fund appropriation. These funds will go into the TIF for active transportation, and will be prioritized by the State Transportation Commission, based on projects in Utah's Unified Transportation Plan. [00:27:36] Mayor Walker reported it was a good legislative session, and the funding for FrontRunner services was unprecedented. The funding will allow for enhanced speed, frequency, capacity, and reliability of FrontRunner service.

3. Public Comment [00:28:50]

Mayor Walker opened the meeting for public comment. [00:29:27] Crys Lee, Bike Utah, reminded the group that the Utah Bike Summit will be taking place on March 30-April 1. This will be a 3-day Virtual Conference of speakers, panels, discussions and networking, and a half day in-person outdoor experience.

4. Approval: 2021 Focus Areas (formerly known as Goals) [00:30:14]

Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, displayed the draft 2021 Active Transportation Focus Areas (formerly known as Goals) that were discussed at the February meeting. Mr. Van Wagenen has incorporated the feedback from that discussion, and other suggestions, into the new set of focus areas. After some clarification and minor adjustments, Mayor Walker requested a motion to approve the 2021 Active Transportation Focus Areas as finalized. [01:10:19] Mayor Norm Searle made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

5. Discussion: Post-Covid Active Transportation Strategies [00:37:53]

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, initiated a robust discussion with the committee concerning post-Covid active transportation strategies. The committee discussed the three biggest challenges communities face when seeking to build separated trails or paths. Seventy-six percent of the group reported funding challenges, followed by the lack of urgency and lack of community support; and, the third being ongoing maintenance

and UDOT coordination. Mr. Knowlton concluded by stating that these challenging issues are an opportunity for the WFRC Transportation and Land Use Connection program and UDOT's Transportation Assistance Program to assist. He encouraged communities to apply to these programs to start getting these issues resolved.

6. Presentation: Different bike riders and infrastructure [01:11:54]

Jim Price, Mountainland Association of Governments Active Transportation Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation with a view of the different types of bike riders and infrastructure in different communities around the region.

7. Overview: Transportation Alternatives Program applications

This item has been tabled for discussion at a future ATC meeting.

8. Agency/City/County Program Updates

9. Other Business [01:37:22]

The next scheduled meeting for ATC will be in April 14, 2021.

Upcoming Events:

- *Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant Deadline, March 19, 2021*
- *Utah Bike Summit March 30 - April 1, April 6*
- *Utah Pedestrian Summit April 13-15, 20-22*
- *Bike Month: May 1-31*

10. Adjournment [01:36:40]

With no further business, Mayor Walker stated that Utah State law requires that elected officials serving on committees such as those of the Wasatch Front Regional Council receive training regarding the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. Mayor Walker said that an 8-minute video would be shown in order to comply with this requirement and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting upon completion of the training video. **[[01:37:00]** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to adjourn the meeting upon conclusion of the video, and Mayor Norm Searle seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous. **[01:45:45]** The video concluded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:15am.