



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of August 23, 2018

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Chair, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:10 p.m. in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah. Introductions were made.

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2018		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Davis, Salt Lake and Weber County Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Scott Jenkins, Weber Co Commissioner
Alternate – Tyler Vincent	no	David Watts, Herriman City Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Robert Hale, Midvale City Mayor
Len Arave	yes	Shayne Scott, ULCT / Kaysville City
Bret Millburn (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	no	Cameron Diehl, ULCT
Randy Lewis	yes	Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Bob Stevenson	yes	Steve Call, FHWA
MORGAN COUNTY		Ken Leetham, North Salt Lake City
Member - John Barber	yes	Roger Borgenicht, UBET
Alternate - Robert Kilmer	no	Evelyn Everton, Sandy City
Alternate - Ned Mecham	no	Russell Weeks, Salt Lake City Council Staff
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		John Hiskey, Taylorsville City
Ben McAdams	no	Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
Jackie Biskupski	no	Matt Sibul, UTA
Troy Walker	yes	Barry McLerran, Congresswoman Mia Love
Michael Jensen	yes	Charlie Luke, Salt Lake City
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	David Brickey, West Jordan City
Robert Dahle	yes	Alan Anderson, West Jordan City
Ron Bigelow	yes	Andrew Gruber, WFRC
Derk Timothy	yes	Ned Hacker, WFRC
TOOELE COUNTY		Wayne Bennion, WFRC
Member - Shawn Milne	yes	Scott Festin, WFRC
Alternate – Debbie Winn	yes	LaNiece Davenport, WFRC
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Megan Townsend, WFRC
James Ebert	yes	Christy Dahlberg, WFRC
Mark Allen	yes	Nicole Proulx, WFRC intern
Mike Caldwell (<i>Chair</i>)	yes	Scott Hess, WFRC
UDOT & UTA		Ted Knowlton, WFRC
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	no	Ben Wuthrich, WFRC
Alternate – Teri Newell, UDOT	yes	Chad Worthen, WFRC
Member – Steve Meyer, UTA	yes	Suzie Swim, WFRC
Alternate - Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA	yes	Jory Johner, WFRC

NON-VOTING MEMBERS		Julie Bjornstad, WFRC
Jim Smith - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Callie New, WFRC
Beth Holbrook - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Andy Li, WFRC
Robert Grow - Envision Utah	no	Xiao Li, WFRC
Stuart Adams - State Senate	no	Alex Roy, WFRC
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	yes	Bert Grandberg, WFRC
Evan Curtis – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Loveit Baumgardner, WFRC
		Andrea Pearson, WFRC

1. Consent Agenda [00:03:14]

ACTION: Minutes and Financial Statements

Councilmember Michael Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held May 24, 2018 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for April, May and June of 2018 and Budget/Expenditure Report as of June 30, 2018. Commissioner James Ebert seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chairman’s Report [00:03:29]

2.a WFRC FY’18 Activities and Accomplishments

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, reiterated the Wasatch Front Regional Council Mission Statement and then reported on the previously adopted goals and priorities for FY’18. These goals, which provided direction regarding areas of focus for this past year, are:

- 1- Collaboratively develop long- and short-range plans and programs, and assist local communities to implement those plans
- 2- Support transportation and related land use and economic development policy-making and projects
- 3- Strive for organizational excellence

With the help and support of member communities, WFRC was able to make significant progress towards accomplishing their FY’18 goals. Mr. Gruber thanked our members for their hard work and dedication to these efforts. The *Activities & Accomplishments Report Fiscal Year 2018* was included in the meeting materials.

2b. ACTION: WFRC FY’19 Goals and Priorities [00:21:02]

Mr. Gruber then presented the proposed set of goals and priorities to help shape the activities of WFRC for the next year. These goals were developed through review of WFRC’s adopted Mission & Roles, reflection on the agency activities and accomplishments for the previous year, and a collaborative and full discussion among the WFRC staff, in consultation with the WFRC Executive Committee. The following are DRAFT goals and priority areas for WFRC in FY’19, and there is a summary included in the packet materials. Many of these items reflect a continuation of ongoing agency priorities.

- 1- Collaboratively develop and implement Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision for regional transportation, land use, and economic development
- 2- Advance transportation, land use and economic development policy-making and projects
- 3- Strive for organizational excellence.

The members of the WFRC Executive Committee have reviewed these items and, along with WFRC staff, are submitting them for the Council’s review, discussion and consideration for approval at this Council meeting.

[00:27:29] Mayor Bob Stevenson moved to approve the WFRC goals for FY2019 and Commissioner Jeff Scott seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

2c. Overview of WFRC Programs for Local Governments [00:27:51]

The Wasatch Front Regional Council administers six programs that provide resources for local governments. These programs include:

- Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC)
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Presentations were given by Scott Hess, Christy Dahlberg, Megan Townsend, and Ben Wuthrich, all with WFRC, describing these competitive programs. Funding program application deadlines and timelines were discussed. In September, further information on submitting letters of intent for each program will be sent via email to the appropriate recipients.

3. Public Comment [00:44:10]

Mayor Caldwell opened the meeting up to public comment. Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT), noted the strong collaborative efforts that occur between ULCT and WFRC and emphasized the need for continued collaboration. Mr. Diehl also discussed the focus groups that ULCT will be facilitating to garner feedback on the perceived anxieties among communities along the Wasatch Front, in regard to anticipated population growth in the region.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:47:08]

Councilmember John Barber, on behalf of RGC Chair Mayor Ben McAdams, briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held on August 16, 2018.

4a. Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and housing affordability [00:48:25]

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, presented information on one of the ten regional goals of the WC2050 Vision: "Housing Choices and Affordable Living Expenses." One of the four key strategies of the Vision, "Support Housing Options: support housing types and locations that we can both afford and work best for our lives," was discussed in-depth at the August RGC meeting. Mr. Knowlton invited the Council members to discuss key actions that WFRC might take to help their communities as they in turn consider how to address Utah's housing affordability gap.

4b. ACTION: 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment #6 [01:26:10]

Jory Johner, WFRC, reported that WFRC staff has received requests to amend the 2015-2040 RTP to incorporate the changes described in the packet materials. Projects within Amendment 6 were presented to the RGC's Technical Advisory Committees, and the County Councils of Government in which the projects are located. On May 17, the RGC approved a formal public comment period for the amendment, which took place from June 30 to August 4, 2018. WFRC staff has analyzed the potential financial implications of these projects and feel that the RTP is able to maintain its fiscal constraint while accommodating construction of these projects. WFRC staff has also reviewed the air quality impacts to ensure that all applicable air quality conformity requirements are met.

[01:32:58] Councilmember John Barber moved to approve Amendment 6 to the 2015-2040 RTP, along with the Amendment's air quality conformity determination as found in Draft Air Quality Memorandum 38. Councilmember Michael Jensen seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous to approve.

5. Transportation Committee (Trans Com) [01:34:25]

Commissioner James Ebert, Trans Com Chair, informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the Trans Com meeting held on August 16, 2018. Commissioner Ebert stated that during that meeting, Trans Com approved the board modifications to the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that had been received at that time. This information, **Item 5a**, has been included in the meeting materials.

5b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2018-2023 TIP [01:35:10]

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reported that WFRC received requests to modify the current 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Wuthrich briefly reviewed each project and referred members to the meeting materials for detailed information.

[01:43:50] Commissioner James Ebert moved to approve the resolution to modify the 2018-2023 TIP as requested. Mayor Bob Stevenson seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

5c. ACTION: 2019-2024 TIP [01:44:08]

Mr. Wuthrich then presented information regarding the 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for approval. A draft 2019-2024 TIP was reviewed by Trans Com in June (as delegated by the Regional Council) and made available for public review. An analysis of the TIP completed by the WFRC staff shows that the 2019-2024 TIP conforms to the state air quality plans. The public comment period extended from June 30 through August 4, 2018. A list of all the comments and respective responses has been compiled, and a summary of the comments and responses is included in the meeting materials.

[01:50:08] Commissioner James Ebert moved to approve the resolution to recommend the 2019-2024 TIP as requested. Councilmember Michael Jensen seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

5d. ACTION: Self-Certification of Planning Process [01:50:28]

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, directed attention to the draft Resolution for the Urban Transportation Planning Process Certification exhibit information. Mr. Bennion stated that each year when the Regional Council approves the Transportation Improvement Program, WFRC and UDOT also need to certify that the transportation planning process meets all federal planning requirements. The staff at WFRC, UDOT, and UTA have worked together to confirm that the federal requirements are being met.

[01:51:56] Commissioner James Ebert moved that the resolution be approved as presented. Councilmember Michael Jensen seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

6. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Report [01:52:14]

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Chair of the Active Transportation Committee, provided a report of the ATC's meeting held on August 8. At that meeting, there was discussion regarding issues that could arise or have already surfaced concerning 'dockless' bicycles and scooters that are being placed downtown and in other neighboring cities. It was determined that all cities would benefit from being unified on 'best practices' regulations; therefore, more information is being gathered to form a committee in order to implement consistent ordinances. Mayor Silvestrini then informed the group of the Move Utah Summit on September 26 and encouraged all to attend. Mayor Silvestrini also noted that WFRC has hired an Active Transportation Planner to fill the open position left when Scott Hess moved from that role to the Director of Community and Economic Development at WFRC.

7. Executive Director's Report [01:55:09]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, stated he had no further items to report.

8. Other Business [01:55:31]

Mayor Mike Caldwell noted the next meeting of the Council will be on October 25, 2018 and referred the group to the upcoming events listed on the bottom of the agenda. Mayor Caldwell asked if there were any other items to discuss. With no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:06 p.m.