



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of October 24, 2019

Commissioner Bob Stevenson, Chair, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:05 p.m. in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council located at 41 North Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2019		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Representative Robert Spendlove
Alternate – Tyler Vincent	no	Robert Hale, Midvale City Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		
Len Arave	no	Evelyn Everton, Sandy City
Mark Shepherd	yes	Mike Gottfredson, Horrocks Engineering
Randy Lewis	yes	Ryan Perry, Salt Lake Co
Bob Stevenson	yes	Gabe Moreno, Salt Lake Co
MORGAN COUNTY		
Member - Tina Cannon	yes	Rachel Otto, ULCT
Alternate - Robert Kilmer	no	Richard Jordan, Member of the public
Alternate - Mike Newton	no	Linda Hull, UDOT
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		
Jenny Wilson	yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City
Jackie Biskupski	no	Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
Troy Walker	no	Carolyn Gonot, UTA
Michael Jensen	no	Roger Borgenicht, UBET
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Clint Smith, Herriman City
Robert Dahle	yes	Bryce Terry, Herriman City
Ron Bigelow	no	Russ Fox, Draper City
Derk Timothy	yes	Steve Call, FHWA
TOOELE COUNTY		
Member - Shawn Milne	yes	Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Alternate – Debbie Winn	yes	Andrew Gruber, WFRC
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		
Scott Jenkins	yes	Ned Hacker, WFRC
Jim Harvey	yes	Jory Johner, WFRC
Mark Allen	yes	Wayne Bennion, WFRC
Mike Caldwell	no	Nicole Proulx, WFRC
UDOT & UTA		
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	no	LaNiece Davenport, WFRC
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	yes	Megan Townsend, WFRC
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Christy Dahlberg, WFRC
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Nikki Navio, WFRC
		Scott Festin, WFRC
		Ted Knowlton, WFRC
		Ben Wuthrich, WFRC
		Loveit Baumgardner, WFRC
		Steven Capsun, KHSA Auditors
		Tim Rees, KHSA Auditors

NON-VOTING MEMBERS		
		Amber Gonzales, WFRC
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	no	Katie Gerard, WFRC
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Bert Granberg, WFRC
Robert Grow - Envision Utah	no	Lauren Victor, WFRC
Gregg Buxton - State Senate	yes	Kip Billings, WFRC
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	no	Chad Worthen, WFRC
Evan Curtis – State Planning Coordinator	no	Andrea Pearson, WFRC

Welcome

Commissioner Bob Stevenson welcomed Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests and introductions were made. [00:02:25]

1. Consent Agenda

1a. and 1b. ACTION: Minutes and Financial Statements [00:03:55]

Commissioner Stevenson requested a motion for the approval of the minutes of the WFRC meeting held Aug 22, 2019, and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for July, August, and September 2019, and the current Budget/Expenditure Report. Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve and Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded the motion. The minutes and the financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chair's Report [00:04:28]

2a. Federal Transportation Reauthorization Principles

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, and Linda Hull, UDOT, reviewed a draft of Utah's federal transportation reauthorization principles, seeking the Council's feedback. These principles have been prepared with consideration of AASHTO, APTA, and NARC reauthorization principles, as well as an eye towards Utah's unique needs and has been discussed at Utah's Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC) meeting. The draft principles are:

1. Long-term and timely reauthorization
2. Sustainable funding mechanisms
3. Utilize existing formula-based programs with enhanced flexibility and multimodal funding
4. Streamline processes
5. Support and ensure state, regional, and local transportation agencies have the ability to harness innovation, data, and technology

2b. Legislative Preview / Tax Reform Update [00:25:56]

WFRC Executive Director Andrew Gruber requested that Item 2b be tabled until Representative Robert Spendlove, a member of the Utah House of Representatives, arrives.

[01:15:10] LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, provided a brief legislative preview. Some key legislative items for 2020 are:

1. Statewide transportation bond bill
2. UTA Transit Oriented Development (TOD) sites bill
3. Transportation catch-all bill
4. Commission on Housing Affordability bill
5. Tax reform (Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force)

The overview of this list of topics was followed by a more in-depth discussion on Utah's tax reform, led by Representative Spendlove.

3. Public Comment [00:26:15]

Commissioner Stevenson opened the meeting up for public comments. There were none.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:26:34]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey, RGC Chair, briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting held on October 10, 2019.

4a. Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision Implementation

Ted Knowlton and Julie Bjornstad, both with WFRC, provided an update on the Wasatch Choice Implementation workshops. The implementation workshops are designed to detail the adopted Wasatch Choice Vision, explore implementation challenges in each area, and share information on key implementation opportunities that relate to recent state legislation. Half of the ten implementation workshops have been held so far. Each workshop involves local leaders and staff from a small group of cities and townships, including County representatives. The input gathered has been distinctive in each meeting. After the update, the members of Council were asked for their input on the implementation challenges that the region as a whole seems to be facing.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [00:52:53]

Commissioner Jeff Scott, Trans Com Chair, informed the Council of the items that have been discussed since the Trans Com on August 14, 2019.

5a. ACTION: Board Modifications to 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ben Wuthrich, with WFRC, reported that WFRC has received requests to modify the current 2020-2025 TIP with the list of projects included in the meeting materials. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project. [01:06:40] Commissioner Jeff Scott moved to approve the resolution to modify the 2020-2025 TIP as requested and explained. Commissioner Shawn Milne seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5c. Air Quality Update [01:07:08]

Kip Billings, WFRC, provided an update on mobile source emissions and air quality conformity. WFRC analyzes present and future traffic and the corresponding emissions to verify that the goals of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) are met before the transportation plan can be approved. This emissions analysis process is known as "conformity". Portions of the WFRC region have been designated by EPA as maintenance areas for carbon monoxide (CO), non-attainment for coarse particulate matter (PM10), and non-attainment for ozone (O3). The Utah Division of Air Quality, with support from WFRC, is in the process of seeking from EPA a designation as a maintenance area for fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

6. Budget Committee [01:42:50]

Commissioner Shawn Milne, Budget Committee Chair, reported on the items that were discussed in the Budget Committee meeting held on October 10, 2019.

6a. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION: Approve FY20 Budget Amendments

Commissioner Milne requested a motion to open the public hearing on the FY20 Budget amendments. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion and Mayor Jenny Wilson seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, informed the Council of the proposed amendments to the draft budget as outlined in the memo and documents included in the packet. As WFRC completed FY19 and final expenditures were reviewed, the actual spending came in lower than budgeted. This resulted mainly from spending on some contractual items that occurred more slowly than was anticipated or from items that were added to the FY19 budget in the later months but did not begin work until FY20. As a result, the amount of funds that carried forward from FY19 into FY20 is higher than was anticipated, resulting in an increase in the FY20 budget as some spending shifts from FY19 to FY20. The majority of the funds and projects carried forward are for Transportation and Land Use Connection program projects. There are also several new joint planning projects and an adjustment to the Supplies/Software/Sponsorship line item.

After the explanation, the group was asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Commissioner Milne requested a motion to close the public hearing on the FY20 Budget amendments. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion and Mayor Jenny Wilson seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Commissioner Milne then requested a motion to amend the WFRC FY20 Budget as proposed. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion and Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

6b. ACTION: Acceptance of the FY19 Audit Report [01:46:00]

Tim Rees from the auditing firm of Karren Hendrix Stagg & Allen, performed the annual audit of the Council's financial records, and a final draft of the report is included in the meeting materials. The auditors have issued an unqualified opinion with no findings. A summary of the audit results may be found on page 45 of the report. Commissioner Milne requested a motion that the Council accept the WFRC FY19 Audit Report as presented. The motion was made by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini and was seconded by Councilmember Clint Smith. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Report [01:47:55]

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, former ATC Chair, provided an update on the Active Transportation Committee, as neither the Chair, Mayor Jo Sjoblom, nor the Vice-Chair, Mayor Troy Walker could be in attendance.

8. Executive Director's Report [01:49:00]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, introduced two new WFRC staff members. Lauren Victor and Nikki Navio have both taken positions in the Long-Range Planning Group.

9. Other Business [01:50:00]

Commissioner Bob Stevenson asked if there were any other items to discuss. There were no other items brought forward.

10. Adjournment [01:50:15]

With no further business, Commissioner Stevenson requested a motion to adjourn. Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Shawn Milne. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.