



MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of January 23, 2020

Commissioner Bob Stevenson, Chair, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:04 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 - 2020		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Travis Campbell, Representative Rob Bishop
Alternate – Tyler Vincent	no	Catherine Kanter, SL County
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Evelyn Everton, Sandy City
Len Arave	yes	Dirk Burton, West Jordan City Mayor
Mark Shepherd	yes	Robert Hale, Midvale City Mayor
Randy Lewis	no	Victoria Ashby, ULCT
Bob Stevenson	yes	Cameron Diehl, ULCT
MORGAN COUNTY		Kaitlyn Pieper, SL Chamber
Member - Tina Cannon	yes	Jacey Skinner, SL Chamber
Alternate - Robert Kilmer	no	Shule Bishop, UTA
Alternate - Mike Newton	no	Carolyn Gonot, UTA
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Steve Call, FHWA
Jenny Wilson	no	Russell Weeks, SL City Council staff
Erin Mendenhall	yes	Mike Gottfredson, Horrocks Engineers
Troy Walker	yes	Andrea Olson, UDOT
Michael Jensen	yes	Jay Aguilar, UDOT
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Andrew Gruber, WFRC
Robert Dahle	yes	Ned Hacker, WFRC
Ron Bigelow	yes	Ted Knowlton, WFRC
Derk Timothy	yes	Wayne Bennion, WFRC
TOOELE COUNTY		Jory Johner, WFRC
Member - Shawn Milne	yes	LaNiece Davenport, WFRC
Alternate – Debbie Winn	yes	Ben Wuthrich, WFRC
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Bert Granberg, WFRC
Scott Jenkins	yes	Lauren Victor, WFRC
Jim Harvey	yes	Scott Hess, WFRC
Mark Allen	yes	Matthew Silski, WFRC
Mike Caldwell	yes	Megan Townsend, WFRC
UDOT & UTA		Christy Dahlberg, WFRC
Member - Carlos Bracerias, UDOT	no	Nicole Proulx, WFRC
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	no	Amber Gonzales, WFRC
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Andrea Pearson, WFRC
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Rob Jolley, WFRC
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		Justin Smart, WFRC
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Kate Smart, Resident
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	no	
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	

NON-VOTING MEMBERS, continued		
Gregg Buxton - State Senate	no	
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	yes	
Evan Curtis – State Planning Coordinator	yes	

Welcome [00:00:21]

Commissioner Bob Stevenson welcomed Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests and introductions were made.

1. Consent Agenda [00:04:35]

1a. ACTION: Minutes

Mayor Derk Timothy made a motion to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held October 24, 2019, and Councilmember Michael Jensen seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

1b. ACTION: Financial Statements

Councilmember Michael Jensen made a motion to approve the Financial Statements and Check Registers for October, and November 2019, and the current Budget/Expenditure Report. Mayor Troy Walker seconded the motion and the financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chairman's Report [00:05:21]

2a. ACTION: Endorse appointments to WFRC Committees

The WFRC Chair has made appointments of WFRC Members to the Regional Growth Committee (RGC), Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com), WFRC Budget Committee, Active Transportation Committee (ATC), and Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC). Appointments to WFRC and its Committees have also been made by the County Councils of Governments (COGs) and other appointing authorities that partner with WFRC. Updated WFRC Council and Committee membership lists were distributed at the meeting. **[00:07:10]** Councilmember Michael Jensen made a motion that the members of the Council endorse the appointments to WFRC Council and other Committees as listed. Mayor Troy Walker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

2b. 2020 Legislative preview [00:08:10]

LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, discussed the upcoming 2020 legislative session. Also, Utah Representative Mike Schultz summarized what is happening with tax reform and transit funding. Several key legislative items that WFRC staff are following are:

- Eliminate UTA Transit Oriented Development (TOD) cap
- Enhanced land use and housing coordination by UTA at new TOD sites
- Funding for transit expansion
- Potential bond bill for road and transit projects
- Potential enhancements to Transportation Reinvestment Zones (TRZ)
- Ongoing funding for Technical Planning Assistance
- Promote affordable housing at TOD sites (SB39)

WFRC staff holds weekly updates at the Capitol on Thursdays during the session. Members in all levels of government and our partners are invited to join - in the Aspen Room in the Senate Building, 8-9:30am. Weekly emails will also be sent, which will include a bill tracker.

3. Public Comment [00:38:57]

Commissioner Stevenson opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:39:12]

Councilmember Tina Cannon, RGC Vice-Chair, briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting held on January 16, 2020.

4a. Utah's Unified Transportation Plan 2019-2050

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, explained that, together with all of Utah's state or regional transportation

agencies (UDOT, UTA, Mountainland AOG, Cache MPO and Dixie MPO) WFRC worked to develop Utah's Unified Transportation Plan . Each agency used shared growth projections, time horizons, goals and performance measures, and financial assumptions to assemble complementary plans that integrate seamlessly to become Utah's Unified Plan. This approach to creating a statewide unified plan is unique in the nation and has been nationally recognized as state-of-the-art practice. Utah's Unified Plan is presented through utahunifiedplan.org, with an interactive map and includes all project details of the Unified Plan.

4b. Discussion on Growth Issues [00:55:10]

WFRC's Chair, Commissioner Bob Stevenson, and Vice Chair, Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, facilitated a conversation with the Council on our region's growth issues with a focus on how to implement Wasatch Choice 2050, based on conversations at recent community workshops and at the WFRC Regional Growth Committee on January 16. Councilmember Cannon recapped the discussion from RGC as a shared desire to focus on proactive approaches to address growth and enhance quality of life. Ms. Cannon stressed the need for providing more community education and engagement and noted that there are and will continue to be infrastructure funding challenges.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:33:47]

Commissioner Jeff Scott, Trans Com Chair, informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the Trans Com meeting held on November 21, 2019.

5a. Report on Board Modifications to the 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, presented information regarding requests to modify the current 2020-2025 TIP. The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the UDOT Transportation Commission but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modification and approved resolution have been included in the meeting materials.

5b. ACTION: Board Modifications to 2020-2025 TIP [01:37:15]

Mr. Wuthrich reported that WFRC has received several requests to modify the current 2020-2025 TIP with the list of projects included in the meeting materials. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project. [01:55:07] Commissioner Jeff Scott made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2020-2025 TIP as requested. Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

6. Executive Director's Report [01:55:24]

[00:54:33] Andrew Gruber, WFRC, recognized Jory Johner for 20 years at WFRC, and thanked him for his current position as Long-Range Planning Director.

7. Other Business [01:55:39]

Commissioner Bob Stevenson reminded the group that the next Council meeting will be on March 26, 2020 and asked if there were any other items to discuss. There were no other items brought forward.

8. Overview of Utah Open and Public Meetings Act [02:05:15]

With no further business, Commissioner Stevenson 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. Commissioner Stevenson 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. [01:56:00] Mayor Mike Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting upon conclusion of the video, and Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous. [02:04:30] The video concluded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:08pm.