



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
 May 27, 2021

A meeting was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021, via Zoom connection, due to the safety restrictions put in place by the Utah Governor's Office, in response to continuing COVID-19 concerns. The following were present:

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2021		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Kristie Overson, Taylorsville Mayor
Alternate – Tyler Vincent	no	Joy Petro, Layton City Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		
Len Arave	yes	Dirk Burton, West Jordan City Mayor
Mark Shepherd	yes	Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
Randy Lewis	yes	Shule Bishop, UTA
Bob Stevenson	yes	Gary Whatcott
MORGAN COUNTY		
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Holin Wilbanks, Davis Co
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		
Jenny Wilson	yes	Russell Weeks, SL City Council staff
Erin Mendenhall	no	Erich Zimmermann, NARC
Troy Walker	no	Steve Van Maren
Aimee Winder-Newton	yes	Andrew Gruber, WFRC
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Julie Bjornstad, WFRC
Robert Dahle	no	Ned Hacker, WFRC
Ron Bigelow	no	Ted Knowlton, WFRC
Derk Timothy	no	Wayne Bennion, WFRC
TOOELE COUNTY		
Member - Scott Wardle	no	Mikala Jordan, WFRC
Alternate – Brent Marshall	yes	Ben Wuthrich, WFRC
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		
Scott Jenkins	yes	Lauren Victor, WFRC
Jim Harvey	yes	Rosie Hernandez, WFRC
Mark Allen	yes	Matthew Silski, WFRC
Mike Caldwell	no	Megan Townsend, WFRC
UDOT & UTA		
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	yes	Nicole Proulx, WFRC
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	yes	Loveit Baumgardner, WFRC
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Kurt Mower, WFRC
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	no	Marcia White, WFRC
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Josh Reynolds, WFRC
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	Bill Hereth, WFRC

NON-VOTING MEMBERS, continued		Rob Jolley, RRJ Consulting/WFRC
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Jeannie Lambert, Penna Powers/WFRC
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	yes	Ryan Leavitt, Barker Leavitt/WFRC
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Andrea Pearson, WFRC

Welcome [00:00:08]

At 2:01pm, Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Chair, welcomed Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests. Introductions were made via roll call.

1. Consent Agenda [00:02:20]

1a. ACTION: Minutes and 1b. ACTION: Financial Statements

Mayor Silvestrini brought attention to the Minutes for the March 25, 2021 meeting and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for February, March and April 2021, and the current Budget/Expenditure Report. Commissioner Scott Jenkins made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Mike Newton seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chair's Report [00:02:54]

Mayor Silvestrini shared that WFRC was named Community Partner of the Year by UCAIR, the Utah Clean Air Partnership. A 90 second award video was shown.

2a. State and Federal governmental affairs update [00:06:05]

Mayor Silvestrini introduced Representative Mike Schultz, who discussed the Legislature's plan for use of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Representative Shultz stressed the need for partnerships between state and local entities, creating a generational investment and focusing on infrastructure. The Representative also stated that there is potential for additional funding for infrastructure in the future. [00:18:45] Mayor Silvestrini then turned the time to Senator Wayne Harper, who discussed the Transportation Interim Committee focus areas, such as road funding and corridor preservation. [00:24:02] Mayor Silvestrini then asked Andrew Gruber, WFRC, to give his thoughts on the impacts of the state and federal issues and to introduce the next presenter. [00:28:14] Erich Zimmerman, Deputy Director and Director of Transportation with the National Association of Regional Councils, concluded the report with a brief update on the federal state of affairs and the status of federal infrastructure deliberations including the reauthorization of the surface transportation act (or FAST act). [00:44:46] Mayor Silvestrini also recognized Laura Hanson, in her new position as State Planning Coordinator at the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB).

3. Public Comment [00:47:49]

Mayor Silvestrini opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments.

4. Budget Committee [00:48:12]

4a. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: Approve Fiscal Year 2022 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mayor Silvestrini asked that Commissioner Jeff Scott give the WFRC Budget Report, as the Budget Committee Chair, Mayor Mike Caldwell was unable to attend Council meeting. [00:48:51] Commissioner Scott made a motion to open a public hearing. Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion and the public hearing was opened by unanimous vote. Commissioner Scott reiterated that the goals, budget and UPWP presented for approval are the same as the drafts previously provided, which were approved for public comment and review, and then reviewed by the WFRC Budget Committee again on May 3, 2021. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, discussed the documents briefly and emphasized that if anyone has any questions, they are welcome to reach out to WFRC staff. [00:59:59] Commissioner Scott made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion and the public hearing was closed by unanimous vote. [01:00:22] Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve the draft WFRC

Goals, budget and UPWP for fiscal year 2022. Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

4b. Fraud Risk Assessment FY21 [01:00:58]

Commissioner Jeff Scott, and Kurt Mower, WFRC, reminded the group that the Wasatch Front Regional Council, along with all other Utah local governments, is required by the Utah State Auditor to conduct a Fraud Risk Assessment and present it to their governing leadership by the end of each fiscal year. This assessment is a self-scored questionnaire designed to evaluate existing policies, procedures, and personnel to determine a risk level to the entity for potential fraud. In 2021, as in 2020, the Fraud Risk Assessment presented to the Council gave WFRC a score of 355 which put the agency in a “low risk” category.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:04:33]

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair, informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the Trans Com meeting held on April 15, 2021.

5a. Report on Board Modifications to the 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mayor Shepherd noted that information regarding requests to modify the current 2021-2026 TIP and approved resolution have been included in the meeting materials. The modification required action from Trans Com and the UDOT Transportation Commission but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period.

5b. ACTION: Board Modifications to 2021-2026 TIP [01:05:00]

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reported that WFRC has received several requests to modify the current 2021-2026 TIP with the list of projects included in the meeting materials. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project. [01:19:15] Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2021-2026 TIP as requested. Mayor Robert Hale seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5c. ACTION: Approve the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality Program (CMAQ), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects for 2022-2027 TIP [01:20:04]

Mr. Wuthrich then reminded the Council of the funding programs that Wasatch Front Regional Council administers, that provide resources for local governments. These programs include:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

After a brief description of each program and the technical criteria used to evaluate each project submitted, Mr. Wuthrich continued his report by discussing the STP projects, the CMAQ projects, and the TAP projects that have been recommended by the Trans Com Technical Advisory Committees. [01:31:58] Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve adding the STP, CMAQ, and TAP projects to the draft FY 2021-2026 STP and CMAQ Programs, and the draft FY 2022 TAP Program. Mayor Dawn Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

6. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [01:32:36]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey, RGC Chair, briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting held on May 20, 2021.

6a. Wasatch Choice - the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) key objectives [01:36:20]

Ted Knowlton, 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.

7. Reports [01:43:38]

7a. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update

Mayor Silvestrini tabled this report until a future time.

7b. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update [01:43:53]

Mayor Silvestrini turned the time to Mayor Jo Sjoblom for an update on Active Transportation.

7c. Executive Director's update [01:47:33] Andrew Gruber, WFRC, recognized WFRC's newest staff member, Mikala Jordan, who joined as a Planner in the Transportation and Land Use Connection Program. Mr. Gruber also introduced the two interns working with WFRC in Long Range Planning, Hannah Boettcher and Badr Almadhi. Mr. Gruber then noted that Andrea Pearson has been with WFRC for five years, as the Executive Assistant, and thanked her for her work.

8. Other Business [01:51:39]

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini reminded the group that the next Council meeting will be on August 26, 2021 and it is anticipated to be in person at the WFRC offices. There were no other items brought forward for discussion.

9. Adjournment [01:51:50]

With no further business, Mayor Silvestrini called for a motion to adjourn. UTA Trustee Beth Holbrook made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting and UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 3:53pm.