



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
October 28, 2021

A meeting was held on Thursday, October 28, 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	Clint Smith, Herriman City
Alternate – Tyler Vincent	yes	Bret Millburn, Draper City
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		
Len Arave	yes	Jo Sjoblom, South Weber Mayor
Mark Shepherd	yes	Bob Dandoy, Roy City Mayor
Randy Lewis	yes	Lee Dickemore, Farr West City Mayor
Bob Stevenson	yes	Joy Petro, Layton City Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY		
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Debbie Winn, Tooele City Mayor
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Dirk Burton, West Jordan Mayor
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		
Jenny Wilson	yes	Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Erin Mendenhall	yes	Cindy Terwilliger, FHWA
Troy Walker	no	Jennifer Elsken, FHWA
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Michelle Larsen, UTA
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA
Robert Dahle	no	Shule Bishop, UTA
Ron Bigelow	yes	Ryan Leavitt, Barker & Leavitt
Derk Timothy	no	Ginger Chinn, Salt Lake Chamber
TOOELE COUNTY		
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	Tim Rees, Stephen Capson w KHSA
Alternate – Brent Marshall	no	Gary Whatcott
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		
Scott Jenkins	yes	Helen Peters
Jim Harvey	yes	Shayne Scott
Mark Allen	yes	Nathan Cherpeski, Tessa Stitzer,
Mike Caldwell	yes	Shannon Ellsworth, Stephanie Russell,
UDOT & UTA		
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	yes	Kris Nicholl, Steve Van Maren
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	no	Rob Jolley, WFRC/RRJ Consulting
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	no	WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton,
Member - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Mikala Jordan, Marcia White,
Alternate - Jeff Acerson, UTA Board of Trustees	no	Megan Townsend, Nicole Mendelsohn,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Wayne Bennion, Ben Wuthrich,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	no	Bert Granberg, Bill Hereth, Nikki Navio,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Rosie Hernandez, Miranda Jones Cox,

NON-VOTING MEMBERS		
		Lauren Victor, Chad Worthen,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Josh Reynolds, Julie Bjornstad,
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Christy Dahlberg, Andy Li, Suzie Swim,
Ari Bruening & Ryan Beck - Envision Utah	yes/yes	Kurt Mower, Loveit Baumgardner,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Jory Johner, Hugh Van Wagenen,
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	yes	Ned Hacker, Andrea Pearson
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	yes	

Welcome [00:00:05]

At 2:01pm, Council Chair Mayor Jeff Silvestrini welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests and introductions were made via roll call. **[00:02:50]** Mayor Silvestrini acknowledged the out-going Council members as this is the last meeting for several of them, as they have chosen not to run for office again - Mayor Len Arave, Mayor Jo Sjoblom, Mayor Derk Timothy, and Mayor Ron Bigelow.

1. Consent Agenda [00:03:53]

1a. ACTION: Minutes and Financial Statements

Mayor Randy Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held August 26, 2021, the Financial Statements for July and August 2021, and the current Budget/Expenditure Report. Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:04:35]

2a. Legislative preview and Federal update [00:05:16]

Mayor Silvestrini turned the time to Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC, who provided a brief preview of the 2022 general legislative session and the topics that are expected to be discussed. WFRC will again host weekly updates on Thursdays at the Capitol during the session. **[00:09:04]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC, with input from WFRC Council members Senator Wayne Harper and Representative Mike Schultz, briefed the Council on HR 3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), formerly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIB). The IIJA, which originated out of month-long negotiations between the White House and a bipartisan group of Senators, passed out of the Senate with a vote of 69-30 and now awaits action from the US House of Representatives. If ultimately adopted, this legislation will provide significant and stable infrastructure funding over the next five years, to Utah and the nation.

2b. 2021 Federal Quadrennial Certification Review [00:43:46]

Mayor Silvestrini introduced Ivan Marrero, Cindy Terwilliger, and Jennifer Elsen, all with the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), who discussed WFRC's Quadrennial Certification Review that was completed this past August. The FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducts a review of the regional transportation planning process for the Wasatch Front Regional Council area at four-year intervals. The purpose of the review is to determine how well the planning process is complying with federal requirements and how effective it is in serving the region. The report includes both commendations regarding planning process elements and recommendations for improvements to the process.

3. Public Comment [00:52:02]

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

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:54:29]

Mayor Bob Dandoy, RGC Vice Chair, briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting held on October 21, 2021.

4a. Wasatch Choice Vision: draft 2023-2050 transportation scenario

Mayor Dandoy introduced Jory Johner and Julie Bjornstad, both with WFRC. Mr. Johner outlined the draft set of transportation projects for the years 2023 to 2050 that are being considered as part of the four-year update to Wasatch Choice Vision and the Unified Transportation Plan. This update is scheduled for adoption in May, 2023. Group discussion was welcomed and it was noted that a key opportunity to provide feedback on these projects is through the Wasatch Choice Vision workshops. Mr. Johner reviewed an outline of these projects and discussed the balance between modes of transportation, approximate costs, and forecasted benefits. This draft scenario of our future transportation system also incorporates a comprehensive refinement to the Wasatch Choice centers.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:08:43]

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair, informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the Trans Com meeting held on August 19, 2021. Mayor Shepherd informed the group of the status of the annual cycle for some of the programs administered by the Regional Council – the Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality Program, Transportation Alternatives Program, and the Transportation and Land Use Connection Program. At the end of September the Regional Council received numerous letters of intent from local governments, UDOT, and UTA to seek assistance. On October 21, staff emailed a request for applications for these programs, which will be due December 9. Evaluation and recommendation of projects will occur over winter and spring

5a. ACTION: Board Modifications to 2021-2026 TIP [01:09:50]

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reported that WFRC has received several requests to modify the current 2022-2027 TIP with the list of projects included in the meeting materials. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project. [01:18:25] Commissioner Lorene Kamalu made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2022-2027 TIP as requested. Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5b. Highway and transit system report

Kip Billings, WFRC, presented a Highway and Transit System Report, with information intended to provide support as elected and appointed officials make decisions about transportation investments. In its work, WFRC utilizes a performance-based planning approach. One aspect of this approach is to assess current system performance and recent trends, which facilitates more effective planning for transportation system improvements in the region. Several factors are considered as WFRC, in consultation and coordination with UDOT and UTA officials, selects performance measures, such as the Wasatch Choice Vision goals adopted by the Regional Council, federal requirements, and data availability. Highway performance measures include vehicle miles of travel (VMT), VMT per capita, and peak hour speed as a percentage of free-flow speed. Transit performance measures include annual and daily passengers by mode, and annual passengers per capita.

6. WFRC Budget Committee [01:34:30]

6a. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: Approve FY22 Budget Amendments

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Budget Committee Chair, informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the Budget meeting held on October 21, 2021.

[01:35:07] Mayor Caldwell made a motion to open a public hearing regarding amending the WFRC FY22 Budget. Commissioner Jeff Scott seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Each October, WFRC closes the financial books on the previous fiscal year; this includes verifying the final expenditures and determining what expenditures and revenues will carry forward from the previous fiscal year (FY21) into the current fiscal year (FY22). WFRC routinely carries forward funding for projects that are multi-year in nature; i.e., a project may be fully budgeted in the first year but the work is conducted over two or more years, and the associated expenditures and revenues are therefore carried forward into the next fiscal year. This requires an amendment to the current fiscal year (FY22) budget. As WFRC completed FY21 and final expenditures were reviewed, actual spending came in lower than budgeted by \$4,456,260. This resulted principally from spending on some contractual items that were budgeted in FY21 carrying over into FY22, the majority from Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program projects that are multi-year in nature. The FY22 budget amendments are almost entirely in the contractual line item, reflecting this carryforward. The COVID19 pandemic also caused us to delay or reduce other expenditures in FY21. For example, the decennial Household Travel Survey, which was budgeted for approximately \$1,000,000 in FY21, was deferred to FY22 due to the travel disruptions from the pandemic. Furthermore, several budgeted administrative costs were reduced or deferred in FY21, including personnel costs, as vacancies were filled later in the year than expected and salary adjustments were deferred due to fiscal uncertainties. Other costs were also reduced, such as travel. As a result of the reduced expenditures in FY21, the amount of funds that carried forward from FY21 into FY22 was higher than was budgeted, resulting in an increase in the FY22 budget as some spending shifts from FY21 to FY22. The adjustments also impact the projected carry-forward into FY23, again reflecting on-going programs or multi-year projects that bridge the FY21 and FY22 years.

[01:37:15] Mayor Caldwell asked if there were any comments or questions related to the items discussed. There were none. **[01:37:28]** Mayor Caldwell then made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. **[01:37:41]** Mayor Caldwell made a motion to amend the WFRC FY22 Budget as discussed. Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

6a. ACTION: Acceptance of WFRC Audit Report for FY21 [01:38:08]

Mayor Caldwell introduced Tim Rees, and Stephen Capson, with Karren, Hendrix, Stagg, Allen & Company, who provided information regarding WFRC's FY21 Audit Report. Mr. Rees stated that overall, it was a positive report. There were no material misstatements nor discrepancies. There were no findings of non-compliance related to financial statements. A summary of the audit results may be found on page 47 of the report. **[01:39:30]** Mayor Caldwell made a motion that the Council accept the WFRC FY21 Audit Report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Scott, and the affirmative vote was unanimous. **[01:40:00]** Mayor Caldwell acknowledged Loveit Baumgardner's exemplary work and dedication, as outgoing CFO for WFRC. Ms. Baumgardner has served in this capacity for over 26 years. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, presented her with a plaque as a token of gratitude upon her retirement.

7. Reports [01:44:44]

7a. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update

Mayor Silvestrini turned the time to Mayor Jo Sjoblom for an update on the Active Transportation Committee. Mayor Sjoblom provided a video of the Mobile Active Transportation Tour that was held on October 13, as her report. It was informative and amusing.

7b. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update [01:51:42]

Mayor Silvestrini confirmed that since Commissioner Gage Froerer, WFEDD Chair, provided his report earlier in the meeting, as part of the Chair's report, this Item number was addressed earlier.

7c. Executive Director's Report [01:51:50]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, referred to the 2021 WFRC Meeting Schedule, which was included in the meeting materials and is also posted on WFRC's website. He reminded the Council that calendar appointments for each of the committee meetings would be sent to attendees soon.

8. Other Business and Adjournment [02:04:00]

Mayor Silvestrini asked if there were any other items to discuss. There were no other items brought forward. Mayor Mike Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting and UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 3:54pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org