



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
March 24, 2022

A meeting was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, 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 - 2022		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Steve Waldrip, State House of Representatives
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Jeff Acerson, UTA Board of Trustees
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Gage Froerer, Weber Co Commissioner
John Pohlman	no	Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
Mark Shepherd	yes	Mike Weichers, Ctnwd Heights Mayor
Joy Petro	yes	Natalie Hall, Bluffdale Mayor
Bob Stevenson	no	Nando Meli, Stockton Town Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY		Monica Zoltanski, Sandy Mayor
Member - Mike Newton	no	Kevin Jeppsen, Perry City Mayor
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Dan Dugan, Salt Lake Co Council
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Jennifer Elsken, FHWA
Jenny Wilson	yes	Shule Bishop, UTA
Erin Mendenhall	no	Russ Fox, UTA
Troy Walker	yes	Andrea Olson, UDOT
Aimee Winder Newton	no	Dina Blaes, SLCounty
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Jon Larsen, SLCounty
Robert Dahle	yes	Bret Millburn, Draper City
Dirk Burton	yes	Jeremy Shinoda
Kristie Overson	yes	Justin Lee
TOOELE COUNTY		Kathy Darby
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	WFRC: Andrew Gruber,
Alternate - Debbie Winn	yes	Ted Knowlton,
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Ned Hacker
Scott Jenkins	yes	Megan Townsend,
Jim Harvey	yes	Mikala Jordan,
Mark Allen	yes	Jory Johnner,
Mike Caldwell	no	Hugh Van Wagenen,
UDOT & UTA		Wayne Bennion,
Member - Carlos Bracerias, UDOT	no	Ben Wuthrich,
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	no	Bert Granberg,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Bill Hereth,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Miranda Jones Cox, Rosie Hernandez, Lauren Victor, Chad Worthen,

NON-VOTING MEMBERS		
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Josh Reynolds,
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Julie Bjornstad,
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	no	Andrea Pearson,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Christy Dahlberg,
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	yes	Marian Florence,
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Marcia White,
		Suzie Swim, Mike Sobczak, Jordan Taft

1. Welcome and Consent Agenda [00:00:14]

At 2:03pm, Council Chair Mayor Jeff Silvestrini welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests and introductions were made via roll call. **ACTION: [00:02:27]** Mayor Silvestrini brought attention to the minutes of the WFRC meeting held January 27, 2022, the Financial Statements for December 2021, January 2022 and the current Budget/Expenditure Report. Commissioner Jeff Scott made a motion to approve and Carlton Christensen, UTA Board Trustee seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:03:08]

2a. 2022 General Legislative Session Outcomes

Mayor Silvestrini introduced Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC, who briefed the Council on the outcomes of the 2022 General Legislative Session, focusing on key transportation, housing, and growth items. Senator Wayne Harper **[00:09:20]** and Representatives Steve Waldrup **[00:16:16]**, and Mike Schultz **[00:33:15]**, also discussed the pertinent pieces of legislation and appropriations that passed during the session.

3. Public Comment [00:54:54]

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

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:55:21]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey, RGC Chair, briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting held on March 17, 2022.

4a. Update: Wasatch Choice Vision / 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) [00:57:07]

Mayor Ramsey introduced Ted Knowlton, WFRC, who provided an update on the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision and the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) — the transportation element of the [Wasatch Choice Vision](#). Mr. Knowlton outlined 1) the relationship between the Vision and recent state multi-modal transportation investments and legislation that affects housing and development around public transit stations, and 2) how the RTP is being developed for adoption in 2023 to advance the Vision.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:04:53]

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair, informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the Trans Com meeting held on February 17, 2022.

5a. Board Modifications to 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mayor Shepherd noted that since the last meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), WFRC received requests to modify the current 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the Utah Transportation Commission, but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modification is included in the meeting materials.

5b. ACTION: Board Modifications to 2022-2027 TIP [01:06:47]

Mayor Shepherd then turned the time to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, who reported that WFRC has received several requests to modify the current 2022-2027 TIP, and this list of projects is also included in the meeting materials. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project. **ACTION: [01:20:37]** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2022-2027 TIP as requested. Mayor Mike Caldwell seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5c. Obligations of federal transportation funds during FY2021 [01:21:20]

Mr. Wuthrich also presented information from a yearly report required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The WFRC staff, with the help of UDOT and UTA, has prepared a report of obligated federal, and local and state match funding during federal fiscal year 2021 (October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021). For the State of Utah, these federal funds currently represent about twenty percent of the total highway and transit revenues.

6. WFRC Budget Committee [01:23:52]

6a. ACTION: Release the Draft FY23 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment

Mayor Silvestrini introduced Mayor Mike Caldwell, WFRC Budget Committee Chair, who gave a brief outline of the WFRC Budget agenda item. Mayor Caldwell then turned the time to Andrew Gruber, WFRC. Mr. Gruber explained that WFRC's staff has identified and proposed agency goals and prepared a draft budget and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that outline the objectives and activities that WFRC plans to undertake in fiscal year 2023.

The proposed WFRC FY23 goals are as follows:

1. Collaboratively advance the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision as a framework for integrating transportation, land use, and economic development, to best address growth-related opportunities and challenges
2. Effectively administer ongoing plans and programs
3. Provide subject-matter expertise to federal, state, and local officials and policymakers
4. Strive for organizational excellence

As in the past, the FY23 goals are similar to the FY22 goals. This reflects the continuity in our organizational mission and roles, and the fact that most of our activities are ongoing and span multiple years. The proposed goals were included in the meeting materials.

Mr. Gruber continued his report by stating that the budget for FY23 shows an increase of 10% over estimated FY22 expenditures, and a decrease of 17% below the FY22 budget. Several categories of expenditures from FY22 were less than anticipated due to the pandemic. The FY23 budget generally assumes that expenditures will return to a pre-pandemic norm.

The major expenditure in the budget is for staff salary and benefits. The budget includes funding to maintain the current full-time staff of 30, and the addition of the two new Community and Economic Development (CED) planners. One of these positions is funded through a new ongoing appropriation from the state. The other is primarily funded through the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program, and utilizes increased federal funding from the recently adopted multi-year Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Consultant contracts represent the second largest expenditure in the FY23 budget. Federal transportation funds continue to be WFRC's main source of revenue.

Mr. Gruber concluded his report by reminding the Council that the UPWP outlines the work tasks that WFRC will pursue during FY23 in collaboration with cities, counties, UDOT, UTA, and other partners. Among the primary tasks are assisting local communities with growth, transportation, and planning issues; completing development of the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, and Wasatch Choice Regional Vision; continuing efforts to update and implement the Transportation Improvement Program; assisting in the development of air quality plans; continuing to utilize and improve analytical capabilities; and engaging with the public and local, state, and federal officials.

[01:44:14] Mayor Mike Caldwell made a motion to recommend that the Draft FY23 WFRC Goals, Budget and UPWP be released for public comment. Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Reports [01:44:52]

7a. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update

Mayor Troy Walker, ATC Chair, provided an update on the Active Transportation Committee.

7b. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update [01:47:04]

Commissioner Gage Froerer, WFEDD Chair, provided an update on the Wasatch Front Economic Development District committee.

7c. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards announcement [01:49:29]

Mayor Mark Allen introduced Christy Dahlberg, WFRC, who announced the award recipients for the Community Development Block Grant program.

7d. Executive Director's report [01:50:48]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, thanked those serving on the committees, shared his appreciation with our partner agencies.

8. Other Business and Adjournment [01:51:29]

Mayor Silvestrini stated that the next Council meeting will be held on May 26, 2022. There were no other business items brought forward. Mayor Silvestrini then requested a motion to adjourn. Mayor Mike Caldwell made a motion, and Mayor Troy Walker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:56pm.