



**MINUTES**  
**Wasatch Front Regional Council**  
May 26, 2022

A meeting was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022, 2:00pm, at WFRC Offices, 41 N. Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT and also via Zoom.

The following were present:

<b>WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2022</b>		
<b>BOX ELDER COUNTY</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Alternates / Others in attendance:</b>
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Steve Gale, Morgan City Mayor
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
<b>DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS</b>		Ken Phippen, Farr West Mayor
John Pohlman	yes	Nando Meli, Stockton Town Mayor
Mark Shepherd	yes	Gage Froerer, Weber Co Commissioner
Joy Petro	yes	Dan Dugan, SLC Councilmember
Bob Stevenson	yes	Dan Johnson, West Valley City
<b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>		Dina Blaes, SLCounty
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Bret Millburn, Draper City
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
<b>SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS</b>		Evelyn Everton, Sandy City
Jenny Wilson	no	Tami Moody, Herriman
Erin Mendenhall	yes	Nathan Cherpeski, Herriman
Troy Walker	no	Jennifer Elsken, FHWA
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Holly Sweeten
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Rhonda Perkes
Robert Dahle	yes	Chris Coombs
Dirk Burton	yes	Jeff Acerson, UTA Board of Trustees
Kristie Overson	yes	Ryan Leavitt,
<b>TOOELE COUNTY</b>		Rob Jolley
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	Steve Van Maren
Alternate - Debbie Winn	no	<b>WFRC:</b> Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton,
<b>WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS</b>		Wayne Bennion, Hugh Van Wagenen,
Scott Jenkins	yes	Ned Hacker, Ben Wuthrich, Bill Hereth,
Jim Harvey	yes	Megan Townsend, Miranda Jones Cox,
Mark Allen	yes	Jory Johner, Bert Granberg, Nikki Navio,
Mike Caldwell	yes	Mike Sobczak, Josh Reynolds, Chris Day,
<b>UDOT &amp; UTA</b>		Suzie Swim, Marcia White, Matthew Silski,
Member - Carlos Bracerias, UDOT	no	Christy Dahlberg, Tyler Torres,
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	yes	Marian Florence, Amber Gonzales,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Mikala Jordan, Lauren Victor,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Rosie Hernandez, Andrea Pearson

<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>		
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	yes	
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	no	

**Welcome [00:00:04]**

At 2:01pm, Council Chair Mayor Jeff Silvestrini welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests and introductions were made via roll call and roundtable for those in person.

**1. Consent Agenda [00:05:44]****1a. ACTION: Minutes and Financial Statements**

Mayor Silvestrini brought attention to the consent agenda. Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held March 24, 2022, the Financial Statements for February & March 2022, and the current Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Mike Caldwell seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were accepted unanimously.

**2. Chair Report [00:06:13]****2a. Utah transportation funding overview [00:05:16]**

Mayor Silvestrini turned the time to Andrew Gruber and Julie Bjornstad, both with WFRC, who briefed the group on the general status of transportation needs and funding in Utah. Significant progress has been made at the federal and state level on infrastructure funding, and this funding is being incorporated into updated projections for Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, 2023-2050.

**3. Public Comment [00:25:55]**

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

**4. ITEM 5: Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:26:35]**

Mayor Silvestrini noted that Item 5 will move up on the agenda, and introduced Mayor Dawn Ramsey, RGC Chair, who briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting held on May 19, 2022.

**5a. Wasatch Choice - Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update [00:28:29]**

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Bert Granberg, WFRC, who provided an update on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Grandberg's update included an overview of the forecasts that are made in the RTP that help approximate the future. The RTP forecasts such things as:

- 1) Where homes and jobs are anticipated to be located
- 2) Where and how local transportation trips will occur
- 3) The impacts of that transportation behavior, e.g., traffic congestion and air quality
- 4) Anticipated transportation revenue
- 5) Anticipated expense related to transportation construction

These forecasts have a significant impact on the RTP. They affect which transportation projects are planned and within which phase they are prioritized, among other things.

**5b. ACTION: Station Area Plan Certification Process and Technical Approach [00:35:55]**

Mayor Ramsey discussed the purpose of [HB462](#) (Housing Affordability Amendments) and then introduced Andrew Gruber and Megan Townsend, both with WFRC, who reviewed the SAP Requirements and WFRC's anticipated role in implementation:

1. Certification. The proposed process for WFRC's certification of local Station Area Plans as required by HB462.
2. Technical Assistance. The approach to administering technical assistance utilizing GOEO funds authorized by the legislation.

**[00:59:46] ACTION:** Mayor Dawn Ramsey made the motion to adopt the Station Area Plan Certification Policy as outlined. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lorene Kamalu, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**5. ITEM 4: Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:00:50]**

**4a. Report on Board Modifications to the 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mayor Mark Shepherd reported that since the last meeting of Wasatch Front Regional Council, WFRC received requests to modify the current 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification was approved by Trans Com at the April 14 meeting and by the Utah Transportation Commission. Mayor Shepherd reminded the group that if they have any questions or concerns, they can reach out to Ben Wuthrich or anyone on WFRC staff.

**4b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2022-2027 TIP [01:03:28]**

Mayor Shepherd turned the time to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, who stated that there were new requests received to modify the 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification requires action from WFRC and the Transportation Commission but does not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project. **[01:18:28]** Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2022-2027 TIP as requested. Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

**4c. ACTION: Approve Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CMAQ), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects for the 2023-2028 TIP [01:18:48]**

Mr. Wuthrich continued his report by discussing the new STP, CMAQ, and TAP projects recommended in consultation with the Trans Com Technical Advisory Committees (TACs). He also reviewed the process for developing these recommendations.

The annual apportionments for **STP** funds are projected to be approximately \$22.4M through the year 2028 in the Salt Lake/ West Valley Area and \$12M in the Ogden/ Layton Area. Given the mix of project cost overruns and project cost savings, programming efficiencies, and an increase of the federal funding allocations from the new transportation bill "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" (IIJA), there is an estimated \$31.4M available to program in the Salt Lake/ West Valley Area, and \$16.5M available in the Ogden/ Layton Area for the year 2028.

The **CMAQ** funds are intended to fund transportation projects that improve air quality, except they are not eligible for through-travel lanes. The annual apportionments for CMAQ funds are projected to be approximately \$5.6M through the year 2028 in the Salt Lake/ West Valley Urban Area with \$6.2M available to program in the year 2028, and about \$3M in annual apportionments anticipated in the Ogden/ Layton Area with \$3.7M available to program in the year 2028.

The **TAP** funds are for construction and planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The annual apportionments for TAP funds for the year 2024 are projected to be approximately \$2M in the Salt Lake/ West Valley area and about \$1.1M in the Ogden/ Layton Area. Given the mix of project cost overruns and project cost savings, programming efficiencies, and an increase of the federal funding allocations from the new transportation bill “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act” (IIJA), there is an estimated \$3.8M available to program in the Salt Lake/ West Valley area and the Ogden/ Layton Area is expected to have an estimated \$1.5M available to program.

**[01:31:09]** Mayor Shepherd made a motion for the Regional Council to approve the projects that were discussed and reviewed for funding through the 2023-2028 STP, CMAQ, and TAP Programs. Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

#### **6. WFRC Budget Committee [01:31:43]**

##### **6a. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: Approve FY23 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Budget Committee Chair, informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the WFRC Budget meeting held on May 12, 2022.

**[01:31:50]** Mayor Caldwell made a motion to open a public hearing regarding approving the WFRC FY23 Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Commissioner Jeff Scott seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, reviewed the materials for the Council for approval. Based on more staff discussion, comments received, and updated financial information, there were some slight revisions made to the goals and the budget. **[01:40:30]** Mayor Caldwell asked if there were any comments or questions related to the items discussed. There were none. **[01:40:42]** Mayor Caldwell then made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. **[01:41:50]** Mayor Caldwell made a motion that the Council approve the FY23 Goals, Budget, and UPWP as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Bob Stevenson. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

##### **6b. ACTION: Adopt amendments to the WFRC Personnel Policy [01:42:19]**

Mayor Caldwell asked Andrew Gruber, WFRC, to continue. Mr. Gruber presented a summary of the proposed Personnel Policy modifications. In conjunction with the development of the WFRC FY23 budget and goals, the Personnel Policy was reviewed and a few areas were identified that needed an update or clarification. Further, over the past year, WFRC conducted an analysis of its performance and compensation approach, and a few adjustments to the Policy are warranted to reflect the results of that analysis. These modifications do not impact the current WFRC Budget. **ACTION [01:43:50]** Mayor Caldwell made a motion to recommend the Council adopt the amendments proposed to the WFRC Personnel Policy. Commissioner Jeff Scott seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

##### **6c. Fraud Risk Assessment FY22 [01:44:10]**

Mayor Caldwell discussed the internally scored Fraud Risk Assessment Questionnaire, required by the Utah State Auditor’s Office, for FY2022. Overall WFRC’s score has risen (improved), and is now in the “very low risk” category with a score of 365.

#### **7. Reports [01:44:55]**

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

Mayor Silvestrini asked Commissioner Gage Froerer, WFEDD Chair, to provide his report about the WFEDD meeting that was held on May 24, 2022.

**7b. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update [01:48:32]**

Mayor Silvestrini turned the time to Mayor Joy Petro, ATC Vice-Chair, for an update on the Active Transportation Committee, which met on April 13, with another meeting upcoming on June 8.

**7c. Executive Director's Report [01:52:23]**

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, discussed the Wasatch Choice Community Advisory Committee, which will enhance WFRC's community outreach and engagement. If you would like to be a member or have suggestions for members on this committee, please contact someone on WFRC staff.

**8. Other Business and Adjournment [01:55:55]**

Mayor Silvestrini asked if there were any other items to discuss. There were no other items brought forward. He reminded the group that the next Council meeting will be held on August 25. Mayor Mike Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting; the meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.

*A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org)*