



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
August 25, 2022

A meeting was held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at WFRC Offices, 41 N. Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT and also via Zoom. The following were present:

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2022		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Brian Vincent
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Peter Asplund
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Don Knapp
John Pohlman	yes	Rhonda Perkes, Congressman Chris Stewart
Mark Shepherd	no	Mike Weichers, Ctnwd Heights Mayor
Joy Petro	yes	Joe Smolka, Emigration Cyn Mayor
Bob Stevenson	yes	Holly Sweeten, Congressman Burgess Owens
MORGAN COUNTY		Shayne Scott
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Robert Dandoy, Roy City Mayor
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Jennifer Elsken, FHWA
Jenny Wilson	no	Shule Bishop, UTA
Erin Mendenhall	no	Michelle Larsen, UTA
Troy Walker	yes	Jay Fox, UTA
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Jeff Acerson, UTA Trustee
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Ben Huot, UDOT
Robert Dahle	no	Dina Blaes, SLCounty
Dirk Burton	yes	Bret Millburn, Draper City
Kristie Overson	yes	Jeremy Shinoda
Roger Bourke	yes	Tami Moody,
TOOELE COUNTY		Nathan Cherpeski,
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	Ryan Leavitt
Alternate - Debbie Winn	yes	
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		
Scott Jenkins	yes	
Jim Harvey	yes	
Mark Allen	yes	
Mike Caldwell	no	
UDOT & UTA		
Member - Carlos Bracerias, UDOT	yes	
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	no	
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	

NON-VOTING MEMBERS		WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Ned Hacker, Andrea Pearson,
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Mikala Jordan, Megan Townsend,
Ryan Beck - Envision Utah	yes	Jory Johnner, Hugh Van Wagenen,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Wayne Bennion, Ben Wuthrich,
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	no	Bert Granberg, Bill Hereth, Nikki Navio,
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Rosie Hernandez, Miranda Jones Cox,
		Lauren Victor, Chad Worthen,
		Josh Reynolds, Julie Bjornstad,
		Christy Dahlberg, Marian Florence
		Mike Sobczak, Kevrine Wells, Suzie
		Swim, Loveit Baumgardner, Byron Head,
		Andy Li, Chris Day, Kip Billings

Welcome

At 2:01pm, Council Chair Mayor Jeff Silvestrini welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests and introductions were made via roll call. [00:00:35]

1. Consent Agenda [00:06:13]

- a. [Minutes](#) of the WFRC meeting held May 26, 2022 and [Financial](#) Statements for April, May and June of 2022. Mayor Joy Petro made a motion to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held May 26, 2022 and Financial statements of April, May, and June of 2022 and budget expenditures. Commissioner Mike Newton seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:07:05]

- a. [WFRC FY22 Activities and Accomplishments Report](#) Mayor Silvestrini presented some of the accomplishments of WFRC, highlighting their work on HB462 - Station Area Planning. Mayor Silvestrini turned the time over to Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, who discussed the four goals of WFRC for the last fiscal year, as well as the partnerships that helped make it happen. Mr. Gruber acknowledged Mr. Ned Hacker, who has been WFRC's Director of Operations and Special Projects, for over 25 years. Mr. Gruber commended Mr. Hacker for his service to WFRC and let the Council know of Ned's upcoming retirement in September 2022.
- b. Mayor Silvestrini turned the time over to UDOT Director Carlos Braceras and Mayor Dawn Ramsey for an update on the Utah Unified Economic Opportunity Commission. [00:34:10]

3. Public Comment [00:43:27] : Mayor Silvestrini opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments.

4. Transportation Committee (Trans Com) [00:43:53] Mayor Silvestrini turned the time over to Commissioner Jim Harvey for a report on Trans Com.

- a. [Report](#) on Board modifications to the 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) : Commissioner Harvey asked the group if there are any questions. There were no questions. Commissioner Harvey turned the time over to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC to review the following action items for TIP. [00:44:29] Mr. Wuthrich gave a brief overview of each of the projects.
- b. **ACTION:** [00:50:28] - Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion to approve the board modifications to the 2022-2027 TIP, seconded by Commissioner Mike Newton. No discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
- c. **ACTION:** [00:51:32]- Mr. Wuthrich gave an update on the 2023-2028 TIP and discussed the process by which responses are provided to the public comments that are received, for the TIP. Commissioner Jim Harvey asked for any input. Mayor Silvestrini and Commissioner Lorene Kamalu commented on how important the public comment process is. Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion to approve the 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) seconded by UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen - Mr. Gruber asked if the motion includes

the adoption of the corresponding air quality conformity finding. Commissioner Harvey stated that, yes it does include the adoption of the corresponding air quality conformity finding. Carlton Christensen seconded the amended motion. No discussion, this motion was approved unanimously.

- d. **ACTION: [01:01:34]** Commissioner Jim Harvey explained that when the TIP is submitted to the FHWA and FDA, the Regional Council is required to certify that it complies with federal regulation. He asked if anyone had questions about the self certification process. There were no questions. Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion that the Regional Council approve the resolution certifying the transportation planning process, seconded by Commissioner Bob Stevenson. No discussion, this motion was approved unanimously.

5. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [01:02:42] Mayor Silvestrini turned the time over to Mayor Dawn Ramsey to give an update on the Regional Growth Committee.

- a. Mayor Ramsey asked Jory Johner, WFRC to give an update on [Wasatch Choice Vision & 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan](#). Mr. Johner talked about the plan and the upcoming fall workshops, where they will get the 2023-2050 plan out to smaller communities prior to the public comment period in January 2023. The approval of the RTP is anticipated in May 2023.
- b. Mayor Ramsey then announced the opportunity to be involved in the statewide conversation about growth, and turned the time over to Laura Hanson, GOPB. Ms. Hanson gave an overview of the effort, and provided suggestions on how to engage communities in the growth discussion.
- c. Megan Townsend, WFRC, gave an overview and progress update of the Station Area Planning (HB462). She announced the first round of awards to receive technical assistance, and informed the Council that the next deadline for technical assistance is September 19, 2022.

6. Reports [01:27:35]

- a. [WFRC Funding Opportunities for Local Governments](#) Wayne Bennion and Megan Townsend, both with WFRC, talked about upcoming funding opportunities, the deadlines and who to contact for additional information.
- b. Mayor Debbie Winn gave an update on the Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD). The WFEDD has been discussing Utah's Coordinated Action Plan for Economic Vision 2030. The goal is to create a unified plan that will lead to enhanced economic and community development capability and improve the quality of life of everyone in Utah. They are looking for feedback from businesses via a survey that was initiated by Governor Cox. Mayor Winn asked the Council to encourage businesses in their areas to complete the survey; the deadline is September 2nd.
- c. Mayor Troy Walker gave an Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update. He announced two events happening: Utah Pedestrian Summit on Sept 14 and the Mobile Active Transportation Tour (MATT) on Oct 4 in Park City. Mayor Walker talked about the shared use path along canals in community areas, and stated that UDOT released a report discussing how staff can work with canal companies to create safer canal trails.
- d. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, invited the Council to the ribbon cutting of the Porter Rockwell Boulevard Bridge, which is happening today (Aug 25) at 5pm.

7. Other Business & Adjournment [01:44:05]: Mayor Silvestrini asked if there were any other items to discuss. There were no other items brought forward. UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting and Mayor Joe Smolka seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.