



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
October 27, 2022

A meeting was held on Thursday, October 27, 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	Brett Anderson, Farmington Mayor
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Kendalyn Harris, Bountiful Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Roger Bourke, Alta Mayor
John Pohlman	yes	Robert Dandoy, Roy Mayor
Mark Shepherd	yes	Mike Weichers, Ctnwd Heights Mayor
Joy Petro	yes	Joe Smolka, Emigration Cyn Mayor
Bob Stevenson	yes	Lorin Palmer, Herriman Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY		Natalie Hall, Bluffdale Mayor
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Gage Froerer, Weber Co Commissioner
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Jennifer Elsken, FHWA
Jenny Wilson	yes	Dina Blaes, SLCounty
Erin Mendenhall	no	Bret Millburn, Draper City
Troy Walker	yes	Shule Bishop, UTA
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Michelle Larsen, UTA
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Jay Fox, UTA
Robert Dahle	yes	Nichol Bourdeaux
Dirk Burton	yes	Tim Rees
Kristie Overson	yes	Jeremy Shinoda
TOOELE COUNTY		Wendy Thomas
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	Ryan Leavitt
Alternate - Debbie Winn	yes	Shayne Scott
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Cameron Diehl, ULCT
Scott Jenkins	yes	Helen Peters, Salt Lake County
Jim Harvey	yes	Melissa Layton, Farmington
Mark Allen	yes	Amy Shumway, Farmington
Mike Caldwell	no	Shannon Hansell, Farmington
UDOT & UTA		Brighton Mellor, Farmington
Member - Carlos Bracerias, UDOT	yes	Katie McKellar, Deseret News
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	yes	Dan Dugan, Salt Lake County
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Lyle Gibson, Farmington
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	

NON-VOTING MEMBERS		WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Andrea Pearson, Hugh Van Wagenen,
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Lauren Victor, Wayne Bennion,
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	no	Nikki Navio, Kevrine Wells, Rosie Hernandez,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Mike Sobczak, Marian Florence, Jory Johner,
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	yes	Miranda Jones Cox, Megan Townsend,
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Jordon Chandler, Ben Wuthrich, Byron Head,
		Christy Dahlberg, Marcia White, Chris Day

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda

At 2:07pm, Council Chair Mayor Jeff Silvestrini welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests. Introductions were made around the table for those attending in person, and Andrea Pearson, WFRC, read the names of those attending online.

a. **[00:05:09] ACTION:** Commissioner Jeff Scott made a motion to approve the [Minutes](#) for August 2022 and [Financial Statements](#) for July, August and September 2022 and current Budget/Expenditure Report, seconded by Mayor Mark Shepherd. No discussion, approved unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:05:59]

Mayor Silvestrini invited two members of this year's Council to say some parting words as they will no longer be on the Council. Commissioner Jeff Scott, Box Elder County, and Commissioner Scott Jenkins, Weber County gave thanks, and spoke about their time with WFRC Council. Mayor Silvestrini let the Council know this will be his last meeting as the chair, but looks forward to continuing to be involved.

a. **[00:11:46] ACTION:** Mayor Silvestrini asked Councilmember Scott Wardle, Tooele County; Commissioner Mike Newton, Morgan County; Mayor Mike Caldwell, Ogden City (Weber Co); Commissioner Jeff Scott, Box Elder County; Mayor Joy Petro, Layton City (Davis Co); to join him serving on the WFRC Nominating Committee. There were no objections.

Mayor Silvestrini asked Andrew Gruber, WFRC, to speak about the two awards given to WFRC this year.

- 2022 Coordination and Partnership award from the National Association of MPOs at their annual conference in Minneapolis. Bert Grandberg, Mikala Jordan, and Julie Bjornstad, were there to accept the award on behalf of WFRC.
- WFRC has been named one of Utah's 100 Companies Championing Women. This award was given by the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity and the Utah Women and Leadership Project at Utah State University.

b. **[00:17:13]** Mayor Silvestrini turned the time over to Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC, for a [Legislative](#) preview and federal update. Ms. Jones Cox spoke about the Federal Infrastructure Bill that passed about one year ago and the implementation steps. She highlighted some of the programs that WFRC has/is currently/or is planning on applying for under this bill. **[00:23:53]** Ms. Jones Cox turned the time over to Laura Hanson, GOPB, to talk about the State's approach to coordinating the Infrastructure bill with all of the partnerships and programs involved. Ms. Hanson also talked about some of the grant funding that has come to the State of Utah for Transportation and Land Management this year. **[00:34:25]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, talked about the current state and local issues (particularly the local options sales tax for transportation funding) that the counties have the authority to impose for public transit - including timing, uses, and rate. **[00:40:56]** Carlos Bracerias, UDOT Executive Director, talked about Governor Cox's announcement regarding Utah's Trail Systems and the idea of creating a regional connection system to increase the utilization of trails. **[00:54:02]** Mayor Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County, talked about the increase in active transportation projects in Salt Lake County. **[00:58:00]** Senator Wayne Harper talked about the plans for transportation legislation in this coming year, mentioning some of the main issues of focus.

3. Public Comment [00:34:11]

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

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:62:53]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey gave an update on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and encouraged everyone to attend and participate in the workshops in their communities. Mayor Ramsey turned the time over to Jory Johner, WFRC.

a. [00:64:30] Jory Johner, WFRC, talked about the [Wasatch Choice](#) 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan update, and where we are at in the planning process, and showed an example of the interactive map that allows for public comments on the 2023-2050 RTP. Mr. Johner gave an update on the Fall Workshops currently taking place, and shared the dates and locations of the ones remaining.

b. [01:12:50] Mayor Dawn Ramsey gave an update on HB462 that was passed earlier this year allowing for technical assistance to develop Station Area Plans. (SAPs) [01:14:56] Mayor Ramsey turned the time over to Megan Townsend, WFRC, to discuss the process to get SAPs reviewed and approved and some of the requirements involved. Ms. Townsend highlighted Farmington City's SAP, which has been put forth for certification. [01:21:03] Ms. Townsend turned the time over to Farmington City Mayor Brett Anderson, who discussed their SAP. Lyle Gibson, Farmington City, talked about the implementation plan for the SAP, and thanked everyone that has been helping with the project. [01:32:51] Megan Townsend notified the Council that, on their meeting on Oct 20, the Regional Growth Committee took action to make a recommendation to the Council to approve this SAP, and turned the time back over to Mayor Dawn Ramsey. [01:34:55] **ACTION:** Mayor Dawn Ramsey made a motion to certify the Farmington FrontRunner Station Area Plan, seconded by Mayor Troy Walker. No discussion, approved unanimously.

5. Transportation Committee (Trans Com) [01:35:39]

Mayor Mark Shepherd gave an update on the progress for the annual cycle for the programs administered by WFRC, and turned the time over to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC. Mr. Wuthrich gave an overview of the Board Modification request for several projects in the region.

a. [01:47:56] **ACTION:** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the Board Modifications to the 2023-2028 TIP as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Bob Stevenson. No discussion, approved unanimously.

6. WFRC Budget Committee [01:48:15]

Mayor Silvestrini moved on to Item 6 on the agenda. Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to move into public hearing, seconded by Mayor Joe Smolka, no discussion, approved unanimously. Andrew Gruber and Marian Florence, both with WFRC, gave an update on the layout of the budget. Mr. Gruber emphasized that WFRC is always open to questions and comments about the budget. There were no questions. [01:51:48] Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Mayor Rob Dahle, with no discussion and approved unanimously.

a. [01:52:03] **ACTION:** Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to approve the FY23 WFRC Budget & Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendments, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Scott. No discussion, approved unanimously.

b. [01:52:32] Commissioner Bob Stevenson continued, letting the Council know that the auditor, Tim Rees, was online to answer questions. Mr. Rees notified the Council that WFRC had another clean audit. There were no questions. [01:53:09] **ACTION:** Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to accept the WFRC Audit Report for FY22, seconded by Mayor Mark Shephard. No discussion, approved unanimously.

7. Reports

a. [01:53:43] Mayor Troy Walker gave an update on the Active Transportation Committee (ATC), emphasizing the importance of safety for Active Transportation users. Mayor Walker also talked about the steps to become a bicycle friendly community.

b. [01:57:55] Commissioner Gage Froerer gave an update on the Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD), emphasizing the WFEDD's objectives and focus areas.

c. [02:00:33] Andrew Gruber, WFRC, gave the Executive Director's report. He introduced Jordon Chandler as WFRC's newly hired Office Administrator, and congratulated Christy Dahlberg, WFRC Community and Economic Development Planner, for being with WFRC for five years, highlighting some of her accomplishments.

8. Other Business and Adjournment [02:02:43] Mayor Silvestrini noted the 2023 WFRC Meeting Schedule in the packet materials and reminded everyone that the Council and Committee meeting calendar invitations will be sent out in the coming weeks. The next Council meeting will be January 26, 2023. Mayor Silvestrini requested a motion to adjourn. Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Joe Smolka. No discussion, meeting adjourned at 4:10PM.

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