



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
May 25, 2023

A meeting was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

The following were present:

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2023		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Lee Perry	yes	Jeff Acerson, UTA Board of Trustees
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Kendalyn Harris, Bountiful Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Michelle Larsen, UTA, Leif Elder, UTA
Brandon Stanger	yes	Shule Bishop, UTA,
Mark Shepherd	yes	Helen Peters, SLCo,
Joy Petro	yes	Catherine Kanter, SLCo
Bob Stevenson	yes	Lisa Hartman, SLCo
MORGAN COUNTY		Lorin Palmer, Herriman Mayor,
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Wendy Thomas, Herriman
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Andrea Olson, UDOT, Ben Huot, UDOT
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Sharon Bolos, Weber Co Commissioner
Jenny Wilson	yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
Erin Mendenhall	no	Jennifer Elsken, FHWA,
Dawn Ramsey	yes	Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Ryan Leavitt, Justin Smart, Josh Van Jura
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Andrea Olson, UDOT, Ben Huot, UDOT,
Robert Dahle	yes	Aspen Hawks, Blake Perez,
Dirk Burton	no	Alex Roy, Scott Hess
Kristie Overson	yes	ABC4
TOOELE COUNTY		KUER
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	KUTV
Alternate - Debbie Winn	yes	Jessica Lowell - KSL NewsRadio
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Samantha Pensari - O2 Utah
Gage Froerer	yes	<i>Remaining online attendees listed separately at the end of this record.</i>
Jim Harvey	yes	
Robert Dandoy	yes	
Mike Caldwell	yes	WFRC:
UDOT & UTA		Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton,
Member - Carlos Bracerias, UDOT	yes	Jory Johnner, Julie Bjornstad,
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	no	Wayne Bennion, Ben Wuthrich, Kip Billings,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Megan Townsend, Mikala Jordan,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Miranda Jones Cox, Mike Sobczak,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		Bert Granberg, Hugh Van Wagenen,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Bill Hereth, Josh Reynolds, Chris Day,
Troy Walker - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Sarah Lawless, Suzie Swim,
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	Kevrine Wells, Marian Florence,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez,
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	no	Andrea Pearson, Luis Garcia,
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Jereson Atkin, Lilah Rosenfield

1. Welcome and Consent Agenda [00:00:15]

At 2:02pm, Council Chair Mayor Dawn Ramsey welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests. Introductions were made around the table, and online via roll call. Attendance sheets listing in-person public attendees will be attached to this document of record.

- a. **[00:03:37] ACTION:** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for February and March 2023 and Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Mike Caldwell seconded the motion, there was no discussion. Approved unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:04:18]

Mayor Ramsey announced that WFRC has been named Employer of the Year by the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), the leading professional organization for women who work in transportation-related fields. This award recognized employers who have exhibited excellence in recruiting, retaining, and advancing women in transportation. **[00:05:32]** Mayor Ramsey continued by highlighting the *Guiding Our Growth* initiative, which is the statewide conversation spearheaded by the Governor's Office, addressing our ongoing growth challenges. Mayor Ramsey encouraged the group to get the word out about this initiative to their communities.

3. Public Comment [00:08:25]

Mayor Ramsey welcomed all guests from the public, and explained the public comment process in relation to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mayor Ramsey stated that during this meeting, there will be 20 minutes allotted for public comment - approximately 15 minutes for in person attendees and five minutes for online attendees. Members of the public who made comments in person and/or virtually are listed below.

Nathan Rafferty - Ski Utah	Mason Daly - Patagonia	Jess Powell - Black Diamond Equipment
Dave Fields - Snow Bird	Jason Erickson - Wasatch Backcountry Alliance	Brad Rutledge - Wasatch Backcountry Alliance
Alex - Backcountry.com	Emily Pitch - Utah Resident	Carl Fisher - Save our Canyons
Alan Sanderson - Utah Resident	Patrick Shea - Friends of Alta	Julia Geisler - Salt Lake Climbers Alliance
Roger Bourke - Mayor of Alta	Chris McCandless - CW Management Corp.	Nate Blouin - Utah State Senate, District 13
Paige Dubrow - Utah Resident	Roman Fisher - Utah Resident	Savannah Mccauley - Utah Resident
Kael Weston - Utah Resident	Jill Font - Utah Resident	Joe - Utah Resident

[00:37:10] Mayor Ramsey also gave time to Sandy City Mayor Monica Zoltanski to comment.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:39:52]

- a. **ACTION: Adoption of the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Air Quality Memorandum #41**

Mayor Bob Dandoy, Chair of the Regional Growth Committee, gave an update from the RGC meeting that was held on May 18, 2023. Mayor Dandoy then introduced Jory Johner, WFRC Long Range Planning Manager, who presented the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). **[00:58:00] ACTION:** Mayor Dandoy made a motion that the Wasatch Front Regional Council adopt the final phased and financially constrained 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and approve the Air Quality Memorandum #41 conformity determination, accompanied by the following statement of intent with regard to the Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement: *WFRC supports prioritizing phase 1 and 2, and implementation and evaluation of phase 1 and 2 before advancing to phase 3.* Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion. Mayor Ramsey asked for any discussion. **[01:10:23]** Mayor Jenny Wilson made a substitute motion to remove the listing

of the gondola from phase 3, but to approve the remaining projects of the 2023-2050 RTP. Mayor Rob Dahle seconded the substitute motion.

[01:16:05] ACTION: Mayor Ramsey called for a roll call vote from the 21 members and designated alternates present, on the substitute motion. There were two affirmative votes and 19 votes against the substitute motion. With no majority, the substitute motion did not carry. **[01:19:28] ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey then called for a roll call vote from the 21 members and designated alternates present, on the original motion, accompanied by the statement of intent. With 21 affirmative votes, the motion to adopt the final phased and financially constrained 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and approve the Air Quality Memorandum #41 conformity determination was approved unanimously.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:25:13]

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair, introduced Ben Wuthrich, WFRC's Transportation Improvement Plan Project Coordinator, who will discuss modifications requested for the TIP. 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.

a. Board Modifications to the 2023-2050 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr Wuthrich reported that since the last meeting of Wasatch Front Regional Council, WFRC received requests to modify the current 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification was approved by Trans Com at the April 27 meeting and by the Utah Transportation Commission.

b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2023-2050 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [01:28:17]

Mr. Wuthrich continued his presentation, highlighting the currently requested modifications to the 2023-2028 TIP. Mayor Shepherd opened the discussion time regarding these modifications by making a motion to remove the funding from the extension of West Davis Highway. Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion. **[01:37:12]** There was more discussion. **[01:43:44]** UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen made a substitute motion to approve the currently requested Board modifications to the 2023-2028 TIP, as presented. Commissioner Lee Perry seconded the motion. **[01:48:44] ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey called for a roll call vote from the 17 members and designated alternates still present, on the substitute motion. There were 15 affirmative votes and two votes against the substitute motion. With the majority, the substitute motion carried.

c. ACTION: Approve Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality Program (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects for the 2024-2029 TIP [01:52:00]

Mr. Wuthrich continued his report by discussing the new STP, CMAQ, TAP, and CRP projects that have been recommended, after previous consultation with the Trans Com Technical Advisory Committees (TACs). He also reviewed the process for developing these recommendations. **[02:03:25] ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd made a motion for the Regional Council to approve the projects that were discussed and reviewed for funding through the 2024-2029 STP, CMAQ, TAP, and CRP Programs. Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

6. Budget Committee [02:04:27]

Mayor Ramsey then brought the group's attention to Mayor Mike Caldwell, WFRC Budget Committee Chair, for the WFRC Budget Committee report.

a. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: Approve Fiscal Year 24 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mayor Caldwell informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the WFRC Budget meeting held on May 11, 2023.

[02:05:00] Mayor Caldwell made a motion to open a public hearing regarding approving the WFRC FY24 Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mayor Jeff

Silvestrini seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous. [02:06:20] Mayor Caldwell turned the time over to Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, who provided a high-level summary of WFRC's FY24 Goals and the UPWP. [02:08:12] Marian Florence, WFRC Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the FY24 WFRC Budget. [02:09:31] Mayor Ramsey asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There was one public comment, unrelated to the items discussed. [02:11:39] Mayor Ramsey acknowledged Mayor Shepherd's motion to close the public hearing. Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. [02:13:55] **ACTION:** Mayor Caldwell made a motion that the Council approve the FY24 Goals, Budget, and UPWP as presented, which was seconded by Mayor Mark Shepherd. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

b. Fraud Risk Assessment FY23 [02:14:18]

Mayor Caldwell discussed the internally scored Fraud Risk Assessment Questionnaire, required by the Utah State Auditor's Office, for FY2023. Overall WFRC's score has risen, and is now in the "very low risk" category with a score of 365 out of a possible 395.

7. Reports

- a. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update [02:15:10]** Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Commissioner Gage Froerer, WFEDD Chair, who gave a report on the March meeting of the WFEDD. Commissioner Froerer updated the group on their progress towards the September 2023 completion of the 2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He stated that Ryan Starks, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, attended that meeting and discussed the business expansion projects at Hill Air Force Base, the Point of the Mountain, and industrial development in Northern Utah.
- b. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update [02:17:53]** Mayor Troy Walker gave an update for the Active Transportation Committee (ATC). He discussed the success of the April Mobile Active Transportation Tour (MATT) to Davis, California, and celebrated the large turnout for the annual Golden Spoke Bike Ride held on May 13, with nearly 300 participants. He also mentioned the upcoming Utah Bike Summit on May 31, which will focus on the impact of e-bikes.
- c. Executive Director's update [02:19:36]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC, recognized Bert Granberg, Analytics Director, who has been appointed to the National Geospatial Advisory Committee by the US Department of the Interior. Mr. Gruber also noted that WFRC has received the Silver Bicycle Friendly Business Awards, and introduced the interns that will be working at WFRC for the summer.

8. Other Business and Adjournment [02:22:30]

The next meeting of the WFRC Council will be held on August 24, 2023. Mayor Mike Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Mark Shepherd. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Additional Online Attendees:

Adam Meadows (Guest)
blewis (Guest)
brandonweston (Guest)
Bret (Guest)
Brianna Binnebose (Guest)
Cassie Dippo (Guest)
chris.parker (Guest)
christian.puerto (Guest)
Claire Parsons (she/her) (Guest)
Colby Rollins (Guest)
cwatanabe (Guest)
Dane Duffin (Guest)
Dave Fields (Guest)
Derek Quick (Guest)
Derrill (Guest)
DMS (Guest)
ELD (Guest)
Eli Davis (Guest)
Eliza Cowie - o2 Utah (Guest)
Elizabeth (Guest)
Emily Willis (Guest)
Garrett Challburg (Guest)
Gay Lynn Bennion (Guest)
Gin Ando (Guest)
greg (Guest)
Helen Howe (Guest)
Hunter Warren (Guest)
Jacob Moser (Guest)
Jake heyerdahl (Guest)
Janelle Dransfield (Guest)
Jay D Dalpiaz (Guest)

John Gleason (Guest)
Jordan Lightstone (Guest)
Kael Weston (Guest)
Katie Balakir (Guest)
Kelli (Guest)
Kelly Hannah (Guest)
Kevin P. (Guest)
Kody Fox (Guest)
Kristi Thompson (Guest)
kvanportfliet (Guest)
Lisa (Guest)
Maura Carabello (Guest)
Mitch (Guest)
MM (Guest)
Nathan Nelson (Guest)
NN (Guest)
Paige Dubrow (Guest)
Parker (Guest)
Pitt Grewe (Guest)
Resident Steve Van Maren (Guest)
Shelly Teuscher (Guest)
Skylar Harris (Guest)
Stephanie H (Guest)
Susan Wood (Guest)
Sydney Stephens (Guest)
tgcox (Guest)
Theresa Heinrich (Guest)
Travis (Guest)
TW (Guest)
Zach (Guest)
Zach Robinson (Guest)