



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
 May 23, 2024

WFRC Council meeting was held at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom. The following were present:

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2024		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Lee Perry	yes	Alternates:
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Monica Zoltanski, Sandy City Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Dave Maughan, Syracuse City Mayor
Brandon Stanger	yes	Dan Dugan, Salt Lake City Council
Mark Shepherd	yes	Mike Weichers, Cottonwood Heights Mayor
Joy Petro	yes	Lorin Palmer, Herriman City Mayor
Bob Stevenson	yes	Tamara Tran, Kaysville City Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY		Sharon Bolos, Weber County Commissioner
Member - Mike Newton	no	Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
Alternate - Robert McConnell	no	Ken Phippen, Farr West City Mayor
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		
Jenny Wilson	yes	Others:
Erin Mendenhall	yes	Michelle Larsen, UTA
Dawn Ramsey	yes	Kimberly Bell, Sandy City
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Benjamin Wood, City Weekly
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Dina Blaes, Salt Lake County
Robert Dahle	yes	Brett Millburn, Draper City
Dirk Burton	yes	Heather McLaughlin-Kolb, Salt Lake City
Kristie Overson	yes	Shule Bishop, UTA
TOOELE COUNTY		Rex Harris, FHWA
Member - Scott Wardle	no	Andrew Katsohirakis, SLC Resident
Alternate - Debbie Winn	no	Alexander
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Aspen Hawks
Gage Froerer	yes	Siobhan Locke
Jim Harvey	no	Brandon Weston
Robert Dandoy	yes	
Ben Nadolski	yes	WFRC Staff:
UDOT & UTA		Andrew Gruber, Miranda Jones Cox,
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	yes	Ted Knowlton, Tim Watkins, Kip Billings,
Alternate - Ben Huot, UDOT	yes	Christy Dahlberg, Marian Florence, Matt Ryan
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Julie Bjornstad, Wayne Bennion, Ben Wuthrich,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	no	Lauren Victor, Hugh Van Wagenen, Byron Head,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		Marcia White, Megan Townsend, Jory Johner,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Chay Mosqueda, Bert Granberg,
Troy Walker - Utah League of Cities and Towns	no	Sarah Lawless, Josh Reynolds, Madison Aviles
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	Rosie Hernandez, Jordon Chandler, Suzie Swim,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Dallin Borrowman, Minoos Abrishami
Calvin Mussleman - State House of Representatives	no	
Laura Hanson - State Planning Coordinator	no	

1. Welcome and Consent Agenda [00:00:08]

At 1:42pm, Council Chair Mayor Dawn Ramsey welcomed the members and guests of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Introductions were made around the table and online via roll call.

- a. **ACTION [00:03:50]** Mayor Ramsey drew attention to the minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting, the financial statements and check registers for February and March 2024, and the Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve all documents as presented, and UTA Trustee, Carlton Christensen seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the minutes and financial statements were unanimously approved.

[00:04:35] Mayor Dawn Ramsey asked for a motion to adjust the order of the agenda, allowing the council to hear Item 6, budget committee report first. Mayor Ramsey explained that because the finances are core to the council's functions, she would like it covered up front in case anyone needs to leave early. **ACTION [00:04:59]** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to approve the ordering of the agenda, Commissioner Lorene Kamalu, seconded the motion. There was no discussion, approved unanimously.

6. Budget Committee [00:05:23]

Budget Committee Chair Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton explained that the Budget Committee has been working on the FY25 WFRC Goals, Budget, and the Unified Plan Work Program (UPWP). She reminded the council that they had seen these draft materials at the March meeting, where the council voted to release the materials for public review and comment. She then turned the floor over to Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, to review the 2025 WFRC Goals.

- b. **Public Hearing & Action: Approve Fiscal Year 2025 WFRC Goals, Budget & unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) [00:06:24]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, provided a brief summary of the Fiscal Year 2025 WFRC Goals before handing over the floor to Marian Florence, WFRC Chief Financial Officer, to review the Budget. Marian explained that although the budget was released for public comment, no feedback was received. She then outlined two modest yet positive changes:

The first change was a minor adjustment to the UPWP; UTA had secured a federal grant to conduct an analysis of market housing and economic impacts associated with potential future transit development in the Front Runner corridor, which was added to the Unified Planning Work Program.

The second change involved a grant from the State of Utah's Department of Land Use Training Fund, awarding \$140,000 to the budget for visualization of potential development. Of this amount, \$40,000 was allocated for the current fiscal year, with the remaining \$100,000 added to the consulting line in the FY25 budget.

ACTION [00:13:54] Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton made a motion to open a Public Hearing to discuss the WFRC FY25 goals, budget, and Unified Planning Work Program. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the public hearing was opened.

During the hearing, there were no public comments.

[00:14:53] Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Jenny Wilson seconded the motion, and the public hearing was closed.

ACTION [00:15:09] Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton then motioned for the Council to approve the FY25 goals, budget, and Unified Planning Work Program as proposed. Mayor Jenny Wilson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the FY25 goals, budget, and UPWP were unanimously approved. **[00:15:40]** Andrew Gruber gave a brief overview of three federal grant programs: Safe Streets and Roads for All, the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP), and the Transportation Access Pilot Program.

- c. Approve Updated WFRC Personnel Policy [00:19:03]** Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton explained that due to updates in relevant guidelines and post-pandemic changes to WFRC processes, staff conducted a thorough review of WFRC's existing Personnel Policy. This review identified necessary updates, which were subsequently reviewed by both the WFRC Budget Committee and outside legal counsel. The updates fall into two categories: 1) edits for clarity, and 2) edits to reflect current requirements and evolving best practices. **ACTION [00:20:36]** Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton made a motion to adopt the amended WFRC Personnel Policy, which was seconded by Mayor Joy Petro. With no further discussion, the updated Personnel Policy was unanimously adopted.
- d. Fraud Risk Assessment FY24 [00:21:09]** Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton explained that WFRC has completed its annual assessment of fraud risk, as required by the Utah State Auditor. WFRC remains in the optimal category, indicating a very low risk of fraud, thanks to the staff's robust internal controls and separation of duties.

2. Chair Report [00:21:58]

Mayor Ramsey initiated a discussion about the Olympics and the potential of Utah hosting the 2034 Winter Games. The floor was then turned over to Ted Knowlton, WFRC Deputy Director, who highlighted the Map of Readiness created to illustrate the proposed venues for the Olympics. He also reviewed the five key points discussed in the May 16th Regional Growth Committee meeting:

- Leveraging the Statewide Trail Network,
- Strengthening downtown as the focal point,
- Amplifying City and Town Centers,
- Using infrastructure strategically to enliven centers, and
- Exploring broader objectives in advance.

[00:33:21] Carlos Braceras, UDOT, reflected on his experience with the 2002 Olympics, where he was involved in operations. He discussed transportation projects already planned as well as those not directly related to the Olympics but still beneficial for the games.

[00:42:29] Senator Harper mentioned Utah's readiness for hosting the 2034 Olympics, citing well-maintained Olympic venues and transportation progress, including the Statewide Trail Network and transit growth.

[00:44:23] Carlton Christensen, UTA, highlighted the transit system's growth since 2002 and outlined planned improvements leading up to 2034.

[00:51:32] Mayor Nadolski of Ogden City discussed the potential for holding events in Northern Utah, including curling and ski events at SnowBasin. He also mentioned improvements made since 2002 to enhance Ogden's preparedness.

[01:01:02] Mayor Jenny Wilson of Salt Lake County shared her experience from the 2002 Olympics and emphasized the need for continued focus on issue mitigation despite Utah's preparedness.

[01:09:28] Mayor Erin Mendenhall of Salt Lake City addressed how Salt Lake City has evolved since 2002. She emphasized the importance of not only being prepared but also delivering a new and innovative experience for the world, moving beyond the themes of 2002.

3. Public Comment [01:20:51]

Andrew Katsohirakis, SLC Resident gave a public comment about the Rio Grande Plan.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [01:26:48]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey turned the time over to Davis County Commissioner Lorene Kamalu.

- a. Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan** Commissioner Lorene Kamalu introduced Jory Johner, WFRC Long Range Planning Director, who provided a brief overview of the amendment process and subsequently presented Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Johner reminded the Council that the Level 2 amendments had been approved at the March 28th Council meeting, during which the Level 3 projects were sent out for public comment. He then gave a high-level overview of the Level 3 projects and mentioned that the Regional Growth Committee recommended the Council's approval of the Level 3 full amendment projects and the air quality conformity determination found in Draft Air Quality Memorandum 42 for Amendment #1 in their May 16th meeting. **ACTION: [01:45:00]** Commissioner Kamalu made a motion to approve the Level 3 - Full Amendment projects and the air quality conformity determination as found in the Draft Air Quality Memorandum 42 for Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Mayor Stanger, Clinton City seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Transportation Committee (Trans Com) [01:45:45]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey turned the time over to Clearfield City Mayor, Mark Shepherd.

- a. Board Modifications to 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [01:46:29]** Mayor Mark Shepherd turned the time over to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC TIP Coordinator who reviewed the materials that were provided in the Council Packet.
- b. Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 TIP [01:48:32]** Ben Wuthrich provided an overview of the projects requested for the Board Modification to the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. **ACTION [02:05:20]** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the board modifications for the 2024-2029 TIP, which was seconded by Mayor Erin Mendenhall of Salt Lake City. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Approve Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects for the 2025-2030 TIP [02:05:53]** Ben Wuthrich provided a brief overview of the process for developing recommendations for adding new projects to the four federal funding programs: STP, CMAQ, TAP, and CRP. He then proceeded to give an overview of the projects slated for inclusion in these programs for the 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **ACTION [02:19:33]** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the addition of the new projects that have been reviewed and recommended by Trans Com in the four programs: STP, CMAQ, TAP, and CRP. Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

[02:21:05] Mayor Mark Shepherd passed the floor to Mayor Jeff Silvestrini of Millcreek and Kip Billings from WFRC, who discussed the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan adopted at the April Trans Com Meeting. Mayor Silvestrini and Kip Billings emphasized the importance of the Safety Action Plan, which is designed to provide funding to local governments for roadway safety improvements, and directed Council Members to the WFRC website for additional information.

6. Reports

- a. **Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Update [02:26:04]** Mayor Joy Petro, Active Transportation Vice Chair, delivered a brief update from the April Active Transportation Meeting. She included information about Bike Month and highlighted some of the local events taking place across the region. Additionally, she provided an update on the Utah Trail Network, mentioning that funding was programmed earlier this month for the initial round of projects. This allows for immediate commencement of design and construction. Mayor Petro stated that funding in the WFRC/MAG Areas amounts to \$40.2 million for eight construction projects and two design projects.
- b. **Executive Directors Update [02:28:31]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, provided an update on several WFRC staff members. He recognized Megan Townsend, who is celebrating her 10-year anniversary at WFRC. Additionally, Andrew introduced Minoo Abrishami, who is interning with the Analytics Department at WFRC this summer.

7. Other Business and Adjournment [02:32:46]

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Mark Shepherd. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 22, 2024

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