



# WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## MINUTES Wasatch Front Regional Council March 27, 2025

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

### 1. **Welcome & Consent Agenda [00:00:16]**

At 1:37pm, WFRC 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. Time was taken to gather the Council membership for a group photo. **[00:11:04] ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the minutes of the January 23, 2025 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for December 2024 & January 2025 and Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Commissioner Mike Newton made a motion to approve all the documents as presented and Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

### 2. **Chair Report [00:11:42]**

#### **a. 2025 Utah Legislative Session Overview**

The state legislative session concluded a few weeks ago, and WFRC's Government Affairs Manager Miranda Jones Cox provided information about session outcomes. WFRC has two legislators who serve as members of WFRC: Senator Wayne Harper, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, and Representative Ariel Defay. They each provided some thoughts on the session.

#### **b. Federal Transportation Reauthorization Principles [00:31:38]**

Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, joined Ms. Jones Cox in providing an update on federal reauthorization and how Utah is working on shared principles that include input from all transportation partners.

### 3. **Public Comment [00:47:57]**

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting up for public comment. There was one member of the public that provided a comment.

### 4. **Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [00:52:56]**

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Commissioner Jim Harvey, Vice Chair of Trans Com, who introduced Ben Wuthrich, Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator at WFRC.

**a. Board Modifications to the 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** Mr. Wuthrich stated that since the last meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), requests were received to modify the current 2025-2090 TIP. The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the Utah Transportation Commission but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modification is attached to the approved resolution.

#### **b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [00:55:22]**

Mr. Wuthrich continued the report by briefly describing the modification requests to the current 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **[00:57:20] ACTION:** Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**c. Report on obligations of federal transportation funds during FY24 [00:57:48]** Commissioner Harvey turned the time back to Mr. Wuthrich, who presented information on the annual obligations of federal transportation funds during FY24.

**d. Adjustments to the TIP Amendment Process [01:04:30]** Commissioner Harvey introduced Wayne Bennion, WFRC Short Range Planning Director, who along with Mr. Wuthrich, reported on two adjustments that have been made to the amendment approval process.

### 5. **Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [01:14:05]**

Mayor Ramsey called on Mayor Bob Dandoy, Chair of RGC, to discuss two items: the announcement of the 2025 projects awarded for the Transportation and Land Use Connection Program, and an action item to certify the Station Area Plan for Sandy City.

### **a. Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program 2025 Awarded Projects**

Mayor Dandoy introduced WFRC Community & Economic Development Director, Meg Padjen, who reminded the group of the purpose of the TLC Program. She then announced this year's awards from the Transportation and Land Use Connection (or TLC) Program.

### **b. ACTION: Station Area Plan Certification - Sandy City [01:23:00]**

Byron Head, Community Planner at WFRC, presented on the responsibility that WFRC has to certify that all Station Area Plans satisfy the required statutory requirements. Cities around the region have been engaged in Station Area Planning around transit stations, which are key areas to effectively accommodate growth. Mr. Head then discussed the Sandy City SAP. [01:36:16] **ACTION:** Mayor Dandoy stated that the Regional Growth Committee reviewed the SAP and recommendation at their last meeting on March 20, and unanimously recommended presenting it for approval by the WFRC Council. Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to certify the Sandy City Station Area Plan. The motion was made by Mayor Monica Zoltanski, and seconded by Mayor Tamara Tran. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

## **6. WFRC Budget Committee [01:38:20]**

Mayor Ramsey then brought the group's attention to Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, WFRC Budget Committee Chair, for the WFRC Budget Committee report.

**a. ACTION: Release the Draft FY26 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment** Councilmember Winder Newton gave a brief introduction and then turned the time over to Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, who provided an overview on the process for the FY26 Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Gruber provided a high-level summary of WFRC's FY26 Goals and the UPWP. [01:43:09] Marian Florence, Chief Financial Officer at WFRC, presented the FY26 Draft WFRC Budget, discussing the two major changes to the budget: consulting, and staffing. [01:46:40] **ACTION:** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to release the draft FY26 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment. Mayor Dustin Gettel seconded the motion. With no further discussion, releasing the three FY26 documents for public comment was approved unanimously.

### **b. ACTION: Updates to the Administrative and Accounting Policy and the Personnel Policy [01:47:20]**

Councilmember Winder Newton, continued, stating that WFRC regularly reviews its policies to ensure that they reflect best practices and any updates in State or Federal fiscal guidance. There are a few minor policy updates to WFRC's Administrative and Accounting Policy and Personnel Policy that the Budget Committee and WFRC staff are recommending for approval. The updates fall into two basic categories:

#### Edits to reflect updates to the Uniform Guidance for federal funds:

- In our Accounting and Administrative Policy, the capitalization threshold for depreciating equipment needs to be raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- We're required to add to our Personnel Policy a written whistleblower policy, to clarify the rights of any employee who suspects illegal or fraudulent activity. This is in addition to the fraud hotline that we have had in place for years.

#### Best practices updates:

- Clarifying internal control over banking deposits.
- Increased reimbursements for educational assistance in line with IRS allowable amounts.

[01:48:40] **ACTION:** Mayor Dustin Gettel made a motion to adopt the amended WFRC Administrative and Accounting Policy and Personnel Policy. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion. With no further discussion, releasing the three FY26 documents for public comment was approved unanimously.

## **7. Reports [01:49:20]**

### **a. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update**

Mayor Joy Petro, Vice Chair of ATC, provided this report. On Saturday, May 10, the **Golden Spoke** Bike Ride is back for its eighth year of celebrating the eight trails that connect riders from Ogden all the way to Provo. There are several different ride options available, including child-friendly routes. Please visit [goldenspokenet.net](https://goldenspokenet.net) for more event information. The Golden Spoke ride is supported by WFRC, MAG, Move Utah, UTA, the Jordan River Commission, local health departments and other local partners. **Beehive Bikeways:** WFRC staff are continuing to evaluate recommendations for Beehive Bikeways that were received at the Fall 2024 Wasatch Choice Vision Workshops. Beehive Bikeways are high-quality, in-town trails that are suitable for users of all abilities to bike to more places and specifically connect Wasatch Choice Centers. They are being incorporated into the 2027-2055 Regional Transportation Plan. **Utah Trail Network:** The Trails Division at UDOT has finished their statewide workshops and stakeholder outreach efforts. Feedback received from these efforts are being refined into a Vision for the Utah Trail Network, which will include both new and existing trails across the state.

**b..Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update [01:53:53]**

Commissioner Gage Froerer, Chair of WFEDD, began his report by discussing the topics that were on the agenda for the March 13 WFEDD meeting. Those topics included legislation that impacts economic development in our region, as well as bills regarding land use, transportation and housing, opportunities for economic development and a market study along North Temple – just west of the WFRC office – around the area where the new major league baseball complex has been proposed, and lastly, the ongoing implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

**c. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025 Awarded Projects [01:58:00]**

Christy Dahlberg, Community Development Planner at WFRC, presented this year's project award recipients for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

**d. Executive Director's report [01:58:58]**

Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, acknowledged three staff members for five years of service. Josh Reynolds, Data Scientist in WFRC's Analytics Group, Bill Hereth, Deputy Director of the Analytics Group, and Rosie Hernandez, Executive Assistant and part of the Organizational Operations Team at WFRC. All three are reliable, professional, and their dedication to their work greatly benefits WFRC and the communities served along the Wasatch Front. Mr. Gruber also introduced a new Transportation Planner in the Long Range Planning Group, Samantha DeSeelhorst.

**8. Other Business and Adjournment [02:06:20]**

The next WFRC Council meeting is set for Thursday May 22, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.

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2025 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
<b>BOX ELDER COUNTY</b>				Box Elder Comm. Tyler Vincent
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	Yes	Bountiful Mayor Kendalyn Harris
Alternate -	Dennis Bott, Mayor	Brigham City	No	Kaysville Mayor Tamara Tran
<b>DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS</b>				Alta Mayor Roger Bourke
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor	Layton	Yes	Brighton Mayor Dan Knopp
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor	Clearfield	Yes	Herriman Mayor Lorin Palmer
Member -	Brandon Stanger, Mayor	Clinton	Yes	Midvale Mayor Dustin Gettel
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Davis County	Yes	West Valley Mayor Karen Lang
<b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>				SLC Councilmemb. Dan Dugan
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	SLCo Councilm. Laurie Stringham
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Weber Comm. Sharon Bolos
<b>SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS</b>				FarrWest Mayor Ken Phippen
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	Yes	Hooper Mayor Sheri Bingham
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor	Salt Lake City	No	UTA Trustee Jeff Acerson
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor (Chair)	South Jordan	Yes	ULCT Executive Dr Cameron Diehl
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	Yes	FHWA Ivan Marrero
Member -	Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor	Millcreek	Yes	Barry McLarran, Sen Curtis office
Member -	Monica Zoltanski, Mayor	Sandy	Yes	Roger Borgenicht, UBOT
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	Yes	Deanna Hopkins, Enbridge
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	Yes	Logan Cascaddan, IMA
<b>TOOELE COUNTY</b>				Ajla Hadzialijogic, GOPB
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	No	James Sorenson, Sandy
Alternate -	Debbie Winn, Mayor	Tooele City	No	Brian McCaistian, Sandy
<b>WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS</b>				Jake Warner, Sandy
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Cindy Weloth, Ogden
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Chandler Beutler, UTA
Member -	Robert Dandoy, Mayor	Roy	Yes	Camille Alexander, HDR
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor	Ogden	Yes	Colby Oliverson
<b>UDOT &amp; UTA</b>				Heather MCLAughlin-Kolb
Member -	Carlos Bracerias, Executive Director	UDOT	Yes	Joe Osterstock, K. Marousis
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	No	Rob Jolley, RRJ Consulting
Member -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA	Yes	Anthony Tobler, Frederick Jenny,
Alternate -	Beth Holbrook, Trustee	UTA	Yes	Matt Ryan, Byron Head, Suzie Swim,
<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>				Bill Hereth, Chris Day, Marcia White,
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co Commissioner	Utah Association of Counties	Yes	Josh Reynolds, Sarah Lawless,
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor	Utah League of Cities and Towns	No	Chay Mosqueda, Wayne Bennion,
Member -	Ari Bruening, Executive Director	Envision Utah	No	Christy Dahlberg, Jory Johnner,
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper	Utah State Senate	Yes	Ben Wuthrich
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay	Utah State House of Representatives	Yes	Steve, 3856002748, 8014558791
Member -	Laura Hanson, UT State Planning Director	GOPB	Yes	

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