

Joint Policy Advisory Committee

MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MEETING MINUTES

Facilitated in 2022 by
Wasatch Front Regional Council
In person at 41 N Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, and via zoom
Thursday, December 1, 2022
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

2022 JPAC Members		
Name	Agency	In Attendance
Jeff Scott	Box Elder County Commissioner	x
Jeff Gilbert	Cache MPO	x
Todd Beutler	Cache MPO	
Bryan Cox	Cache MPO, Mayor, Hyde Park City	x
Rod Westbroek	Davis County, Mayor, South Weber	
Bob Stevenson	Davis County Commissioner	x
Myron Lee	Dixie MPO	x
Gil Almquist	Dixie MPO, Washington Co Commissioner	
Ivan Marrero	Federal Highways Administration	x
Jennifer Elsen	Federal Highways Administration	x
Brigitte Mandel	Federal Highways Administration	x
Tracey MacDonald	Federal Transportation Association	
Andrew Jackson	Mountainland Association of Governments	x
Shawn Eliot	Mountainland Association of Governments	x
Michelle Carroll	Mountainland Association of Governments	x
LaNiece Davenport	Mountainland Association of Governments	x
Jim Miller	MAG, Mayor, Saratoga Springs	
Bill Lee	MAG, Utah County Commissioner	
Amelia Powers Gardner	MAG, Utah County Commissioner	
Michelle Kaufusi	MAG, Mayor, Provo	
Julie Fullmer	MAG, Mayor, Vineyard	x
Carla Merrill	MAG, Mayor, Alpine	
Jared Andersen	Morgan County Commissioner	
Blaine Fackrell	Morgan County Commissioner	x
Jeff Silvestrini	Salt Lake County, Mayor, Millcreek	x
Dawn Ramsey	Salt Lake County, Mayor, South Jordan	x
Jenny Wilson	Salt Lake County, Mayor, SL County	
Trent Staggs	Salt Lake County, Mayor, Riverton	

Zach Jacob	Salt Lake Co, Councilmember, West Jordan		
Jared Hamner	Tooele County, Tooele County Council		
Dave McCall	Tooele County, Tooele City Council		
Carlos Braceras	UDOT		
Teri Newell	UDOT		
Ben Huot	UDOT	x	
Andrea Olson	UDOT	x	
Eileen Barron	UDOT	x	
Carlton Christensen	UTA	x	
Beth Holbrook	UTA	x	
Jeff Acerson	UTA	x	
Nichol Bourdeaux	UTA		
Jay Fox	UTA		
Russ Fox	UTA		
Schule Bishop	UTA		
Michelle Larsen	UTA	x	
Mary DeLaMare-Schaefer	UTA		
Gage Froerer	Weber County Commissioner		
Neal Berube	Weber County, Mayor, North Ogden		
Andrew Gruber	WFRC	x	
Ted Knowlton	WFRC	x	
Miranda Jones Cox	WFRC	x	
Other Attendees			
Laura Hanson	GOPB	Andrea Pearson	WFRC
Ryan Leavitt	Barker & Leavitt	Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Landis Wenger		Mike Sobczak	WFRC
Amee Rock	Penna Powers	Rosie Hernandez	WFRC
Russell Robertson		Jory Johner	WFRC
Justin Stewart		Megan Townsend	WFRC
		Marian Florence	WFRC

- Welcome and introductions: [00:00:04]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC welcomed the attendees and guests. Mr. Gruber noted this is the last JPAC meeting hosted by WFRC. 2023 meetings will be coordinated by Utah Transit Authority. Introductions and roll call were completed.
- Approval of [September 1, 2022 meeting minutes](#) [00:06:36]** Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, made a motion to approve the minutes from September 1, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Blaine Fackrell. No discussion, approved unanimously.
- Utah's Unified Transportation Plan update [00:07:05]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC, gave a brief overview of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan and turned the time over to Amee Rock with Penna Powers Consulting, for a presentation.

- a. **Timeline, messaging, and story collection: [00:09:35]** Ms. Rock gave a status update on the communication piece of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan. She discussed the key themes: Sound Process, Quality of Life, Transportation Choices, Flexibility. She talked about the communications team timeline, where they are currently working on the draft narrative which is to be approved in January of 2023. They are also gathering stories, due December 2, 2022, that fit Utah's Unified Transportation Plan's model.
 - b. **Performance measures: [00:21:15]** Bob Allen, MAG, discussed the performance goals that are being measured for Utah's Unified Transportation Plan: Safety, Economic Vitality, State of Good Repair, Air Quality/Environment, and Mobility. He noted the focus areas and how they tie into the performance measures.
 - c. **Policy considerations: [00:31:00]** Ted Knowlton, WFRC, talked about the types of transportation solutions that "get things done" including building transportation opportunities, increasing movement, and encouraging shorter transportation routes through a variety of methods. Mr. Knowlton highlighted the No-Fare Transit pilot in 2022. Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, talked about the impacts of the No-Fare Transit study, and the increase in ridership that it encouraged. Mr. Knowlton highlighted four other methods to optimize transportation, including: Managed Motorways, Road Usage Charge, Major Active Transportation Investment, and Community Planning (Infill Development, ie. Wasatch Choice Centers).
4. **Statewide Trail Initiative: [01:00:58]** Ben Huot, UDOT, touched on the announcement by Governor Cox at the end of October to work with UDOT and build a network of trails to help connect communities and people throughout Utah allowing for all users to have multiple safe transportation options.
5. **State Legislative transportation priorities**
 - a. **Legislative schedule: [01:06:44]** LaNiece Davenport, MAG, gave an update on the upcoming 2023 General Session schedule. The end of January is the last day to request bills/appropriations. The 2023 Legislative Session runs January 17 through March 3, 2023. The Governor's budget should be released in the next few weeks. Housing and Land Use expect to be hot topics during this session.
 - b. **Local option sales tax "5th 5th": [01:11:15]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC talked about the "5th 5th" and much of the funding for transit comes from this local sales tax option, and they are imposed at the county level. Only Summit county has imposed this option in Utah. 100% of the .20 is to be used for Transit. There is an upcoming deadline, and Andrew encouraged stakeholders to look into this Local Option Sales Tax as we approach the Legislative Session.
 - c. **Zero Fare Transit: Carlton Christensen, UTA** - Mr. Christensen discussed Zero Fare Transit during 3c - see above.
6. **Federal/Congressional look-ahead**
 - a. **IIJA grants: [01:15:14]** Laura Hanson, GOPB, discussed the IIJA grant. Ms. Hanson has been designated the point person and she encouraged members to attend her monthly meeting to ask questions, share concerns, and get assistance.
 - b. **Budget Status: [01:18:48]** Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC gave a brief update on the budget status. It is expected that the funding timeline will be moved to the 23rd of December, rather than the 16th. The House voted to retain the ability to use earmarks.
 - c. **Congressional Preview: [01:21:15]** Ryan Leavitt, with Barker-Leavitt Consulting, discussed the impending potential rail strike that could have major impacts on a wide sector of the economy. He talked about the next Congress, and the House of

Representatives will have a divided government, with a very narrow majority, which could bring issues in passing spending bills. Mr. Leavitt also touched on the student loan forgiveness action.

7. **Other updates: [01:30:54]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC, thanked Andrea Pearson, WFRC, and the Organizational Operations team for helping to coordinate this year's meetings. 2023 JPAC meetings will be facilitated by UTA. Proposed dates are March 30, June 1, Sept 7, and Dec 7, 2023 - more information will be emailed to members after the New Year. UTA Trustee Beth Holbrook made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 1:33pm.

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