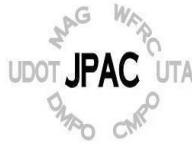


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MEETING MINUTES

Facilitated in 2024 by
Utah Department of Transportation
 in person at 4501 S 2700 W, Taylorsville, UT 84129, and via Google Meet
Thursday, March 7, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

2024 JPAC Members		
Name	Agency	In Attendance
Lee Perry	Box Elder County Commissioner	
Jeff Gilbert	Cache MPO	x
Todd Beutler	Cache MPO	
Kathleen Alder	CMPO Chair, Mayor Providence City	x
Bob Stevenson	Davis County Commissioner	x
Myron Lee	Dixie MPO	x
Gil Almquist	Dixie MPO, Washington Co Commissioner	x
Bryan Thiriot	Exec. Director, Five Co Association of Gov	
Ivan Marrero	Federal Highways Administration	x
Jennifer Elsen	Federal Highways Administration	
Brigitte Mandel	Federal Highways Administration	
Tracey MacDonald	Federal Transportation Association	
Peter Hadley	Federal Transportation Association	x
Michelle Carroll	Mountainland Association of Governments	
LaNiece Davenport	Mountainland Association of Governments	x
Shawn Eliot	Mountainland Association of Governments	
Michelle Kaufusi	MAG, Mayor, Provo	x
Bill Wright	MAG, Mayor, Payson	
Amelia Powers Gardner	MAG, Utah County Commissioner	x
Brandon Gordon	MAG, Utah County Commissioner	
Julie Fullmer	MAG, Mayor, Vineyard	
Carla Merrill	MAG, Mayor, Alpine	x
Steve Gale	Mayor, Morgan City	
Blaine Fackrell	Morgan County Commissioner	x
Jeff Silvestrini	Salt Lake County, Mayor, Millcreek	x
Dirk Burton	Mayor, West Jordan	x
Dawn Ramsey	Salt Lake County, Mayor, South Jordan	x

Jenny Wilson	Salt Lake County, Mayor, SL County	
Alison Stroud	Councilmember, Sandy	x
Andy Pierucci	Councilmember, Riverton	x
Dave McCall	Tooele County, Tooele City Council	
Jared Hamner	Tooele County, Tooele County Council	
Carlos Braceras	UDOT	x
Ben Huot	UDOT	x
Tiffany Pocock	UDOT	x
Andrea Olson	UDOT	x
Eileen Barron	UDOT	x
Leif Elder	UDOT	
Peter Asplund	UDOT	x
Josh Van Jura	UDOT	
Carlton Christensen	UTA	x
Beth Holbrook	UTA	x
Jeff Acerson	UTA	x
Annette Royle	UTA	
Cathie Griffiths	UTA	x
Jay Fox	UTA	x
Nichol Bourdeaux	UTA	x
Russ Fox	UTA	x
Shule Bishop	UTA	x
Michelle Larsen	UTA	x
Neiufi Longi	UTA	
Sharon Bolos	Weber County Commissioner	x
Neal Berube	Weber County, Mayor, North Ogden	
Andrew Gruber	WFRC	x
Andrea Pearson	WFRC	
Ted Knowlton	WFRC	
Jory Johner	WFRC	x
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC	x
Miranda Jones Cox	WFRC	x
Mark Shepherd	Clearfield City Mayor	x
Other Attendees		
Jill Almquist		
Helen Peters	Salt Lake County	
Kaye Neves	Provo City	
Jay Aguilar	UDOT	
Muriel Xochimitl	X-Factor	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Carlos Braceras welcomed everyone to the 2024 JPAC meeting. Mr. Braceras provided a background introduction on the history of JPAC and how it came about.

Andrew Gruber provided further information stating that JPAC has been recognized nationally as a model for other states to utilize coordinating transportation and also noted the ultimate product of JPAC work is Utah's unified transportation plan.

- 2. Approval of December 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Carlton Christensen moved to approve the December 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Andrew Gruber moved to second the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. State Topics:** The following Legislative updates were provided by Peter Asplund:

SB179 - Transportation Amendments. Clarification question was asked regarding match requirements for TTIF funding. Match is required for local projects but not for State sponsored projects.

HB488 - Transportation Funding Modifications - Miranda Jones Cox provided clarifying information regarding the bill and what it provided.

LaNeice Davenport stated that changes to the local options sales taxes do not impact anything for Utah County.

Andrew Gruber confirmed that it does not impact Davis or Weber County either.

SB51 - Road Construction Bid Limit Amendments - Support of the bill was expressed as limits are met every year.

HB74 - Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Amendments.

SB235 - Railroad Amendments

HB430 - Local Government Transportation Services Amendments

Jay Fox provided further details on an innovation grant program included in the bill.

Kathleen Alder, Mayor of Providence introduced herself.

Andrew Gruber mentioned the community's desire for additional transit service.

Ben Huot - Mentioned that UDOT will be taking the time to establish a process to attempt to create a smooth grant process for the Cities.

SB236 - Highway Designation Amendments

HB50 - State Highway Designation Amendments - Mr. Carlos Braceras provided clarification on the bill and what the project entails.

HB449 - Pedestrian Safety and Facilities Act Modifications

Other bills mentioned were:

HB30

HB85

HB142

HB292
HB311
HB313
SB135
SB237

Mr. Carlos Braceras provided information on funding for budget requests:

- New money coming into the system, last year the legislature identified 1.1 Billion dollars that they referred to as “high risk” money that was set aside to be considered in the first 10 days of the legislature session which was code for base budget. He further stated the base budget was approved with the 1.1 Billion dollars going into TIF and stated it would essentially be paying off bonds to accelerate projects.
- State agencies were asked to take cuts during Covid, and UDOT identified their lowest priority which was picking up trash and dead animals off the road that was 1.8 million dollars of that effort. Those funds were not recovered by UDOT.
- UDOT will fund 5 new traffic signal technicians, provide trucks for those employees
- Adding new traffic signals across the State
- UDOT will fund 5 new stormwater positions
- 50 million dollars of ARPA funding was provided for broadband projects.
- Frontrunner station Point of the Mountain - Additional funding is available for projects like this through the newly created TTIF commuter rail sub account. Ben Huot clarified the funds would follow the TTIF process.

Carlton Christensen asked if there were any solutions to clean up the dead animals.

Mr. Braceras confirmed that at this time we are holding our operations money to be able to plow snow and as the risk of snow starts to decrease, we start to free up money for other priority projects. He also stated that at the current moment his priority is to repair bridge decks.

Andrew Gruber provided further clarification on funding for new housing development. He stated it provides flexibility to homeowners and development of housing.

UDOT Programming Workshop

Tiffany Pocock - Provided a presentation detailing the programming workshop process. Andrew Gruber discussed the prioritization of the programming process. Mr. Braceras spoke on the intent for the programming workshops and the importance of the attendance from all members. Ben Huot provided the date for the workshop March 21, 2024 and stated that it would also be streamed live on YouTube.

Upcoming And Current Grant Opportunities

Tiffany Pocock provided a presentation and details on what to expect when requesting funding through the Grant opportunities.

Ivan Marrero provided confirmation that there is a team available to help with the grant application process if needed.

Andrew Gruber mentioned that there are several grants but there should be some mentioning on where those grants might be helpful.

Ben Huot added that there are opportunities for complimentary match situations.

Oftentimes with Federal grants; if an applicant has never received a Federal grant, it's a huge demerit because of the question of their ability to comply with the terms with the grant. Are Cities able to work with UDOT and other organizations to be partners on grant administration to boost that application success and whether it's being offered as some of the partnering. Mr. Braceras clarified that some of the grants have to go through UDOT to ensure it complies with 23CFR.

Other Business

Jay Fox thanked WFRC, as well as MAG for the weekly legislative briefings.

Clarification was given on the March 21, 2024 programming workshop.

An invitation to the transit academy May 21, 2024 was provided.

Carlos Braceras asked for suggestions on topics to discuss in upcoming meetings.

Carlton Christensen offered a topic for discussion in an upcoming meeting regarding Transit planning.

Discussion was made regarding bridge deck repairs.

Carlos mentioned the rescheduling of the Sept 19th meeting and the possibility of hosting a meeting at the Traffic Operations Center to provide a tour. Mr. Braceras invited everyone to view the snow plow provided outside of the complex.

- 4. Adjourn:** Andrew Gruber moved to adjourn. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 pm.

*Transcribed by Marlene Galindo
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This document along with the digital recording constitute the official minutes of this meeting.