

Joint Policy Advisory Committee

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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, August 29, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

2024 JPAC Members		
Name	Agency	In Attendance
Lee Perry	Box Elder County Commissioner	x
Jeff Gilbert	Cache MPO	x
Todd Beutler	Cache MPO	x
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	x
Tracey MacDonald	Federal Transportation Association	
Peter Hadley	Federal Transportation Association	
Michelle Carroll	Mountainland Association of Governments	x
LaNiece Davenport	Mountainland Association of Governments	x
Shawn Eliot	Mountainland Association of Governments	
Michelle Kaufusi	MAG, Mayor, Provo	
Bill Wright	MAG, Mayor, Payson	
Amelia Powers Gardner	MAG, Utah County Commissioner	x
Brandon Gordon	MAG, Utah County Commissioner	x
Julie Fullmer	MAG, Mayor, Vineyard	x
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	
Dawn Ramsey	Salt Lake County, Mayor, South Jordan	

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	
Tiffany Pocock	UDOT	x
Andrea Olson	UDOT	x
Eileen Barron	UDOT	x
Leif Elder	UDOT	x
Peter Asplund	UDOT	
Josh Van Jura	UDOT	
Carlton Christensen	UTA	x
Beth Holbrook	UTA	x
Jeff Acerson	UTA	
Annette Royle	UTA	
Cathie Griffiths	UTA	
Jay Fox	UTA	
Nichol Bourdeaux	UTA	x
Russ Fox	UTA	
Shule Bishop	UTA	
Michelle Larsen	UTA	
Neiufi Longi	UTA	x
Sharon Bolos	Weber County Commissioner	x
Neal Berube	Weber County, Mayor, North Ogden	
Andrew Gruber	WFRC	x
Andrea Pearson	WFRC	
Ted Knowlton	WFRC	x
Jory Johner	WFRC	
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC	x
Miranda Jones Cox	WFRC	x
Mark Shepherd	Clearfield City Mayor	
Other Attendees		
Helen Peters		
Dallin Borrowman		
Alana Spendlove		
Bert Granberg		
Lauren Victor		
Alex B		
Rex Harris		
Grant Potter		

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Carlos Braceras, Executive Director for UDOT welcomed the group to the August 29, 2024 JPAC meeting.

Grant Potter provided instructions on how to utilize the microphones for the room.

Carlos Braceras invited the room for introductions.

- 2. Approval of June 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Carlton Christensen moved to approve the June 6, 2024 meeting minutes. Andrew Gruber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the minutes are approved.

- 3. Federal topics:**

Carlos Braceras opened the free-flowing conversation regarding long range planning.

Aspirational Transportation Discussion

Andrew Gruber shared the goal and vision and what we want for Utah now and for what's to come. Ultimately, the quality of life. Andrew stated that we need to start to think about what kind of community we want to be in the next 10 years.

Gil Almquist – Expressed his appreciation for the team at UDOT and all the work that has been done over the past 20 years that has allowed for so much growth.

Carlos Braceras, stated the State and County is committed to the Northern Corridor.

Carlton Christensen– Stated, when you think aspirationally and you're trying to balance that with fiscal reality, and it artificially limits your creativity, how do you balance those competing demands?

LaNeice Davenport– Stated, in the work that we do in developing the long-range transportation there's certainly an element of aspiration in the work that we do. She stated she thinks there's room for improvement on the communication regarding plans and work.

Kathleen Alder – Expressed her concern regarding the lack of fast charging electric stations. She would like to see UDOT take the lead on the discussion to initiate more fast charging stations.

Carlos Braceras - Responded to Mayor Alders concerns. He also provided clarification on where the boundaries are from private sectors versus the government. Carlos mentioned that in looking at what kind of power sources will be needed and that we are looking at how we are going to get there.

Beth Holbrook – Provided Economic development discussion and how it's all interconnected.

Kathleen Alder – Shared that the most she receives from the community is complaints of lack of communication on roads that are being built. She stated that we have to let people know what we are doing and why we are doing it.

Carlos Braceras – Stated, we have to think about how we can be better communicating the information.

Tiffany Pocock – Stated, we need to considering those who don't want to own a vehicle and offering trails and other options.

Andy Pierucci – Stated, that there's an interconnectedness to all policy decisions when it comes to transportation investments and that people are making housing decisions because of the cost of housing and that impacts our transportation decisions.

Andrew Gruber– Stated, when MPO's think about transportation aspirations, we actually don't only think about transportation we also think about land use aspirations. He also mentioned that aspirations are broader than just transportation.

Gil Almquist – Stated, that although the Olympics are coming to, he requested not to be forgotten and would like to be involved in the conversations.

Andy Pierucci – Stated, urged caution in highlighting the Olympics as the reason for investments as it's a temporary event and we're talking about long-term transformational investments.

Amelia Powers Gardner - Stated, that communities of the future in relation to the east/west corridors are really important. She also stated that transportation and affordable housing go hand in hand and believes a lot of people don't realize that.

Jeff Silvestrini – Stated, that one of the legacies of former Olympics was improving I15. He stated he does think that we should think big and what we can give to benefit the Wasatch front community.

Blaine Fackrell – Stated, he would love to see another type of transit crossing over the Utah lake.

Julie Fullmer – Stated, that one of the great opportunities we have is to deal with some of the things we're behind on right now which is our core routes.

Carlos Braceras – Stated, when we are thinking about building our transportation plans, are we thinking enough about connecting to recreational sites that we have as an actual destination.

Kathleen Alder – Stated, as we are thinking of making transportation easier between destinations, I think we need to look for ways to provide funding for innovation for once they get there.

Brandon Gordon – Mentioned that we need development and jobs on the West side of Utah Lake that will help build the roads and infrastructure.

Andrew Gruber – Stated, that Mayor Ramsey was not able to attend but would like Andrew to mention that coordination of where homes are built, where people live, where their destinations for shopping, and where they work need to be coordinated. He also mentioned that as we think inspirationally particularly with the Olympics on the horizon that we need to be

careful about not chasing the exciting new thing, and skipping over communities that have important needs also.

Beth Holbrook – Stated, there are roughly a dozen legacy cities that we have really old infrastructure. How are old sewer lines going to be addressed? We need to continue to take these aspects into consideration.

Andy Pierucci – Stated, we need to prepare for the reality that we won't be decision makers forever. A community like Riverton that is bordering a community like Herriman that's going to grow by 50-100 thousand more people, if they don't have jobs they're going to be driving through our streets.

Carlos Braceras – Stated, we have things that drive decision that are outside that we are talking about. Something as simple as the way we distribute sales tax is a big driver in some of the decision making in terms of where businesses, and retail are located.

Carlos Braceras - Asked the elected officials; What is the one big thing you wish you had for your community:

- Not build another road; I would put the money into more futuristic things. More cars mean more roads, which means more pollution
- East/West mobile transportation corridors
- Everyone in the State of Utah needs to come together to accomplishing the goals
- East/West multimodal transportation options
- An overlay that shows where we are going to build East/West and prepare people for what is coming
- Planning and collaboration with everyone all around
- Work together, consider each other's needs
- Sustainability and economic development
- Sad about the community that is not excited about the Olympics

Carlos Braceras – Mentioned that it is important to know the sense that rural Utah is not considered when the rest of Utah is speaking and we should be striving towards trying to figure out how to heal that.

Kathleen Alder - Invited Carlos to the ULCT Annual Conference to talk everyone about transportation needs.

4. State Topics:

Rural Transit Program – Alana Spendlove, provided a presentation, and defined the different programs:

1. 5310; Specialized Transit,
2. 5311; Fix route or on demand,
3. 5339; Fix route operators to purchase vehicles and do Capitol projects

Question asked:

- Clarification on transit connections from the Salt Lake Valley and the Park City area.

Carlton Christensen – Mentioned that when you're in a lot of the metro areas it's easy to transfer from one system to the next.

Carlos Braceras, Stated, that we were the recipient of a not so good FTA audit and provided kudos to Alana Spendlove who helped us.

Discretionary Grant Program- Tiffany Pocock, provided a quick presentation on where to find contact information and grant information dashboard on the UDOT website and what type of information can be found on the website. She provided information on how UDOT was awarded the V2x system.

Carlos Braceras – Stated, Utah was working with UTA; we are the first state in the Country to have an operational connected vehicle corridor. On Redwood Road, we were able to connect the UTA buses to the traffic signals.

Andrew Gruber – Expressed his appreciation on what UDOT is doing and stated it's a big team effort.

Carlton Christensen – Stated, for the amount of money involved in the technology the payback is substantial.

Blaine Fackrell – Stated, that if the State Legislature could do a State-wide sales tax for transportation needs that is mandated that the money would return to those Counties; I think that would help take care of some of these future for UDOT.

5. Adjourn: Carlton Christensen moved to adjourn. Everyone was in favor.

*Transcribed by Marlene Galindo
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