

# Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization

Meeting  
**RPO November  
2018**

Date  
**November 1,  
2018**

Time  
**4:00 – 6:00 pm**

Location  
**Morgan City  
Offices**

## Minutes

Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council transportation planner, called the meeting of the Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization to order at 4:12 pm in the Morgan City Offices located at 90 West Young Street, Morgan, UT.

Policy and Technical Committee	In Attendance
<b>Huntsville</b>	
Mayor Jim Truett	no
<b>Morgan City</b>	
Mayor Ray Little	yes
Ty Bailey	no
<b>Morgan County</b>	
Councilmember Robert Kilmer	yes
Darrel Rupp	yes
Lance Evans	yes
<b>Utah Department of Transportation</b>	
Christopher Chesnut	no
Fred Doehrig	no
<b>Utah Transit Authority</b>	
Levi Roberts	no
<b>Wasatch Front Regional Council</b>	
Julie Bjornstad	yes
<b>Weber County</b>	
Commissioner Scott Jenkins	yes
John Lewis	no
Charles Ewert	yes
Brooke Stewart	yes

### **Welcome [00:00:00]**

Julie Bjornstad welcomed Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization (RPO) members and technical committee members. Commissioner Scott Jenkins replaced Commissioner James Ebert as the Weber County elected official representative. Darrel Rupp is now the Chair of the RPO and Mayor Ray Little is now the Vice Chair.

### **1. Evaluation Criteria [00:02:58]**

Julie Bjornstad reviewed previous decision making regarding the approved goals and weighing by county, as shown below.

Goal	Morgan County Weighing	Weber County Weighing
Improve safety	25%	30%
Assure mobility	20%	10%
Maintenance and corridor preservation	20%	10%
Provide access to jobs and businesses	20%	10%
Provide access to recreation	5%	15%
Safely accommodate active transportation	10%	25%

Draft evaluation criteria were distributed to meeting attendees for review and discussion. These evaluation criteria will be used to determine how well a project is meeting an individual goal. Projects have been developed with input from the RPO, technical committee, and public outreach.

Commissioner Jenkins wondered how much money was available for the RPO projects and how the RPO drew down funds. The RPO itself does not apply for funding, nor provide available funding for projects.

#### Improve safety

Julie Bjornstad explained UDOT's available safety data, which covers state and non-state roads. Mayor Little questioned whether the project would get safety points if the project does not directly address safety. All projects would get safety points based on that projects safety index score. The RPO agrees with the proposed safety evaluation criteria.

#### Assure mobility

The statewide travel demand model is currently being updated as part of UDOT's long-range planning process. This model is not yet ready to be used for forecasting purposes. Future forecasts can also be estimated using historic traffic data. Julie Bjornstad reviewed timing of the statewide model and the RPO decided to include that data when available. The RPO agrees with the proposed assure mobility evaluation criteria.

#### State of good repair/maintenance and preservation

Julie Bjornstad explained bridge and pavement condition data availability and ways to determine the timing of corridor preservation. Charles Ewert questioned whether a project needed to satisfy all three criteria to receive points. Julie Bjornstad responded that a project would not need to satisfy all three requirements to get points. The RPO discussed what constituted as "corridor preservation." Julie Bjornstad asked if the RPO plan needed to include new roads in Mountain Green. Councilmember Kilmer answered that developers are responsible for new roads. Mayor Little responded the Morgan City also does not purchase land to preserve land for a road. The RPO agrees with the proposed assure mobility evaluation criteria.

#### Provide access to jobs and businesses

Darrel Rupp and Councilmember Kilmer inquired whether this goal should be more inclusive to include schools, public services, and government buildings. Charles Ewert recommended altering the goal to read, "jobs and community service; the first bullet point to read, "does it improve direct service;" and the last bullet point to read, "does

it improve indirect service.” Councilmember Kilmer agreed. **These evaluation criteria were updated to read, “**

Provide access to regional recreation opportunities

The RPO agrees with the proposed access to regional recreation evaluation criteria.

Safely accommodate active transportation

Julie Bjornstad discussed two options for evaluating this goals, one using user data and one using user experience. The RPO agreed to the proposed active transportation evaluation criteria.

2. **Draft Funding List [00:51:34]**

A draft list of project funding sources was distribution and feedback sought. A discussion ensued about local option sales taxes and motor fuel tax revenue. No additional sources were identified. Morgan County COG have started conversations regarding lost option sales taxes.

3. **Feasibility of projects [01:02:47]**

This agenda item was postponed.

4. **Other business and updates on related studies [01:03:25]**

UDOT is about 30% complete with its I-84/Mountain Green Interchange corridor study, which is studying the feasibility of constructing the interchange sooner than the phasing in the UDOT long-range plan. The study is planned to be completed in February 2019 and will outline next steps. Summer traffic volumes (118% of average) along Old Highway road are higher than winter traffic volumes (95% of average). Discussion ensued about causes of seasonal variation. Julie Bjornstad will compiled traffic data for other areas in the RPO.

5. **Action: Approval of August meeting minutes [01:28:38]**

Councilmember Kilmer made the motion to approve the May meeting minutes without changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. All votes were in favor.

6. **Next meeting**

The next meeting is January 3, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Morgan City Offices. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org).