

Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization

Minutes

Meeting
RPO June 2019

Date
June 6, 2019

Time
4:00 – 5:07 pm

Location
**Morgan City
Offices**

Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council transportation planner, called the meeting of the Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization to order at 4:13 pm in the Morgan City Offices located at 90 West Young Street, Morgan, UT.

Policy and Technical Committee	In Attendance
Huntsville	
Mayor Jim Truett	no
Councilmember Bill White	no
Morgan City	
Mayor Ray Little	yes
Ty Bailey	no
Morgan County	
Councilmember Robert Kilmer	no
Darrel Rupp	no
Lance Evans	yes
Bret Heiner	no
Utah Department of Transportation	
Christopher Chesnut	no
Andrea Olson	no
Utah Transit Authority	
Levi Roberts	no
Wasatch Front Regional Council	
Julie Bjornstad	no
Weber County	
Commissioner Gage Froerer	no
John Lewis	yes
Rick Grover	no
Brooke Stewart	yes
Other	
Scott McMillan, Morgan County School District	yes
Maria Vyas, Fehr & Peers	yes

Welcome [00:00:00]

Julie Bjornstad welcomed Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization (RPO) members and technical committee members.

1. Approval of the March meeting minutes [00:00:35]

The RPO did not have a quorum. March meeting minutes were not approved.

2. **Opportunity for public comment [00:02:10]**

Vice Chair Mayor Little opened the meeting up for public comment. John Lewis opened and closed the opportunity for public comment. There were no public comments.

3. **UDOT Statewide Long-Range Plan process and projects [00:02:25]**

Julie Bjornstad introduced Maria Vyas, a transportation consultant from Fehr & Peers working for the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). Maria explained the process to develop the UDOT State-wide Long-Range Transportation Plan. UDOT has been coordinating with UDOT's Region offices, MPOs, RPOs, and local communities to determine population and employment projections and run draft transportation models. From these activities, future travel demand was determined and a list of future roadway projects determined. This plan is updated every four years and is considered a living document.

UDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan is a state-wide plan and, thus, projects tend to larger in nature, such as adding travel lanes, climbing lanes, passing lanes, interchange upgrades, and new roads. The Long-Range Transportation Plan also includes non-UDOT routes, transit projects, and active transportation projects. However, these projects are not prioritized and cost estimates are not calculated.

Projects proposed in the Long-Range Plan in the RPO area include:

- Trappers Loop Road, I-84 to SR-39
- SR-39, Trappers Loop Road to 100 South in Huntsville
- State Street in Morgan, I-84 to South Morgan Cemetery
- I-84 interchange at Mountain Green

Scott McMillan asked if the Trappers Loop Road widening is driven from growth in Weber County. Maria responds that this could be a contributing factor. John Lewis said the corridor is just about over capacity on ski days and that he could see Snowbasin growing and getting bigger. He agrees additional capacity is needed. Mayor Little is not sure if additional capacity on State Street in Morgan City is a current need and that the City conducted a needs analysis that showed Morgan City roads had sufficient capacity. He would not remove it from the list.

UDOT received the list of projects that the RPO was considering. UDOT may include these but will not prioritize them. These include:

- Trappers Loop Road shoulder widening - not included because a widening of the road was included.
- East Canyon Reservoir access management
- SR-66 signage and shoulder widening
- SR-39 multi-use pathway
- SR-158 active transportation pathway
- North Ogden Canyon Road pathway
- Ogden Canyon pathway
- Multiple pathways in Eden (included in the active transportation section)
- Wolf Creek Road pedestrian tunnel (included in the active transportation section)
- SR-158/2500 West, Eden (included)
- 7800 East/SR-39, Huntsville (included)

- SR-39/SR-158, top of Ogden Canyon (included)
- I-84, Morgan State Street (included)
- I-84, Croydon (included)

For projects not on UDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan, communities can still ask UDOT to pursue funding to construct. There are funding streams that do not require projects to be on UDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Next steps in the planning process include meetings with UDOT Region offices to discuss phasing of projects. There will then be a webmap released for public comment. Later this year, the finalized plan will be published.

4. **Other business and updates on related studies [0:40:00]**

Julie Bjornstad asked the RPO about next steps. Lance responded that a presentation should be given to the Morgan County Council about the results of the planning process. Julie will be in contact with Mayor Truett about getting public feedback.

John Lewis began a discussion about 4100 North in Liberty. This road needs to have construction finished to Wolf Creek to Fairview. John Lewis paid Gardner Engineering and he can send a cost estimate. Local landowners have agreed to set land aside for the road. This project could be eligible for corridor preservation, 3rd quarter, and/or 4th quarter monies. Brooke will follow up with staff with Weber County.

There are 50 acres near Trappers Loop will develop soon in Morgan County. Snowbasin has asked for entitlement for 2,200 units in Morgan County. This may be a long-term development, but Snowbasin is beginning to plan development again. Young Street bridge has funding allocated in 2022.

5. **Next meeting**

The next meeting is September 5, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Morgan City Offices. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

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