

Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization

January 2020 Minutes

Meeting
**RPO January
2020**

Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council transportation planner, called the meeting of the Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization to order at 4:14 pm in the Morgan City Offices located at 90 West Young Street, Morgan, UT.

Date
January 9, 2020

Time
4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location
**Morgan City
Offices**

Policy and Technical Committee	In Attendance
Huntsville	
Mayor Jim Truett	no
Blake Bingham (alternate)	yes
Morgan City	
Mayor Ray Little	yes
Ty Bailey	yes
Morgan County	
Councilmember Robert Kilmer	yes
Darrel Rupp	no
Lance Evans	yes
Utah Department of Transportation	
Dave Adamson	yes
Christopher Chesnut	yes
Utah Transit Authority	
Levi Roberts	no
Wasatch Front Regional Council	
Julie Bjornstad	yes
Weber County	
Commissioner Gage Froerer	yes
John Lewis	yes
Steve Burton	yes
Brooke Stewart	yes

1. **Welcome [00:00:00]**
Vice Chair Mayor Little welcomed Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization (RPO) members and technical committee members.
2. **Approval of the March, June, and September meeting minutes [00:01:21]**
Vice Chair Mayor Little called for the approval of the March, June, and September meeting minutes. Commissioner Froerer made the motion to approve and Blake Bingham seconded. All votes were in favor to approve.

3. **Opportunity for public comment [00:02:22]**

Vice Chair Mayor Little opened the meeting up for public comment. There were no public comments.

4. **I-84/US-89 Interchange Study [00:02:42]**

Julie Bjornstad introduced Dave Adamson, project manager for UDOT Region 1, to give an update and overview of the I-84/US-89 Interchange Study. UDOT has spent the past two years conducting a study between the Weber River and South Ogden with the goal of defining the end of the US-89 freeway, improving flow to South Ogden and points north, and identifying solutions to improve the function of the interchange. This project is a corridor study to identify options and cost estimates and it not a funded project. Dave Adamson reviewed the short-term and long-term solutions identified in the study. Discussion followed regarding different types of interchanges. There are no immediate next steps until further funding is identified.

The story map used for this discussion item can be found [online](#)¹. Please note that this was an exploratory study looking at costs and ideas. None of the projects listed have gone through a public or environmental process and there is no funding identified for any of the options. Any impact to private property is all conceptual and nothing shown is definite.

5. **Statewide Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) and Statewide Transit Transportation Investment Fund (TTIF) prioritization [0:22:42]**

Julie Bjornstad introduced Christopher Chesnut, planning manager for UDOT Region 1, to give an update of the prioritization process for the Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) and Transit Transportation Investment Fund (TTIF). The Legislature gave direction to UDOT to modify the prioritization process for TIF and create a new process for TTIF. Within these two funding sources are four prioritization processes: TIF roadway capacity, TIF active transportation, TTIF transit capacity, and TTIF first-/last-mile. Christopher Chesnut reviewed how individual projects are incorporated into the prioritization process. Local governments can nominate a project for any of the funding sources as long as local government completes a short application and the project meets eligibility criteria. Active transportation and transit projects need to show a 40 percent match in non-state funding. Nominations have passed for 2020 prioritization, but is likely to reoccur each January. In Spring 2020, UDOT will review the four prioritization lists with the Transportation Commission and identifying which projects will receive funding.

6. **Technical Planning Assistance [00:34:31]**

Julie Bjornstad introduced Christopher Chesnut, planning manager for UDOT Region 1, to give an update about the UDOT's Technical Planning Assistance program. The Technical Planning Assistance program received around 75 applications for about \$4.5 million in requests. UDOT was able to fund 16 grants for \$1.0 million. Morgan City and Morgan County received a join grant to update each entity's general plan. Project management will be decided on a case-by-case basis, with Morgan County/City most likely managing the project without assistance from UDOT. At present, this is not an on-going program. Future funding for this program may change based on the 2020 Legislative Session.

¹ <https://avenuecon.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=3ff29cd42ff143f688a20d9bf22443b6>

WFRC also has a technical assistance program, the Transportation and Land Use Connection program, available to the RPO planning area. More information can be found online: <https://wfr.org/programs/transportation-land-use-connection/>

7. Other business and updates on related studies [00:42:19]

Julie Bjornstad asked for a status update about the Mountain Green interchange project and land development around the interchange. UDOT has yet to present final results to the Morgan County Council. The next step would be an environmental study, but no funding has been identified for this yet. On the land use side, there are plans for development, but no official steps have been taken with the County.

Morgan City is discussing imposing the first quarter local option sales tax with their City Council.

The Wasatch Peaks in Morgan County was approved by Morgan County. However, a referendum to reverse the decision was filed and was denied. A lawsuit has been filed against the County. The development would be 750 units, private golf course, private ski resorts, and 8,000 acres of open space. Traffic impact will be minimal with access to the Peterson and Mountain Green exits.

There was a discussion about Fairway Drive, a new connection near Wolf Creek. More coordination is needed within Weber County and an application will be needed this summer for County funding.

Ty Bailey gave an update about a school crossing project Morgan City and UDOT are working together to install.

Darrell Rupp has resigned from the RPO due to health issues. The County will need to appoint a new representative. The RPO voted on a new Chair and Vice Chair. Blake Bingham made a motion to nominate Mayor Little to Chair. Robert seconded and the motion passed. Blake Bingham made a motion to nominate Commissioner Froerer to Vice Chair. Robert seconded and the motion passed.

8. Next meeting: August 6, 2020 at Morgan City Offices [01:09:00]

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