

Morgan County Rural Planning Organization

RPO Kick-off Meeting

Meeting Agenda

DATE: March 22, 2023

TIME: 4:00 pm

LOCATION: *This meeting will be a hybrid meeting. The anchor location for this meeting will be held at the in-person address below. It will also be available via Zoom. Members of the public may participate in, monitor, or listen to the meeting in person or electronically using the information provided below.*

In-person Morgan City Office
90 West Young Street
Morgan City, UT

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Meeting ID 822 7048 8804
Passcode 509253
Call-in Number 1-253-205-0468

- 1 Introductions
- 2 **Action:** Approval of the April 2021 meeting minutes
- 3 Opportunity for Public Comment
- 4 **Information/Discussion:** Overview of RPO, committees, meeting schedule, and communication
- 5 **Action:** Adopt the RPO Bylaws
- 6 **Action:** Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- 7 **Information/Discussion:** Prioritization requirements of Corridor Preservation and 3rd Quarter (59-12-2217) funds
- 8 **Information/Discussion:** Transportation Investment Fund nomination process
- 9 **Information/Discussion:** UDOT EIS updates - US-89/I-84 interchange and Mountain Green interchange
- 10 **Information/Discussion:** Morgan County Active Transportation Plan update
- 11 Call for agenda items and meeting adjournment

Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 1, 2021
TIME: 4:00 pm
LOCATION: Online meeting via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

- **Mayor Ray Little** Morgan City
- **Lance Prescott** Morgan City
- **Commissioner Blaine Fackrell** Morgan County
- **James Ebert** Morgan County
- **Lance Evans** Morgan County
- **Commissioner Gage Froerer** Weber County
- **Brooke Stewart** Weber County
- **Holin Wilbanks** Weber County
- **Christopher Chesnut** UDOT
- **Miranda Jones Cox** WFRC
- **Hugh Van Wagenen** WFRC

MINUTES:

1 Introductions [00:00:00]

Chair Mayor Little welcomed Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization (RPO) members and technical committee members.

2 Opportunity for Public Comment [00:04:10]

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

3 Legislative Update [00:04:27]

Miranda Jones Cox from the Wasatch Front Regional Council gave an update on the 2021 Legislative Session. Miranda presented an overview of HB433 (Amendments Related to Infrastructure Funding). WFRC, UDOT, UTA, and the State's metropolitan planning organizations presented a statement of joint principles for state infrastructure investment to the Legislature. The principles were: 1) Invest in infrastructure; 2) Support multi-modal transportation choices; 3) Utilize the professional planning and prioritization process; and 4) Be fiscally prudent - balance current infrastructure investment needs with long-term fiscal stability. HB433 meets these principles by authorizing investment of \$1.1 billion in Utah's infrastructure, allocating unprecedented amounts of

funding towards transit and active transportation, using Utah's Unified Transportation Plan to prioritize projects, and using a mix of one-time cash and bonding to pay for investments.

Miranda reviewed the funding allocations of the bill, including \$733 million towards roads; \$333 million towards transit, the majority of which would fund double tracking strategic sections of FrontRunner; the creation of the Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Investment Fund, and \$35 million for active transportation. This bill also included an extended programming horizon to 2029 for the Transportation Investment Fund.

Miranda also presented a summary of HB342 (Economic Development Amendments). This bill renamed the Governor's Office of Economic Development to the Office of Economic Opportunity. One of the key duties and missions of the new Office is to stimulate economic growth in rural communities through household-level efforts.

A few noteworthy appropriations were \$10 million in one-time funding to rural broadband, \$4.5 million for a rural county economic grant program, and \$67 million for state park infrastructure (including the new Lost Creek State Park).

The Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program, although not part of the legislative session, was also reviewed. The TLC program provides planning grants for local communities. In 2021, TLC awarded grants to Morgan County for plans and a market study in Mountain Green and Petersen. These studies will help determine short- and long-range impacts of development, identify opportunities to capture potential economic impact associated with leisure travel, and assist the County in buildout for target markets.

Mayor Little requested the slides be sent to the RPO; the slides were sent after the meeting.

4 Action: Approval of the October 2020 meeting minutes [00:19:17]

Chair Mayor Little called for the approval of the October meeting minutes. Commissioner Froerer made the motion to approve and Commissioner Fackrell seconded. All votes were in favor of approval.

5 Morgan County Active Transportation Discussion [00:20:50]

Commissioner Fackrell began a discussion about a Morgan-County-wide trail system along all highways, with the potential to connect the trail system to Weber County. Commissioner Fackrell would like to have the state highways widened enough to have more than a foot-wide shoulder so that pedestrians and bicyclists can be accommodated. Morgan County submitted for Transportation Investment Fund Active Transportation funding for a trails plan. Hugh Van Wagenen mentioned that WFRC has been in contact with past elected officials on something similar, but those efforts did not advance. The discussion during the meeting included ways to continue to move forward. The TLC program and UDOT Planning have programming money for planning studies, but the next round of technical funds will be opened in Spring 2022. Commission Froerer asked about Old Trappers Loop Road, which connects Weber County to Morgan County. In Weber County, this road remains in the public domain. Commissioner Froerer asked if Morgan County had taken any steps to reclaim this road because he thinks it would be easier to connect this road than

to put active transportation facilities along Trappers Loop. Commission Fackrell would be interested in this connection but was unaware of ownership or past efforts. Commissioner Froerer says Holin has a good connection to Snow Basin and she can help to arrange a conversation. There may be some expense in terms of fences and gates, but this would be far cheaper than building along the highway, even though he supports this as well. Lance Evans reminds everyone that they are in the middle of a General Plan update that will consider trails and transportation and are working to develop a vision and cohesive plan. Commission Fackrell asked Christopher Chesnut from UDOT why UDOT did not put a shoulder on the state highways. Christopher replied he will explore the issue and get back to Commissioner Fackrell. Commissioner Froerer previously chaired the Infrastructure and General Government Committee when these roads were funded and said that it was a substantial amount of money to put the shoulder in. Now, there is an effort to look at a more broad use of Trappers and he would lend support from Weber County to put shoulders in along Trappers. UDOT is happy to help explore active transportation ideas within the County as well. James Ebert mentioned there was a lot of planning to do and connecting active transportation groups from Weber and Morgan Counties would be useful especially when doing the market study and small area plans.

6 RPO Next Steps Discussion [00:32:09]

At the October meeting of the RPO, it was decided to return to the conversation about the next steps for the RPO at this April meeting. Conversations have occurred that indicate members would like to dissolve the Morgan County-Ogden Valley RPO and reform as the Morgan County RPO. There have been general discussions on how Morgan can be more focused on their transportation needs. James has spoken with Commissioner Froerer that there would still need to be conversations between the Counties, but this could happen offline or at invitation to the new RPO. Commissioner Fackwell likes the idea of having a Morgan-focused RPO, but enjoys learning from Weber County. Commission Froerer said there are some common interests such as Snow Basin, active transportation, and Trappers Loop but does not think there needs to be an RPO for this. However, he encourages the groups to continue to have conversations. Mayor Little thinks that the Weber County perspective has been helpful, and is interested in Morgan County and City to create an RPO. It was decided that one of the partners would, in writing, say that they would like the interlocal agreement to be dissolved and another interlocal would be created. James will lead this effort.

James asked if the old Trappers Loop Road is on the RPO plan. Julie responded it was not because the Morgan County portion is privately owned and previous leadership was not interested in exploring.

7 Meeting Adjournment [00:45:15]

The meeting was adjourned.

**BYLAWS OF THE
MORGAN COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

PREAMBLE

By agreement, the local government representatives of Morgan City and Morgan County formed the Morgan County Rural Planning Organization (RPO). The purpose of this RPO is to meet at regular intervals to discuss transportation planning issues as defined by the RPO boundaries of Morgan County and develop a transportation plan and priorities for the County.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Morgan County Rural Planning Organization, hereafter referred to as the "RPO", is a voluntary advisory organization of local governments, which fosters a cooperative effort in regards to transportation planning.

This Organization Shall:

1. Develop a long-range transportation plan for the RPO region including roads functionally classified as collector and above;
2. Provide a forum for public participation in the rural transportation process;
3. Develop and prioritize transportation projects the RPO believes should be considered for funding in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) process, and in local transportation improvement programs;
4. Support the COG in developing prioritization criteria and prioritizing projects for Morgan County's 3rd quarter local option sales tax for transportation (59-12-2217) funds.
5. Support the COG in developing prioritization criteria and prioritizing projects for Morgan County's corridor preservation funds.
6. Provide transportation-related information to local governments and other interested agencies, organizations, and persons;
7. Serve as a forum to identify, discuss, study, and focus regional transportation challenges and opportunities;
8. Perform other related transportation planning activities that shall be agreed upon between the RPO, Utah Department of Transportation, and Wasatch Front Regional Council.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

The Rural Planning Organization shall include the following, or their designees:

- Morgan City Mayor
- Morgan City Planning Commission representative
- Morgan City Manager
- Morgan City Road Supervisor
- Morgan County Commission active transportation representative
- Morgan County Commission public works representative
- Morgan County Planning Commission representative
- Morgan County Planning & Development Director
- Morgan County Public Works Director
- Morgan County School District representative

- Utah Department of Transportation staff representative
- Wasatch Front Regional Council staff representative

The City's elected body shall appoint a representative from the City's Planning Commission to serve a two-year term. The County's elected body shall appoint two representatives, one representing public works and one representing active transportation, and a representative from the County's Planning Commission to serve a two-year term. The County School District may appoint a representative, who also serves on the County Council of Governments, to serve a two-year term.

Other members may be added by amendment of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. VOTING.

Each member of the RPO, with the exception of the UDOT and WFRC representatives, shall have one (1) vote on the RPO. A simple majority vote of the voting members present, providing they constitute a quorum, shall carry all questions. Designees/alternates shall have full membership status in the absence of a member.

ARTICLE IV. QUORUM.

A Quorum of the RPO shall be a simple majority (10) of the total voting membership of the RPO.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS.

Officers of the RPO shall consist of a Chair and Vice-Chair and other officers as required. Officers are selected by majority vote for a term of two-years. Officers shall be selected at the first meeting of the year. An officer's alternate may act in the office in absence of the officer.

ARTICLE VI. RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Chair Shall:

1. Conduct meetings in accordance with these bylaws;
2. Appoint, with the concurrence of the RPO, the chairs of any committees not established by the original bylaws.

The Vice-Chair shall assume the responsibilities of the Chair when the Chair is absent, unable, or unwilling to fulfill the responsibilities of the Chair. Should neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair be available to preside over a meeting, a Chair Pro-Tem shall be appointed by majority vote.

The RPO shall:

1. Adopt and amend the RPO Bylaws;
2. Elect an RPO Chair, Vice-Chair, and other officers as required;
3. Propose, initiate, approve, or implement studies, recommendations, discussions, plans, or other matters related to the RPO;
4. Prepare and evaluate transportation plans and priorities for consideration by public and private agencies responsible for implementing transportation projects in the RPO boundaries;
5. Maintain appropriate records for all activities of the RPO in accordance with the Utah Code as Amended §52-4-101.

ARTICLE VIII. ADMINISTRATION

Meetings:

1. Shall be held when deemed necessary, appropriate, and advisable by each committee of the RPO. Notices shall be distributed at least 24 hours prior to a scheduled meeting, and in accordance with the Utah Code as Amended §52-4-101.
2. All meetings of the RPO and any its subordinate committees shall be conducted in accordance with normal parliamentary procedures.
3. A member of the RPO can request a meeting to be convened as an electronic meeting. WFRC staff will give public notice of the meeting as required by Utah Code section 52-4-202 of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act; and post written notice at the anchor location for the meeting. The WFRC staff shall in addition to giving the public notice required by Utah Code section 52-4-202, provide notice of the electronic meeting to the members of the RPO at least 24 hours before the meeting so that they may participate in and be counted as present for all purposes, including the determination that a quorum is present. The notice to the members of the RPO shall give a description of how the members will be connected to the electronic meeting.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS.

Bylaws may be amended at a meeting of the RPO, provided that written notice shall have been sent to each voting member, and his or her alternate, thirty (30) day prior to the next meeting, stating the proposed amendments or changes to the Bylaws.

A two-thirds-majority of all voting members is required to amend or change any of the Bylaws.

Amendments must not conflict with the letter or fundamental intent of the Memorandum of Understanding and Inter-local Agreement, which governs this document. In the event of a conflict, the MOU and Interlocal Agreement shall carry precedence.