BYLAWS OF THE
MORGAN COUNTY-OGDEN VALLEY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

PREAMBLE

By agreement, and beginning January 1, 2018, local government representatives of Morgan City, Town of Huntsville, Morgan County, and Weber County formed the Morgan County-Ogden Valley 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 [see attached map] and develop a transportation plan and priorities for this region.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Morgan County-Ogden Valley 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. Provide transportation-related information to local governments and other interested agencies, organizations, and persons;
5. Serve as a forum to identify, discuss, study, and focus regional transportation challenges and opportunities;
6. 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 Mayor of Morgan City, Mayor of Huntsville, a member of the Morgan County Council, and a member of the Weber County Commission, or their designees.

Each county’s elected body shall appoint one voting member and alternate; a local business owner residing within each of the respective counties served by the RPO, to serve a two-year term.

Other members may be added by amendment of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. VOTING.

Each member of the RPO 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 (4) 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 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;
6. Review work of Technical Committee in the preparation of RPO transportation plans, priorities, and public involvement;
7. Appoint standing and temporary committees.

ARTICLE VII. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.

The Technical Committee shall consist of staff and appointed officials or volunteers from Morgan City, Town of Huntsville, Morgan and Weber Counties, Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Utah Transit Authority (UTA) and other agencies. They shall assist the officers with technical and planning transportation related issues.

i. Membership

1. Representation of the Technical Committee is by appointment to the RPO by the elected bodies, COG, or as otherwise delegated.
2. Technical Committee members are advisors and shall not serve as Officers for the RPO. A member of the Technical Committee shall serve as the Secretary of the organization.

ii. Duties

1. Maintains appropriate record keeping for all activities of the RPO in accordance with the Utah Code as Amended §52-4-101.
2. Prepare and evaluate transportation plans and priorities for consideration by public and private agencies responsible for implementing transportation projects in the RPO boundaries
3. Serve on standing and temporary committees as appointed
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 seven (7) days 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.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS.

Bylaws may be amended at a meeting of the RPO, provided that written notice shall be 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.
Approved by the Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization on __________ of ______ 20____.

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