

## Minutes

Regional Growth Committee  
Meeting of March 17, 2016

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, March 17, 2016 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### Welcome and Introductions

**Commissioner John Petroff**, RGC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Petroff welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

### RGC Members and Alternates Present

Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace City
Ron Bigelow	Mayor, West Valley City
Ari Bruening	Envision Utah
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
James Ebert	Commissioner, Weber County
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Ted Eyre	Mayor, Murray City
Jeff Harris	UDOT
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Scott Parson	Utah Transportation Coalition/Staker Parson Co
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Norm Searle	Mayor, Riverdale City
Matt Sibul	UTA
Wilf Sommerkorn	UAC
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Steve Sands	Utah Air Quality Board

### RGC Representatives and Others Present

Eric Anderson	Farmington City
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City
David Petersen	Farmington City
Domenica Watkins	Weber County Commission
Lisa Zundel	UDOT
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
Gustavo daSilva	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Councilmember Aimee Newton, Councilman Logan Wilde and Commissioner Dan McConkie were excused from the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Derk Timothy moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held January 21, 2016 be approved as written. Mayor Ted Eyre seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments

### **Information: 2019-2050 Vision and Regional Transportation Plan**

In an effort to better coordinate and understand the interrelationship between local needs, growth patterns, and infrastructure decisions, the Regional Transportation Plan and the Wasatch Choice vision will be updated together. By undertaking a joint process of visioning and transportation planning, staff along with cities, counties, stakeholders, transportation agencies, and others can chart a course to our desired future with greater information about potential consequences and with a more direct path to implementation via the transportation plan.

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, said that in the first phase (first 18 months), transportation and land development scenarios will be explored in distinct subareas of the metropolitan area. He said in the first Small Area Meetings to take place, staff will learn about area performance, understand goals of each area, and develop ideas to test. Online Story Maps will also be available for each of the area meetings that shows how the area is performing versus the metropolitan area. A 2019-2050 RTP Small Area Meetings #1 Map was provided showing dates, times and locations for each of the ten meetings taking place throughout April and May.

### **Action: Process for amending the Regional Transportation Plan**

WFRC prepares and adopts a Regional Transportation Plan every four years to identify and implement needed transportation improvements. The current RTP was adopted in May 2015.

Jory Johner, WFRC, reported that the current RTP amendment process was last adopted by WFRC in 2009. He said that staff has reviewed this process and made minor modifications that streamline and simplify it while maintaining appropriate RGC oversight and review by the Councils of Governments (COGs) and the public.

The principle modification to the process is to have proposed amendments reviewed by the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) and then by the COGs and public, rather than having the amendment first go to the COGs before it comes to RGC. This will enable the COG appointed members to review proposed amendments from a regional perspective and make any necessary modifications before the amendments are sent out for a broader review. Mr. Johner reviewed the proposed process and noted that a detailed proposed modified process document was included in Committee member packets.

A suggestion during the comment period was that staff provide more performance information on the projects included in the amendment to Committee members prior to the RGC meeting when they will be considered for adoption. Mr. Johner noted that staff would work with partners to include that information in the meeting packet materials.

**ACTION:** Mayor Karen Cronin moved to recommend to the Regional Council approval of the updated process for amending the Regional Transportation Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James Ebert and passed unanimously.

### **Information: Kaysville – Farmington Active Transportation (KFAT) Plan**

Eric Anderson and Dave Petersen, Farmington City, reported that Kaysville and Farmington Cities submitted a joint application for the WFRC Local Planning Resource Program 2015 (the program has since been renamed the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC)). They were awarded a match grant for \$50,000 with \$25,000 from WFRC and \$12,500 each from Farmington and Kaysville Cities. Alta Planning and Design was chosen as the consultant.

The purpose of the KFAT Plan was to create a unified active transportation plan that transcends city boundaries. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Peterson discussed the many aspects of the process including the public involvement, existing system and needs analysis, and recommended improvements. The joint plan will be the first of its kind in Davis County. It addresses bicycle and pedestrian connectivity in both communities. It identifies the network, design, and engineering for top projects. It also includes design guidelines for treatment of future facilities. They commented that while it is still very early and the plan is intended to be a long-range plan to be slowly implemented over a long time frame, they have already seen successes come out of it.

### **Information: Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study**

The Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study (WFCCS) is exploring solutions for the three-mile-wide corridor centered on I-15 and FrontRunner. This corridor is being studied given the distinct challenges and constraints that face our state's busiest travelway. The WFCCS will develop a comprehensive multi-modal, long-term transportation strategy that will be a building block for the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. This study is a joint effort of Mountainland Association of Governments, Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, and Wasatch Front Regional Council.

Lisa Zundel, WFCCS Project Manager, provided an update on the study process, timeline and outreach. She said that currently they are developing and discussing conceptual scenarios which will be presented to the Study team executives, internal agency technical staff, and elected city officials, city planning and technical staff and county commissioners. Two local government workshops are scheduled for March 29 – (1) Draper City Hall – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and (2) South Salt Lake (Columbus Center) – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ms. Zundel said that detailed information may be found on the WFCC Study website at <http://www.wfrcstudy.org/>.

### **Other Business**

- Matt Sibul, UTA, reported that UTA is in the process of finalizing their Proposition One service plans for Weber, Davis and Tooele Counties. UTA is focusing on the idea of more service and service oriented types of improvements. There will be a couple of upcoming open houses to engage the public and get their input as well.
- Mr. Sibul also noted that today, March 17, is the opening of the season for GREENbike – the earliest opening in its four-year history.
- *Save the Date* flier was distributed informing about the upcoming Wasatch Choice Consortium and Active Transportation and Health Summit on June 29 at the Little America Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. In addition, the National Association of Regional Councils 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held June 26-28 also at Little America. More information and details will be emailed as they become available. All were encouraged to get the word out and attend.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

*A recoding of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org), under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2016 meetings.*