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October 13, 2016

Members of the Regional Growth Committee and Other Interested Persons:

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held Thursday, October 20th, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, in Salt Lake City. The Agenda will be as follows:

Welcome and Introductions

1. **Action:** Minutes from the August 18, 2016 Meeting
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
3. **Action:** Wasatch Choice 2050 Regional Goals
4. **Information:** Wasatch Choice 2050 Scenario Discussion
5. **Information: Large Planning Projects**
 - a. Wasatch Front Central Corridor
 - b. Central Wasatch Commission (Mountain Accord)
6. **Other Business**
 - Council meeting – Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
7. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 19, 2017

Sincerely,

Commissioner John Petroff, Jr., Chair
Regional Growth Committee

- *Mayor McAdams' Metro Solutions Symposium - October 19*
- *WFRC Council Meeting - October 27*
- *WFRC Programs: Letters of Intent due - October 27*
- *UDOT Annual Conference - November 1-3*

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Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of August 18, 2016

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, August 18, 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 9:30 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
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Ron Bigelow	Mayor, West Valley City
Bryce Bird	DEQ/DA
Wade Bitner	Tooele Co.
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Box Elder/Perry City
Nic Dunn (Representing Councilmember Aimee Newton)	SLCO
Ted Eyre	Mayor, Murray City
Charles Henderson	UTA Board Trustee
Shane Marshall	UDOT
Dan McConkie	Commissioner, UDOT
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Christine Richman	ULI Utah
Steve Sands	Air Quality Board
Matt Sibul	UTA
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Wilf Sommerkorn	UAC-SL County
Gary Uresk	ULCT – Woods Cross City

RGC Representatives and Others Present

Eric Anderson	Farmington City
Elden Bingham	UDOT
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Steve Call	FHWA
Julia Collins	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Michael Florence	South Salt Lake
David Schwartz	UDOT
Julia Collins	WFRC
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Chamonix Larsen	DAS

David Lloyd	WFRC
Jen McGrath	UTA
Barry McLerran	Congresswoman Mia Love's Office
Callie New	WFRC
David Petersen	Farmington City
Matthew Silski	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Derek Timothy moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held May 19, 2016 be approved as written. Mayor Mark Allen seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments

Action: Approval of 2015-2040 RTP Amendment #2

Jory Johner, WFRC, discussed the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment #2. Mr. Johner reviewed each of the projects included in Amendment #2, which are:

- Widening on 9000 South from I-15 to 700 East (UDOT)
- Operational Improvements on Valley Drive from 20th Street to SR-39 (Ogden City)
- Operational Improvements on 2nd Street from Washington to Monroe Blvd. (Ogden City)
- Operational Improvements on 17th Street from Wall Ave. to Washington Blvd. (Ogden City)
- Operational Improvements on 26th Street from Wall Ave. to Washington Blvd. (Ogden City)
- Widening on 2600 North from Washington Blvd. to Fruitland Drive (North Ogden City)
- Removal of Wall Avenue Extension from Larsen Lane to 2700 North (Harrisville City)
- New Construction on 14000 South from 2700 West to 3600 West (Bluffdale City)

Mr. Johner noted that RTP Amendment #2 meets air quality conformity and financial constraints, and during the public comment period WFRC staff received and responded to 39 comments on the Redwood Road project.

Following the public comment period, the WFRC staff and partners recommended that the widening on Redwood Road from 9000 South to Bangerter Highway require further study and review, and not be approved at this time.

Mayor Mark Allen moved to approve Amendment #2 to the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan, with the exception of the Redwood Road project north of 12600 South, which requires further study and review. Mayor Len Arave seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

Information: Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and Regional Transportation Plan Development

Julie Bjornstad, WFRC, shared an update on the plan development and the Wasatch Choice 2050 vision of the Regional Transportation Plan. There are currently two guiding documents, the Wasatch Choice for 2040 vision, and the 2015 - 2040 Regional Transportation Plan which was adopted last May. These are guiding documents in terms of the regional vision and our transportation investments. The RTP is required to be updated every four years.

Ms. Bjornstad discussed the following items:

- The polling results from the small area meetings with the cities and counties in the region.
- The process for developing the scenarios.
- The RGC proposed transportation and growth concepts for exploration in the scenarios.

- Outlined the next steps for the Wasatch Choice 2050 vision, including continued development of the goals and metrics.

Scenarios are means to see how transportation affects development patterns and in turn how development patterns affect the viability and functioning of the transportation system.

Information: TIGER Active Transportation Award

The TIGER Grant was awarded to the region in the amount of \$20 million. The goal of this project is to reduce and remove barriers to transit access and transportation corridors in order to connect communities, employment centers, education institution, public services, and other community resources. This project will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, with an emphasis on developing mobility for transportation disadvantaged communities and the creation of ladders of opportunity.

The Grant partnership under the lead of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) includes: The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), six counties and 26 cities across the Wasatch Front.

National TIGER 2016 Overview:

- 585 Applications
- Project totals of over \$9.3 Billion
- Available Funding: \$500 Million
- 2/3 of Awarded Applications – Not First Time Submissions
- UTA Award – 4% of Total Awarded Funds

UTA will begin meeting with partners to refine the project list, set up an appropriate program management team, develop a new budget and schedule, and work with partners to implement and track projects.

Information: Transportation, Land Use, and Economic Development Linkages

WFRC efforts to integrate Economic Development

LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, discussed the three key strategies that the WFRC is taking to ensure economic development is integrated into our short and long range planning.

1. Coordinate transportation investments with economic cluster locational and service needs. WFRC supports the varied location and service needs of clusters. Locational needs can include their preferred mode of access such as car, rail, truck, bike or pedestrian. Service needs include characteristics and amenities for the built and natural environment and proximity to workforce, consumers, and allied business.
2. Coordinate transportation investments to improve access to opportunity. Access to opportunity means people can get to a large number of jobs, services, and educational opportunities within a reasonable amount of time and that businesses have access to employees, customers, and suppliers. WFRC improves access to opportunity by addressing transportation infrastructure needs and encouraging coordination with housing, jobs, services, and educational institutions.
3. Ensure fiscal sustainability through efficient growth and infrastructure investments. Efficient growth and infrastructure investment refers to locations and forms of growth that are resource efficient – such as growth in already-developed areas and near regional transportation infrastructure. Efficient growth reduces travel demand, uses existing infrastructure to meet demand, and as a result increases local revenues while mitigating infrastructure cost increases.

Ms. Davenport noted that there are three steps toward integration. Those steps are: 1) WFRC Program Managers continue to instill actions and measures into their respective programs; 2) Promulgate the effort and continue to build partners and support; and 3) Track progress and tell/share the story.

Transportation and Land Use Connection Program Report Card

Julia Collins, WFRC, discussed the project outcomes for the TLC program. We are moving into the third year of the program, and project deliverables for 2014, 2015 and 2016 include: small area plans, form-based codes/zoning, active transportation/transportation master plans, complete streets policies, market analyses, and general plan updates.

Ms. Collins updated the Regional Growth Committee on the WFRC funding program deadlines. She explained that the funding programs were announced in August of 2016. Notice for letters of intent will be sent out in September 2016, and these letters are due on October 27, 2016. From there, applications are due in January of 2017, and projects will be recommended in the Spring of 2017.

The TLC annual report card shows the accomplishments of the program, highlighted projects, and shows the short term and long term metrics.

Information: Air Quality Update

The EPA will soon issue a re-classification of the Salt Lake PM2.5 non-attainment area. Failure to meet the PM2.5 standard by 2014 means that the Salt Lake Area will likely be re-designated from a “moderate” to a “serious” non-attainment area for PM2.5. A new, more aggressive State Implementation Plan for controlling PM2.5 related emissions will be required to show attainment of the standard by 2019.

The State of Utah will send recommendations for ozone non-attainment areas to the EPA by October 2016. The entire Wasatch Front, with the exception of Brigham City, exceeds the ozone standard based on the three most recent years of data. The critical emissions to control, VOC (volatile organic compounds) and NOx (nitrogen oxides), are the same emissions that lead to PM2.5 pollution, but the ozone weather conditions are hot summer days rather than winter inversions.

Volkswagen agreed to a \$10 billion settlement regarding falsified emission testing for its small diesel vehicles. Utah will receive \$32 million of this settlement to be used for cleaner vehicles for fleets, airports, and freight operations. Further litigation is anticipated.

Other Business

- Council meeting – Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

DATE: October 13, 2016
AGENDA ITEM: 3
SUBJECT: **Action:** Wasatch Choice 2050 Goals
PREPARED BY: Ted Knowlton

The WFRC uses Council-adopted Regional Goals to inform the work of the organization. For example, Goals will underpin the evaluation criteria that are used to develop the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and Regional Transportation Plan. Regional Goals also inform programming of WFRC-administered funds that are part of the Transportation Improvement Program. With a new Wasatch Choice Vision and 2019-2050 RTP, draft goals were presented to RGC in May. RGC and Council are being asked to revisit Regional Goals and adopt them in October.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed Regional Goals are attached. These goals are intended to be useful for any community or organization that wants to be a partner in the Wasatch Choice for 2050 Vision. In other words, these goals are potentially not just for WFRC, and are written accordingly; they are broader than previous transportation plan goals in that they address issues that relate to all aspects of community development such as open space.

Here is how the proposed goals were developed:

- In 2015, a list of desired sub-regional outcomes was presented to cities and counties during the first round of small-area meetings for prioritization and refinement.
- This list of desired outcomes was compared to past WFRC Goals, the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Growth Principles, federal transportation legislation (MAP-21 and the FAST Act), and the goals of partner transportation entities. Language was then modified to improve consistency.
- This working set of goals was taken to RGC in the May 2016 meeting for review and refinement.
- Since May, feedback has also been sought on the Goals from the public and regional stakeholders. This includes feedback from RGC Technical Advisory Committees, UDOT, UTA, MAG (our counterpart in in Utah County), and Envision Utah.

The proposed goals reflect all of the feedback obtained in the above steps.

In the RGC meeting, members will be asked to:

- 1) Review the proposed set of regional goals.
- 2) Consider in general how WFRC would use the goals,
- 3) Make a recommendation to the Council on Wasatch Choice 2050 regional goals.

ACTION:

RGC will make a recommendation to the Council for adoption.

Suggested motion language: *I make a motion to recommend to the WFRC Council adoption of the Wasatch Choice 2050 Goals as presented.*

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EXHIBIT:

Proposed Wasatch Choice 2050 Regional Goals



PROPOSED GOALS

October 2016

Wasatch Choice 2050 is the shared vision for the Wasatch Front. Built upon community values, and with extensive partner, stakeholder, and public input, it is a blueprint for growth that supports regional mobility, a healthy environment, a thriving economy, and overall quality of life.

The following goals for Wasatch Choice 2050 can inform decisions made by Wasatch Choice 2050 partners, including transportation agencies, local governments and other public entities, and private sector and community-based organizations. Partners can work to achieve these goals within their individual community or area of influence, while also considering the health of the region.

The Wasatch Front Regional Council will utilize these goals to inform organizational activities, including the development of transportation, land use and economic development plans and projects. WFRC will measure the performance and impact of various plans and projects on several scales: on the region as a whole; on various subregions; and on vulnerable communities within the region.

Draft Goal

Livable and healthy communities

Access to economic and educational opportunities

Manageable and reliable traffic conditions

Quality transportation choices

Safe, user-friendly streets

Housing choices and affordable living expenses

Fiscally efficient communities and infrastructure

Ample parks, open spaces, and recreational opportunities

A sustainable environment including water, agricultural, and other natural resources

Clean air

DATE: October 13, 2016
AGENDA ITEM: 4
SUBJECT: **Information:** Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and Regional Transportation Plan Scenarios
PREPARED BY: Ted Knowlton

BACKGROUND:

Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and Regional Transportation Plan (WC2050) is the region's shared vision for coordinated growth, infrastructure, and open space. The process to develop WC2050 spans four years and is a collaborative effort of communities, stakeholders, and transportation agencies (among others) that is convened and technically supported by WFRC.

In 2015, WFRC met with local governments in the region to gather transportation project ideas and related growth concepts out to 2050, in order to start developing the Wasatch Choice 2050 vision and Regional Transportation Plan.

At the October RGC meeting, we will highlight the key geographical themes (ideas that can be put on a map) we heard from cities, townships, and counties. We will also put forward draft next steps including the next round of small-area-meetings. In 2017 the small area meetings will explore scenarios: mapped depictions of transportation infrastructure, growth and open space for the year 2050.

These scenarios will also include a variety of evaluation criteria that relate to the proposed Wasatch Choice 2050 Goals. Scenario performance will be understood from a sub-regional (+/- 30 square miles) and regional basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only and no action is required.

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DATE: March 10, 2016
AGENDA ITEM: 5A
SUBJECT: **Information:** Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study (WFCCS)
PREPARED BY: Ted Knowlton

BACKGROUND:

At the October RGC meeting an update will be provided of the Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study (WFCCS). The “Central” corridor refers to 3 mile wide corridor that includes I-15, the original Trax line and FrontRunner commuter rail. This study is 75% complete. Scenarios have been developed that explore a broad variety of ideas for improving the mobility of the corridor and destination accessibility of the region. At the RGC meeting the scenarios will be outlined and we will discuss next steps.

The Central Corridor is being studied given the distinct challenges and constraints that face our state’s busiest travelway: travel demand is very high while the ability to add people-moving capacity is expensive given physical constraints. The WFCCS will develop a comprehensive multi-modal, long-term transportation strategy that will be a building block for the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and Regional Transportation Plan. This study is a joint effort of four agencies -- Mountainland AOG (Utah County), UDOT, UTA, and WFRC.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only and no action is required.

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DATE: October 12, 2016
AGENDA ITEM: 5b
SUBJECT: INFORMATION: Central Wasatch Commission (Mountain Accord)
PREPARED BY: Ned Hacker

BACKGROUND:

The Mountain Accord Project has been underway for the past three years. Its focus is to identify solutions to issues regarding the future of our central Wasatch Mountains in four specific areas: environment, recreation, transportation, and economy.

The first phase of the project culminated on August 3, 2015 with the signing of the Mountain Accord agreement (the Accord.) The Accord represents the commitment of a diverse group of public agencies, private sector entities, community organizations, and individuals to ensure future generations can enjoy the Wasatch Mountains while preserving our watershed and natural environment.

In October 2015, at the request of the Mountain Accord Executive Board, the Regional Council took action to authorize WFRC to be a Party to the Mountain Accord Phase II Interlocal Agreement and the contracting agent for the Mountain Accord Phase II Program Director. Similarly action was taken in May 2016 when the Council approved WFRC to be the contracting agent for the Mountain Accord Phase II Transportation Study for the Cottonwood Canyons. Phase II implements the overall objectives of the Mountain Accord.

In order to implement the principles and actions of the Mountain Accord, a Central Wasatch Commission ("CWC") is being formed by interlocal agreement. The CWC will coordinate and oversee the Mountain Accord effort, including assuming responsibility for budgeting, accounting and contracting. In August 2016, WFRC approved the transfer of Mountain Accord contracts to the CWC.

At the RGC meeting in October, the Mountain Accord Program Director will provide an update of the Mountain Accord projects currently underway and the implementation and function of the Central Wasatch Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This item is for information only and no action is required.

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