

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of January 18, 2018

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]

Mayor Len Arave, North Salt Lake, chaired the meeting on behalf of Mayor Ben McAdams. He called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Mayor Arave welcomed committee members and guests, and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

RGC Members and Alternates Present

IN ATTENDANCE	2017 RGC MEMBERS
	BOX ELDER COUNTY
x	Alternate - Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	DAVIS COUNTY
	Member - Randy Lewis (Bountiful)
x	Alternate - Len Arave (North Salt Lake)
	Alternate - Erik Craythorne (West Point)
	MORGAN COUNTY
	Member- John Barber (Morgan County)
x	Alternate - Tina Cannon
	SALT LAKE COUNTY
x	Member - Ben McAdams (<i>Chair</i>) (Salt Lake County)
x	Member - Ron Bigelow (West Valley City)
x	Member - Aimee Winder Newton (Salt Lake County)
	Member - Derk Timothy (Bluffdale)
	Alternate - Jackie Biskupski (Salt Lake City)
x	Sharen Hauri attended for Mayor Wood
	Alternate - Cherie Wood (South Salt Lake)
	Alternate - Troy Walker (Draper)
	Alternate - Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek)
	TOOELE COUNTY
x	Member - Wade Bitner (Tooele County)
x	Member - Brent Marshall (Tooele County)
x	Alternate - Dave McCall (Tooele City)
	WEBER COUNTY
x	Member - Mark Allen (Washington Terrace)
x	Alternate - Norm Searle (Riverdale)
	Member - James Ebert (<i>Vice Chair</i>) (Weber County)
	Alternate - Brent Taylor (North Ogden)
	OTHER APPOINTMENTS:
	Utah Transportation Commission:
	Member - Meghan Holbrook
	Alternate - Dannie McConkie
	UTA Board:
x	Member - Charles Henderson
	Alternate - Keith Bartholomew
	Utah Air Quality Board:
	Member - Stephen Sands
	Alternate - Erin Mendenhall
	Envision Utah:
	Member - Robert Grow
	Alternate - Ari Bruening
	NON-VOTING MEMBERS
	UDOT Representative:
	Member - Nathan Lee
x	Alternate - Jeff Harris
	UTA Representative:
x	Member - Laura Hanson
	Alternate - GJ LaBonty
	Air Quality Board, DAQ Staff Representative:
	Bryce Bird
	FHWA - UTAH Division Representative:
x	Member - Ivan Marrero
x	Alternate - Steve Call
	Utah League of Cities & Towns Rep:
x	Gary Uresk
	Utah Association of Counties Representative:
x	Wilf Sommerkorn
	Mountainland Association of Governments:
	Gary Gygi
	WFRC Appointments from other organizations:
	Christine Richman - Utah Urban Land Institute
	John Bennett - GOMB/Quality Growth Commission
	Abby Osborne - Utah Transportation Coalition
x	Reid Ewing - University of Utah

RGC Representatives and Others Present

Roger Borgenicht	UBET
Diego Carroll	WSP
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake County
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Russ Fox	Draper City
Michael Gailey	Syracuse City
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Meredith Jacobsen	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Hal Johnson	UTA
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Heather McLaughlin-Kolb	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Helen Peters	Salt Lake County
Alex Roy	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Eussell Weeks	SLC Council
Katie Witt	Kaysville City
Will Wright	Clinton City
Jake Young	Salt Lake County
Nicole Zinnanti	Assist Inc.

Action: Approval of Minutes [Recording 05:40]

Mayor Arave entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held October 12, 2017. Councilmember Winder Newton, Salt Lake County, motioned to approve these minutes, and it was seconded by Mayor Mark Allen, Washington Terrace. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment [Recording 05:58]

There were none.

Chair Report [Recording 06:17]

On behalf of Mayor McAdams, Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, provided Information regarding the Wasatch Choice 2050 + Mayor’s Metro Solutions event being held on January 23. He expressed that this will be a great day looking at the challenges that our region faces, and the ways that local communities can help tackle those challenges regarding transportation, housing, and economic development. He reminded everyone that the two keynote speakers are from the Brookings Institute, and will be talking about how cities can thrive in the age of populism. He commented that the importance of the Regional Growth Committee is that this committee drives the development of the long-range plans and visions for the region, called the Wasatch Choice 2050. At the upcoming event, WFRC will be releasing, for the first time, the draft Wasatch Choice 2050 vision, which reflects a lot of the engagement and contributions city officials and staff have made. Carlton Christensen, Salt Lake County, added that after the keynote speakers during lunch, there will be three breakout sessions that will have great content in them, and also Reid Ewing and his colleagues from the University of Utah will be presenting some very interesting information at the beginning of the event. He also reminded everyone that the first 400 people to attend will receive a free copy of the book that was written by the keynote speakers.

Information/Discussion: Wasatch Choice 2050 Draft Vision [Recording 09:48]

Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council, provided an update on the Wasatch Choice 2050 process. He encouraged the new members to ask questions during the presentation. He commented that we are growing so rapidly, and when you look at the amount of growth, it’s very substantial. The Gardner Policy Institute anticipates that we will add, in the greater Wasatch Front, a city equivalent to the size of Bountiful or Draper every year. This is roughly 45,000 people. In about 15 years, almost all major pieces of vacant land between Ogden and Provo will be under development. Looking ahead, it is projected that based on the plans that are in place today, people spend about an hour getting around by car, and that if you look ahead to the year 2050, that time may increase by 42 minutes longer. He explained that the basic notion of the Wasatch Choice 2050 is “let’s work together and

coordinate to address proactively, those challenges.” The process involves those that shape development patterns which includes local governments and the development community and those that address infrastructure which includes UDOT, UTA, WFRC, all of whom represent you as a city. The six components to the Wasatch Choice 2050 include:

1. Centers
2. Job Areas
3. Open Space
4. Roads
5. Transit
6. Bicycling

Mr. Knowlton explained the key strategies of the Wasatch Choice Vision:

- Provide Transportation Choices
- Support Housing Options
- Preserve Open Space
- Like Development and Transportation Decisions

There was discussion held among the committee.

Information/Discussion: Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force and Legislative Preview [Recording 39:37]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, reminded the committee that the Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force was created by Senate Bill 174 during the 2017 State Legislative Session. This task force evaluated best practices for integrating transportation, land use and economic development in order to enhance overall quality of life. Mr. Gruber said that the session begins on Monday, January 22, 2018 and that the staff at WFRC and our partners will be spending a lot of time on the Hill working on the issues regarding transportation, housing, and economic development.

Mr. Gruber said that the state is putting a lot of money into infrastructure right now, and we anticipate that there's not going to be a proposal to change that this year. However, there is going to be legislation that will make those state investments more flexible so that they can be used for the highest value projects, regardless of the mode of transportation. There will also be legislation that would modify the structure of the UTA Board. Currently there is a 16-member Board for the Utah Transit Authority, and that is likely to be reduced to a three-member, full-time board. Mr. Gruber said there is also anticipation for UDOT to do a road, user charge demonstration program to experiment with other ways to charge drivers to look at distance-based charging. This would be a modest pilot program where people can participate to study this technology. He noted that the Legislative Session moves very quickly, and that WFRC's new Government Relations Manager, LaNiece Davenport will periodically send out updates on what's going on.

Beginning Thursday, January 25th at 8:00 a.m. the WFRC will host informal weekly meetings for members of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, it's committees, and friends. These meetings will be held in the Aspen Room of the Senate building every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. The meetings will provide a forum to discuss policy issues and bills being considered by the Legislature that are of interested to WFRC members. Staff will report on bills related to transportation and related issues such as land use, economic development, and air quality.

There was discussion held among the committee.

Action: Recommendation of Adoption of 2015-2040 RTP Amendments Number 5 [Recording 56:50]

Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council, explained that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is updated every four years, and was recently adopted in May of 2015. Mr. Johner discussed the Amendment #5 overview. This included:

- 9 total requests for approximately \$196 million
- Projects seeking Weber County Sales Tax Funding

- Three projects (\$5.5 million)
- Funding source unknown
 - One UTA and UDOT sponsored project (\$34.5 million)
 - One Salt Lake County project (100 million)
- Utah State Correctional Facility Funding
 - Two projects to serve the new Utah State prison (\$30 million)
- Partially funded and seeking STP funds
 - One municipality/UDOT project (\$24 million)
- UDOT Project
 - One phasing change (\$2 million)

The 9 projects include:

1. 1100 North – Harrisville City:
 - Level 2 request
 - Provides a link between two arterial streets and decreases the amount of traffic between residential neighborhoods.
 - Cost: \$420,000
 - Funding source: Potential Weber County 3rd Quarter Sales Tax and Corridor Preservations funding
2. 3600 West – Plain City:
 - Level 2 request
 - Provides for added shoulders and a consistent cross-section, safety improvements, improved access for adjoining properties, and center turn lane at intersections for improved mobility.
 - Cost: \$3.5 million
 - Funding source: Potential Weber County 3rd Quarter Sales Tax
3. Depot Drive – Weber County
 - Level 2 request
 - Provides connection to the Weber Area Justice Multi-Use Facility, will redesign the intersection of 12th Street and Depot Road, and widening will incorporate a deceleration lane.
 - Cost: \$1.6 million
 - Funding source: Potential Weber County 3rd Quarter Sales Tax
4. 5600 Transit – Utah Transit Authority
 - Level 3 request
 - Cost: \$34.5 million
 - Funding source: unknown
5. 7200 West – Salt Lake County
 - Level 2 request
 - Provides access to the new Utah State Correctional Facility.
 - Cost: \$100 million (refined cost from upcoming study)
 - Funding source: unknown
6. 8000 West – Salt Lake County
 - Level 2 request
 - Provides one of two accesses to the new Utah State Correctional Facility
 - Cost: \$15 million
 - Funding source: Utah State Correctional Facility funding
7. 700 North, 7200 West, 1400 North – Salt Lake County
 - Level 2 request
 - Provides one of two accesses to the new Utah State Correctional Facility
 - Cost: \$15 million
 - Funding source: Utah State Correctional Facility funding
8. Wasatch Boulevard – Cottonwood Heights
 - Level 3 request

- More efficient local traffic circulation, major connection between Big and Little Cottonwood ski resorts, increased access to both Knudsen Corner development and proposed new develop at the gravel pit.
 - Cost: \$24 million
 - Funding source: Existing funds and potential STP Funds
9. Redwood Road – UDOT
- Level 3 request
 - Additional widening through restriping, consistent cross-section for entire roadway, alleviates near term intersection failure.
 - Cost: \$2.3 million
 - Funding source: Existing funds and potential STP Funds

Mayor Arave entertained a motion to recommend that the Wasatch Front Regional Council approve Amendment Number 5 to the 2015-2040 RTP and the air quality conformity determination as found in the Draft Air Quality Memorandum 37. Mayor Ron Bigelow, West Valley, motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Mayor Mark Allen, Washington Terrace. The motion passes.

Information/Discussion: RGC Preliminary Meeting Ideas [Recording 1:37:30]

Ted Knowlton noted that WFRC refers to the Council that makes the final decisions, including adopting the final plan, and adopting the amendments to the plan. RGC is the steering committee for changes to the transportation plan, including Wasatch Choice 2050. He commented that we put together agendas that walk through the development of the plan, and dig into long range topic areas that interrelate land development, economic development and transportation.

As RGC agendas are considered for 2018, staff would like to hear what regional issues, planning efforts, and special topics the Committee would like to discuss during the year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please get in touch with Ted Knowlton.

Other Business

Mayor Arave asked if there were other items of business to discuss. There were none. Mayor Brent Marshall, Grantsville city, motioned to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Mayor Allen. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

A recording of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at, under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2018 meetings.