

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of May 17, 2018

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, May 17, 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 Ben McAdams, Regional Growth Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor McAdams welcomed committee members and guests, and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

RGC Members and Alternates Present

IN ATTENDANCE	2018 RGC MEMBERS
	BOX ELDER COUNTY
	Member: Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	Alternate: Kenneth Braegger (Willard)
	DAVIS COUNTY
	WFRC Appointments
	Member: Len Arave (North Salt Lake)
x	Alternate: Mike Gailey (Syracuse)
	COG Appointments
	Member: Jim Talbot (Farmington)
x	Member: Katie Witt (Kaysville)
	MORGAN COUNTY
	COG Appointments
x	Member: John Barber (<i>Vice-chair</i>) (Morgan County)
	Alternate: Tina Cannon (Morgan County)
	SALT LAKE COUNTY
	WFRC Appointments
x	Member: Ben McAdams (<i>Chair</i>) (Salt Lake County)
	Alternate: Ron Bigelow (West Valley City)
	COG Appointments
x	Member: Dawn Ramsey (South Jordan)
x	Member: Aimee Winder Newton (Salt Lake County)
x	Member: Jim Riding (West Jordan)
	Alternate: Jackie Biskupski (Salt Lake City)
	Alternate: Cherie Wood (South Salt Lake)
	Alternate: Troy Walker (Draper)
	Alternate: Kurt Bradburn (Sandy)
	TOOELE COUNTY
	COG Appointments
x	Member: Wade Bitner (Tooele County)
	Alternate: Dave McCall (Tooele City)
	WEBER COUNTY
	WFRC Appointments
x	Member: Mark Allen (Washington Terrace)
x	Alternate: Norm Searle (Riverdale)
	COG Appointments
x	Member: Jim Harvey (Weber County)
x	Alternate: Robert Dandoy (Roy)
	OTHER APPOINTMENTS
	Utah Transportation Commission
	Member: Meghan Holbrook
x	Alternate: Dannie McConkie
	UTA Board
	Member: Charles Henderson
	Alternate: Necia Christensen
	Utah Air Quality Board
x	Member: Erin Mendenhall
	Envision Utah
	Member: Robert Grow
x	Alternate: Ari Bruening
	NON-VOTING MEMBERS
	UDOT Representative
	Member: Nathan Lee
x	Alternate: Jeff Harris
	UTA Representative
x	Member: Laura Hanson
	Alternate: Levi Roberts
	Air Quality Board, DAQ Staff Representative
	Member: Bryce Bird
	FHWA - UTAH Division Representative
x	Member: Ivan Marrero
x	Alternate: Steve Call
	Utah League of Cities & Towns Rep
	Member: Gary Uresk

	Utah Association of Counties Representative
x	Member: Wilf Sommerkorn (Salt Lake County)
	Mountainland Association of Governments
	Member: Steve Leifson (Spanish Fork)
	WFRC Appointments from other organizations:
	Member: Christine Richman (Utah Urban Land Institute)
x	Member: Evan Curtis (GOMB)
	Member: Abby Osborne (Utah Transportation Coalition)
x	Member: Reid Ewing (University of Utah)

RGC Representatives and Others Present

Ryan Beck	Envision Utah
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Roger Borgnicht	UDOT
Steve Call	FHWA
Christy Dahlberg	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Evelyn Everton	Sandy City
Russ Fox	Draper City
Katie Gerard	WFRC
ared Gerber	Sandy City
Bert Granberg	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Sharen Hauri	South Salt Lake City
Carly Haws	WFRC
John Hisky	ULCT
Jory Johner	WFRC
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Sam Klemm	Salt Lake County
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Michael Maloy	Herriman City
Heather McLaughlin-Kolb	WFRC
Barry McLerran	Congressman Mia Love
Callie New	WFRC
Rachel Otto	ULCT
Alex Roy	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Russell Weeks	SLC Council

Action: Approval of Minutes [Recording 02:14]

Mayor McAdams entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held March 15, 2018. Mayor Mike Gailey, Syracuse City, motioned to approve these minutes, and it was seconded by Mayor Mark Allen, Washington Terrace City. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment [Recording 02:37]

There were none.

Chair Report [Recording 02:47]

Mayor McAdams discussed the upcoming Golden Spoke Rides and Event saying that this is a celebration of the completion of over 100 miles of safe, separated trails linking Ogden and Provo. He commented that this is a big deal for the region and state, as Utah is a national leader in outdoor recreation and active transportation. He explained that the Golden Spoke is reminiscent of The Golden Spike, so there will be a meeting of the two trails at the center of the Jordan River Bridge. A flier was passed out with information on times for each ride, and information on the event being held at the Fisher Mansion.

Action: Endorse Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision [Recording 06:28]

Mayor McAdams began by stating that the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision is our region’s blueprint for coordinated regional transportation, land use and economic development. He explained that the Regional Growth Committee has been overseeing this process, and that there has been extensive engagement over the last three years of planning. With that being said, we are now at a milestone as we look to adopt and endorse the action of the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision. He explained that we have the opportunity to endorse this as a framework on which other plans will be built, including the RPT.

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, outlined how we got to this point, and various elements of the vision. Mr. Knowlton reminded the committee that the Wasatch Choice 2050 is a framework that integrates regional land use, regionally significant roads, transit, active transportation, and open space. The Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision is the foundation for the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the 2018 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and will be considered for local land use and economic development implementation. The Wasatch Choice Vision is made of goals, the Vision Map, and Key Strategies. The ten goals include:

1. Livable and healthy communities
2. Access to economic and educational opportunities
3. Manageable and reliable traffic conditions
4. Quality transportation choices
5. Safe, user friendly streets
6. Clean air
7. Housing choices and affordable living expenses
8. Fiscally responsible communities and infrastructure
9. Sustainable environment, including water, agriculture, and other natural resources
10. Ample parks, open spaces, and recreational opportunities

It is based on four key strategies, typified in local input. The strategies are:

1. Provide Transportation Choices
2. Support Housing Options
3. Preserve Open Space
4. Link Economic Development with Transportation and Housing Decisions

There was discussion held among the committee.

Mayor McAdams entertained a motion that the Regional Growth Committee recommend to the WFRC Council endorsement of the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision. Mayor Mike Gailey, Syracuse City, motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Commissioner Wade Bitner, Tooele County. This motion was unanimously approved.

Access to Opportunity: Informing Transportation Project Decisions [Recording 35:27]

Mayor McAdams explained that the WFRC Council adopted new regional goals in October 2016. One of the 10 goals is “access to economic and educational opportunities (ATO).” ATO is the number of destinations people can get to within a reasonable time window and can be improved either by how land is developed as well as by the speed and location of transportation infrastructure.

Julie Bjornstad, WFRC, discussed the efforts that are being taken to ensure that ATO is being applied to individual project discussions at WFRC. Ms. Bjornstad explained that there are three main ways of improving ATO. These include:

1. Housing: Locating our destinations near housing and housing rich areas
2. Transportation Improvements: Increase the span of service from destinations to get to more housing and people. This can be done through improved street connectivity, more frequent transit service, safer walking and biking, or anything that will speed up your transportation choice.
3. Existing Transportation Infrastructure: Locate our new land use choices near existing freeways, existing road, etc.

In addition to being an adopted WFRC goal, ATO is being utilized by all of Utah’s regional and state transportation agencies for long-range transportation planning as part of Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan.

There was discussion held among the committee.

Jeff Harris, UDOT, discussed their recent research initiative, conducted with WFRC, that also explores ways to use ATO to inform decisions.

Point of the Mountain Commission update [Recording 1:07:12]

Mayor McAdams commented that earlier this year, the Point of the Mountain Commission, which he is a member of, approved the Vision for the Point of the Mountain Area, and that Envision Utah has facilitated the process of developing the Vision.

Ari Bruening, Envision Utah, provided an overview of the Vision and next steps for the Point of the Mountain Commission. He began by stating that in the Legislative Session in 2016, the Legislature created the Point of the Mountain Development Commission and tasked them with looking at not just the Draper/Prison site, but the whole area. The purposes of the effort include:

- Maximizing job creation
- Ensuring a high quality of life for residents in and surrounding the project area
- Strategic residential commercial growth
- Preservation of natural lands and expansion of recreational opportunities
- Provision of a variety of community and housing types that match workforce needs
- Planning for future transportation infrastructure and other investments to enhance mobility and protect the environment.

The three phases of this include:

1. Listening and Research – COMPLETED
2. Scenarios and Vision – COMPLETED
3. Financing – NOW

The twelve elements for this include:

1. Highly-trained workforce
2. Improved air quality and reduce resource use
3. Connected trails, parks, and open space
4. Vibrant urban centers
5. Jobs close to where people live
6. A variety of community and housing types
7. New north-south boulevard
8. Connected street network
9. World-class public transit
10. North-south and east-west throughout
11. Catalytic center at the prison site
12. Research and university presence

There was discussion held among the committee.

Action: RPT 2015-2040 Amendment #6 – release for public comment [Recording 1:22:17]

Mayor McAdams explained that the Regional Transportation Plan is an element of the Wasatch Choice 2050 vision.

Jory Johner, WFRC, presented the proposed Amendment Number 6 to the current 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. The projects within this amendment were presented to their respective Technical Advisory Committees and will be presented to the Salt Lake and Weber County Councils of Governments. Mr. Johner reminded the committee that the RTP is updated every four years, and that periodic adjustments are needed between adoption cycles. The six projects include:

1. I-15 – UDOT
 - a. Scope: Widening of one additional general-purpose lane northbound on I-15 from Bangert Highway to I-215
 - b. Benefits: The additional lane is needed to ensure the safe movement of autos as they change lands along I-15. The additional lane will be part of the planned I-15 connector/distributor system
 - c. Funding Source: This project is funded through the Transportation Investment Fund

- d. Cost: \$135 million
2. 4700 South – West Valley City and Kearns
 - a. Scope: The widening of 4700 South to 5 lanes from 4000 West to 5600 West
 - b. Benefits: Capacity improvement for east/west traffic flow and two lanes in each direction with a center turn lane.
 - c. Funding Source: Possible local and STP funds
 - d. Cost: \$15 Million
3. 14600 South – Bluffdale City
 - a. Scope: Operational improvements on 14600 South from Redwood Road to Porter Rockwell Blvd.
 - b. Benefits: Major collector that connects Redwood Road to I-15 freeway at 14600 South interchange.
 - c. Funding Source: Possible Salt Lake County preservation, STP, and local funds
 - d. Cost: \$6.12 million
4. 700 South – Salt Lake City
 - a. Scope: New construction of the 700 South railroad bridge near 4800 West
 - b. Benefits: A new bridge on 700 South and 4800 West will improve safety for both automobiles and trains
 - c. Funding Source: Possible UP Railroad, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, or other grant funds
 - d. Cost: \$21.3 million
5. 5500 West – Hooper City
 - a. Scope: Operational improvements on 5500 West from 3500 South to 5500 South
 - b. Benefits: Widening of a country roadway from two narrow travel lanes to 12-foot lanes
 - c. Funding Source: Possible local and STP funding sources
 - d. Cost: \$3.9 million
6. 2800 North/North Plain City Road – Plain City
 - a. Scope: Operational improvements on 2800 North and North Plain City Road from 4200 West to SR-126
 - b. Benefits: This project will provide for increased safety with the addition of shoulder and the reconfiguration of the street cross-section
 - c. Funding Source: Possible local and STP funds
 - d. Cost: \$7.4 million

Mayor McAdams entertained a motion to release for public comment the proposed 2015-2040 RTP Amendments and the air quality conformity determination as found in Draft Air Quality Memorandum 38 as presented. Mayor Mark Allen, Washington Terrace City, motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Council member Winder-Newton, Salt Lake County. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business [Recording 1:32:27]

Reid Ewing, University of Utah, commented that there is another WFRC funded Point of the Mountain Study, and asked if it would be beneficial to discuss some of those recommendations during a later RGC meeting. Ted Knowlton agreed that this would be a great topic to discuss.

Mayor McAdams entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Winder-Newton, Salt Lake County, motioned to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Mayor Dawn Ramsey, South Jordan City. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on Thursday, August 16, 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.