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March 14, 2019

Members of the Regional Growth Committee and Other Interested Persons:

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at **41 North Rio Grande St., Suite 103, Salt Lake City.** The agenda will be as follows:

Welcome and Introductions

1. Action: Minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting
2. Opportunity for Public Comment
3. 2019 legislative session: Implications for our region's growth, housing, and transportation
4. Wasatch Choice Vision discussion
5. University of Utah presentation on impacts of community design
6. Transportation and Land Use Connection Program assistance for communities with growth-related challenges
7. Other Business

Next Meeting: May 16, 2019

Upcoming events:

- WFRC Council meeting: March 28, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- WFRC's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Open House: March 28, 2019 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Golden Spoke Ride: May 11, 2019
- UAC Conference: April 11 – 12, 2019
- ULCT Mid-Year Conference: April 24 – 26, 2019

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Minutes
 Regional Growth Committee
 Meeting of January 17, 2019

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 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 Dawn Ramsey, chaired the Regional Growth Committee meeting on behalf of Congressman McAdams. She called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, reviewed the process in which a new Chair and Vice Chair are selected. He commented that there is a nominating committee that makes nominations for these two positions for the Council and its committees. The nominating committee is going to nominate Dawn Ramsey, South Jordan City Mayor, the next RGC Chair. The current Chair of the Council, Mayor Mike Caldwell has asked Mayor Ramsey to chair this meeting and begin her duties as Chair.

Mayor Ramsey welcomed committee members and guests, and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

RGC Members and Alternates Present

IN ATTENDANCE	2019 RGC MEMBERS
	BOX ELDER COUNTY
x	Member: Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	Alternate: Kenneth Braegger (Willard)
	DAVIS COUNTY
	WFRC Appointments
x	Member: Len Arave (North Salt Lake)
	Alternate: Mike Gailey (Syracuse)
	COG Appointments
	Member: Jim Talbot (Farmington)
	Member: Katie Witt (Kaysville)
	MORGAN COUNTY
	COG Appointments
	Member: Tina Cannon (Morgan County)
	Alternate: Robert McConnell (Morgan County)
	SALT LAKE COUNTY
	WFRC Appointments
	Member: Jenny Wilson (Salt Lake County)
x	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: Dave McCall (Tooele City)
	Alternate: Kendall Thomas (Tooele City)
	WEBER COUNTY
	WFRC Appointments
x	Member: Mark Allen (Washington Terrace)
	Alternate: Norm Searle (Riverdale)
	COG Appointments
x	Member: Robert Dandoy (Roy)
x	Alternate: Jim Harvey (Weber County)
	OTHER APPOINTMENTS
	Utah Transportation Commission

	Member: Meghan Holbrook
x	Alternate: Dannie McConkie
	UTA Board
	Member: Beth Holbrook
	Alternate: Carlton Christensen
	Utah Air Quality Board
	Member: Erin Mendenhall
	Envision Utah
	Member: Robert Grow
x	Alternate: Ari Bruening
	NON-VOTING MEMBERS
	UDOT Representative
x	Member: Teri Newell
	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
x	Member: Gary Uresk
	Utah Association of Counties Representative
x	Member: Wilf Sommerkorn (Salt Lake County)
	Mountainland Association of Governments
	Member: Jenny Rees (Cedar Hills)
	WFRC Appointments from other organizations:
	Member: Christine Richman (Utah Urban Land Institute)
x	Member: Evan Curtis (GOMB)
	Member: Abby Osborne (Utah Transportation Coalition)
	Member: Reid Ewing (University of Utah)

RGC Representatives and Others Present

Kip Billings	WFRC
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Roger Borgenicht	UDOT
Christy Dahlberg	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Russ Fox	Draper City
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Michael Maloy	Herriman City
Brigitte Mandel	FHWA
Charlene McConkie	Visitor
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Heather McLaughlin-Kolb	WFRC
Alex Roy	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Hugh Van Wagenen	WFRC

Action: Approval of Minutes [Recording 4:59]

Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held October 11, 2018. Mayor Jim Riding, West Jordan City, motioned to approve these minutes, and it was seconded by Councilmember Dave McCall, Tooele City. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment [Recording 5:42]

There were none.

Wasatch Choice 2050 (WC2050) and 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update

[Recording 06:15]

Mayor Ramsey reminded the committee that the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision dovetails a long-range plan for regional transportation with local visions for growth and economic development. This Vision has been developed collaboratively with member communities and transportation partners over the last three years.

Julie Bjornstad, WFRC, presented on the final draft plan of prioritized, phased transportation projects and the next steps for the WC2050 Vision and the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) element of the vision. She stated that the three components of this Vision include Regional Transportation, Land Use, and Economic Development. The development of the RTP and the WC2050 was developed using the WC2050 Goals which include:

- Community
- Economy
- Manageable Traffic
- Choices
- Safe
- Affordable
- Clean Air
- Parks and Recreation
- Environment
- Fiscal Responsibility

Ms. Bjornstad reminded the committee that over the past three years we have explored goals and scenarios with each community, chose a preferred scenario, and are now currently prioritizing projects and investments.

There was discussion held among the committee.

Legislative update and preview [Recording 16:29]

Mayor Ramsey stated that WFRC works closely with the government and its partners. She asked Andrew Gruber and LaNiece Davenport to provide an update on SB136 and to discuss the upcoming legislative session.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, provided background on SB136 and provided a brief update on the local option sales tax, saying that since last year, there has been significant action that has occurred. Mr. Gruber discussed some of these changes among each County.

Teri Newell, UDOT, and Laura Hanson, UTA provided an update on how each of their organizations are implementing SB136.

LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, discussed how WFRC will work through the legislative session, and what members of the Council can expect to see from our staff on a weekly basis.

There was a brief discussion held among the committee.

Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program appropriation [Recording 42:45]
Mayor Ramsey explained that the Land Use Connection program is a partnership between WFRC, Salt Lake County, UDOT, and UTA that helps communities advance their planning efforts.

Evan Curtis, GOMB, talked about the Governor's FY2020 Budget Recommendations saying that there is a significant need in the high growth area, and it's different depending where you are. He said that their office agrees that there is a need to continue to increase the resources that are allocated to local governments to make sure they are able to keep up with the demand.

Megan Townsend, WFRC, said that the TLC program provides technical assistance to local communities to help them achieve their goals and plan for growth. The program helps communities implement changes to the built environment that reduce traffic on roads and enable more people to easily walk, bike, and use transit. Ms. Townsend asked Mayor Dandoy to discuss his experience with the TLC program. She stated that the Governor's Budget recommendation included a \$2M ongoing appropriation for work like the TLC program implements, and a need for more planning work has been demonstrated.

There was further discussion held regarding TLC among the committee.

UTA Service Choices effort [Recording 1:13:04]

Laura Hanson, UTA, stated that the UTA Service Choices will begin public engagement early this year, including an online survey, public meetings, and stakeholder workshops. The results of this outreach will be summarized and presented to UTA's Board of Trustees in June of 2019.

Other Business [Recording 1:24:36]

Gary Uresk, Woods Cross City, voiced his concern over the Inland Port and what that potentially will do to residents' quality of life along the Legacy Highway in Davis County.

Ted Knowlton noted that the Inland Port Authority will be looking at scenarios to understand how concerns might be addressed and at the tradeoffs involved in various decisions.

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, commented that the next meeting on March 21, 2019 will be held in the new WFRC offices located at The Gateway. He also announced that WFRC will be celebrating 50 years with a 50th Anniversary Celebration and Open House to be held on March 28, 2019 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Utah Open and Public Meetings Act [Recording 1:29:11]

Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting following the 11-minute Utah Open and Public Meetings Act video. Councilmember Aimee Winder-Newton, Salt Lake County, motioned to adjourn following the video, and it was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Scott, Box Elder County. The Public Meetings Act video was shown, and following, the meeting was adjourned.

A recording of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at, under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2019 meetings.

DATE: March 14, 2019
AGENDA ITEM: 3
SUBJECT: **Information:** 2019 legislative session: Implications for our region's growth, housing, and transportation
PREPARED BY: LaNiece Davenport

At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, staff will highlight bills from the 2019 legislative session that affect our region's growth, housing, and transportation. This will include the following bills and appropriations:

- [SB72 Sub3](#) Transportation Governance and Funding Revisions, Sen. Harper
- [HB 495](#) Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force, Rep. Schultz
- -- Technical Planning Assistance
- -- Air Quality bills
- [SB34 Sub4](#) Affordable Housing Modifications, Sen. Anderegg

In the following agenda item, RGC will then discuss how we work to address SB34.

BACKGROUND:

WFRC staff works closely with all levels of government and our partners to promote legislative priorities and implement policies for transportation and related topics such as land use, economic development, and air quality.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

EXHIBIT:

[2019 Bill Tracker](#)

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DATE: March 14, 2019
AGENDA ITEM: 4
SUBJECT: **Information:** Wasatch Choice Vision discussion
PREPARED BY: Jory Johner

The Regional Growth Committee (RGC) will discuss two items relating to the Wasatch Choice Vision. First, building on the previous legislative item, will be a discussion of ways to address SB34 (Affordable Housing Modifications) given the existing framework of the Wasatch Choice Vision. The Wasatch Choice Vision demonstrates local governments' shared efforts to plan for and address growth-related issues, some of which were considered by the legislature in SB34. Second, staff will provide a final status update before the May meeting in which RGC will be asked to recommend adoption of the new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to the WFRC Council in May.

BACKGROUND:

Wasatch Choice Vision dovetails a long-range plan for regional transportation with local visions for growth and economic development. The Vision has been developed collaboratively with member communities and transportation partners over the last four years. The 2019-2050 RTP is one of the elements of the Wasatch Choice Vision. RGC acts as the steering committee for the Wasatch Choice Vision and the RTP.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

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DATE: March 14, 2019
AGENDA ITEM: 5
SUBJECT: **Information:** University of Utah presentation on impacts of community design
PREPARED BY: Ted Knowlton

At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting Professor Reid Ewing from the University of Utah will synthesize and discuss key recent research findings on the impact community design has on quality of life.

BACKGROUND:

The RGC serves as the policy advisory body to the Regional Council on long range transportation planning, land use and other growth-related issues. To inform the RGC as you fulfill this role, our staff is constantly analyzing new information sources that may be of interest to you.

Professor Ewing has spent his career working to understand how the form of our communities affects quality of life. Understanding these links is helpful to inform community and regional planning decisions. Professor Ewing is regarded as one of the nation's foremost experts that works to answer these questions. His 100 peer reviewed articles include "Relationship Between Urban Sprawl and Physical Activity, Obesity, and Morbidity," one of the most widely cited academic papers in the Social Sciences; and "Travel and the Built Environment: A Meta-Analysis," given the Best Article of 2010 Award by the American Planning Association and the second most widely cited article in JAPA's 80-year history. A recent citation analysis by Virginia Tech found that Ewing, with 20,600 citations, is the 6th most highly cited among 1,100 planning academics in the U.S. and Canada.

Professor Ewing is also a member of RGC.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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DATE: March 14, 2019
AGENDA ITEM: 6
SUBJECT: **Information:** Transportation and Land Use Connection Program assistance for communities with growth-related challenges
PREPARED BY: Megan Townsend

At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, staff will provide an update on ways the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program will assist communities with growth-related challenges in 2019.

BACKGROUND:

The *Transportation and Land Use Connection Program* (TLC) is a partnership between WFRC, Salt Lake County, UDOT, and UTA to support local governments in their planning efforts that relate to the Wasatch Choice Vision. The TLC program provides technical assistance to local communities to help them achieve their goals and plan for growth.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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