



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
Regional Growth Committee
 March 19, 2020

A meeting was held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, via remote connection, due to the safety restrictions put in place by the Utah Governor's Office, in response to COVID-19 concerns, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The following were present:

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT		OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Jeff Scott, Member (Box Elder County)	Yes	Natalie Gochnour, Member Utah Transportation Commission	No
Kenneth Braegger, Alternate (Willard)	No	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate Utah Transportation Commission	Yes
Len Arave, Member (North Salt Lake)	No	Beth Holbrook, Member Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	Yes
Rick Earnshaw, Alternate (Woods Cross)	Yes	Carlton Christensen, Alternate Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	No
Joy Petro, Member (Layton)	Yes	Erin Mendenhall, Member Utah Air Quality Board	Yes
John Pohlman, Alternate (Fruit Heights)	No	Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	Yes
Tina Cannon, Member (Morgan County) Vice Chair	No	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	Yes
Robert McConnell, Alternate (Morgan County)	No	NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT	
Jenny Wilson, Member (Salt Lake County)	No	Ben Huot, Member Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Ron Bigelow, Alternate (West Valley City)	Yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	No
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan) Chair	Yes	Laura Hanson, Member Utah Transit Authority	No
Aimee Winder Newton, Member (Salt Lake County)	Yes	Levi Roberts, Alternate Utah Transit Authority	No
Troy Walker, Member (Draper)	Yes	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	No
Steven Shields, Alternate (Herriman)	Yes	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	No
Dan Peay, Alternate (Magna)	No	Steve Call, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	Yes
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)	No	Gary Uresk Utah League of Cities and Townes	No
Kurt Bradburn, Alternate (Sandy)	No	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	No
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	No	Jenny Rees, Cedar Hills Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	Yes
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	No	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	Yes
Mark Allen, Member (Washington Terrace)	Yes	WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	
Norm Searle, Alternate (Riverdale)	Yes	Ibi Guevara, Utah Urban Lands Institute	No
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy)	Yes	Evan Curtis, GOMB	Yes
Jim Harvey, Alternate (Weber County)	Yes	Jacey Skinner, Utah Transportation Coalition (Kaitlyn Piper attended in Jacey's stead)	Yes
		Reid Ewing, University of Utah	No

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT:	
Russ Fox, Draper City	Andrew Gruber, WFRC
Ted Knowlton, WFRC	Bert Granberg, WFRC
Jory Johner, WFRC	Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC
Scott Hess, WFRC	Megan Townsend, WFRC
LaNiece Davenport, WFRC	Katie Gerard, WFRC

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:05]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Introductions were made, via roll call.

a. ACTION: Approve Minutes from January 16, 2020 [00:12:15]

With no discussion or changes, Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Mayor Roy Dandoy made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Councilmember Amiee Winder-Newton. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

2. Public Comment [00:13:40]

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting for public comments. There were none.

3. ACTION: Modifications to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment Process [00:14:05]

Jory Johner, WFRC, introduced proposed modifications to the Regional Transportation Plan amendment process and asked for a recommendation from the Regional Growth Committee that the WFRC Regional Council approve these modifications. [00:20:35] Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees, made a motion to recommend the proposed modifications to the amendment process as outlined to the Council for approval. Mayor Mark Allen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. Brief Updates [0:21:43]

a. Potential resources for implementation of Wasatch Choice Regional Vision and SB34 (Housing and Transportation)

Ted Knowlton and Scott Hess, both with WFRC, discussed the plans for WFRC member local governments along with partner agencies including UDOT, UTA, ULCT, and UAC, to continue to develop resources to help communities as they seek to implement their visions, as embodied in the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision, and to address statutory requirements in their General Plans from SB34 (2019, housing, transportation and land use).

Three types of resources/assistance that are available are:

1. Public engagement: encouraging community engagement and innovative communications strategies after a large project has been proposed within a city.
2. Communications: for example, creating videos that highlight regional quality of life.
3. Information and analyses: providing support and deeper-dive discussions around the economic and fiscal impacts of various growth patterns.

b. Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program Awards - 2020 Recipients [00:31:04]

Megan Townsend, WFRC, provided a status update on the Transportation and Land Use Connection Program and introduced the 17 newly funded projects that will be a part of the TLC program for the coming year. A list of the awarded projects can be found at <https://wfr.org/programs/transportation-land-use-connection/awarded-projects/>

c. Legislative Debrief [00:36:20]

LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, shared some of the key issues that came out of the 2020 Legislative Session, that are relevant to the Wasatch Front Region. More information can be found at <https://wfr.org/billtracker/>

5. Other Business [00:40:20]

After asking if there were other business items to address and hearing none, Mayor Ramsey reminded the group that the next RGC meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2020. The meeting format may be similar to this, if the safety guidelines regarding COVID-19 are still in place at that time. More information will be disseminated via email closer to the meeting date.

6. Adjournment [00:41:22]

ACTION: Mayor Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ron Bigelow. The meeting concluded at 10:32am.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org