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## REGIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE March 19, 2020

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM remotely via:**

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The agenda will be as follows:

1. **Introductions and Consent Agenda**
  - a. **ACTION:** Minutes of the RGC Meeting held January 16, 2020
2. **Public Comment**
3. **ACTION:** Modifications to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment Process (10 minutes)
4. **Brief Updates (5 minutes each)**
  - a. Potential resources for implementation of Wasatch Choice Regional Vision and SB34 (housing and transportation)
  - b. Transportation and Land Use Connection 2020 Recipients
  - c. Legislative Debrief
5. **Other Business**  
Next RGC Meeting: May 21, 2020
6. **Adjournment**

### Upcoming Events:

- WFRC Council Meeting - March 26
- WFRC Active Transportation Committee Meeting—April 8
- WFRC Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting—April 16
- ULCT 2020 Midyear Convention--April 22 to April 24

Informational materials can be located on WFRC's website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org)

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WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
Of  
**The Regional Growth Committee**  
January 16, 2020

A meeting was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), 41 North Rio Grande Street, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The following were present:

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	IN ATTENDANCE
Jeff Scott, Member ( <b>Box Elder County</b> )	Yes
Len Arave, Member ( <b>Davis County</b> )	Yes
Jim Talbot, Member ( <b>Davis County</b> )	Excused
John Pohlman, Alternate ( <b>Davis County</b> )	Yes
Tina Cannon, Member ( <b>Morgan County</b> ) <i>Vice Chair</i>	Yes
Jenny Wilson, Member ( <b>Salt Lake County</b> )	Yes
Ron Bigelow, Alternate ( <b>Salt Lake County</b> )	Yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member ( <b>Salt Lake County</b> ) <i>Chair</i>	Excused
Aimee Winder Newton, Member ( <b>Salt Lake County</b> )	Excused
Kendall Thomas, Alternate ( <b>Salt Lake County</b> )	Yes
Debbie Winn, Member ( <b>Tooele County</b> )	Excused
Mark Allen, Member ( <b>Weber County</b> )	Excused
Norm Searle, Alternate ( <b>Weber County</b> )	Yes
Robert Dandoy, Member ( <b>Weber County</b> )	Excused
Jim Harvey, Alternate ( <b>Weber County</b> )	Yes
OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Meghan Holbrook, Member, <b>Utah Transportation Commission</b>	No
Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate, <b>Utah Transportation Commission</b>	Excused
Beth Holbrook, Member, <b>Utah Transit Authority Board</b>	Yes
Carlton Christensen, Alternate, <b>Utah Transit Authority Board</b>	No
Erin Mendenhall, Member, <b>Utah Air Quality Board</b>	Excused
Robert Grow, Member, <b>Envision Utah</b>	No
Ari Bruening, Alternate, <b>Envision Utah</b>	Excused
Ryan Beck, <b>Envision Utah</b>	Yes
NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Ben Huot, Member, <b>UDOT</b>	Yes
Natalie Gochmour, <b>Utah Transportation Commission, UDOT</b>	Yes
Laura Hanson, <b>UTA</b>	Yes
Bryce Bird, <b>Air Quality Board</b>	No
Ivan Marrero, <b>FHWA-Utah Division</b>	Yes
Steve Call, Alternate, <b>FHWA-Utah Division</b>	Yes
Gary Uresk, <b>Utah League of Cities and Townes</b>	No
Jenny Rees, Mayor, <b>Mountainland Association of Governments</b>	Yes
WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	
Ibi Guevara, <b>Utah Urban Lands Institute</b>	No
Evan Curtis, <b>GOMB</b>	Yes
Abby Osborne, <b>Utah Transportation Coalition</b>	No
Reid Ewing, <b>University of Utah</b>	Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT (in alphabetical order):
Michael Barido, Roger Borgenicht, Chris Chesnut, Kate Davies, MSD; Evelyn Everton, Sandy City; Russ Fox, Draper City; Ryan Perry, S.L. Co.; Russell Weeks, SLC Council staff; WFRC Staff: Christy Dahlberg, LaNiece Davenport, Katie Gerard, Bert Granberg, Andrew Gruber, Ned Hacker, Jory Johner, Kayla Kinkad, Ted Knowlton, Nikki Navio, Mary Pratt, Alex Roy, Megan Townsend, and Hugh Van Wagenen

- 1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [Recording 00:05].** Mayor Dawn Ramsey was excused from today's meeting. Vice-Chair Tina Cannon conducted the meeting that was called to order at 9:52

a.m. Roundtable introductions were made. Natalie Gochmour from the Utah Transportation Committee was welcomed as a new member with RGC.

**a. Action Item: Approve Minutes from the last meeting [Recording 00:04:15].** With no discussion or changes, Vice Chair Cannon entertained a motion to accept the minutes.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Harvey, and seconded by Beth Holbrook that the Minutes of October 10, 2019 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.*

**b. Informational: Utah Roadmap.** Natalie Gochmour, Associate Dean and Director of the Eccles School of Business, shared a brief summary of The Utah Roadmap with a handout from the Kem Gardner Policy Institute. A Technical Advisory Committee is comprised of nearly 40 participants, including Andrew Gruber and Kip Billings from WFRC. Serious health effects of air emissions and pollutants were described, including concentration of carbon dioxide—which reached a historical high peak in November 2019 in the past 800,000 years. Recommendations for creating better air were outlined with seven mileposts. There was a legislative policy statement on climate change and quality growth.

Mayor Wilson and others expressed interest in becoming more engaging, as air quality solutions is a large issue. By not taking action, progress and efforts made so far will flatten, as rural committees are also experiencing similar growth issues.

Also, it is substantially cost effective to use solar-generated electricity. A motto with the spirit of the Utah Roadmap is: “Utah can lead.”

2. **Public Comment [Recording 0:26:40].** Vice-Chair Cannon opened the meeting for public comments. There were none.
3. **Informational: Introduce the new Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan 2019 to 2050 [Recording 0:26:50].** The Unified Plan was created with WFRC and all statewide and regional transportation agencies. This Plan is unique in the country and has received national recognition as state-of-the-practice. It was finalized in late 2019; and at today’s meeting, Andrew Gruber and key staff from UDOT and UTA provided an overview of its content. New challenges in transportation for Utah, as the nation’s fastest growing state, were discussed. A new version is posted at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org), which replaced the Unified Transportation Plan 2015-2040. The Plan is also presented through [www.unifiedplan.org](http://www.unifiedplan.org) which includes all project details, financial information, projected outcomes, and an interactive map.

Comments were made by Councilmember Tina Cannon and Mayor Jenny Wilson that there is a strong need to educate and share with the public in order to make the Plan effective. And with the change of new Committee members, it is crucial to be proactive to make the efforts worth it. It was suggested that this item be placed on the agenda at the RGC meeting in March for further discussion.

4. **Informational: Discuss long range planning objectives and initiatives for WFRC [Recording 0:47.30].** Ted Knowlton outlined a planning strategy discussion. WFRC staff receives guidance from RGC for its long-range planning with the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision and the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Therefore, at today’s meeting, the Committee was asked to discuss key initiatives and objectives to cover over the next few years. As WFRC works with member local governments and organizations, staff previously received feedback on the following items that need to be focused on: (1) Implementation of the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision; and (2) address new and emerging technologies, external focuses, and the uncertainty of the future in its plans. The Regional Growth Committee was asked if there are additional ways to work together to achieve desired local outcomes. Also, how to better prepare for new technologies and changing economy.

Committee members are not only asked to give feedback and continued guidance, but to bring work-scope with them to the RGC meeting in March 2020. Mr. Knowlton said one goal is to begin work to further understand external forces (such as technologies, markets, and demographics). Vice-Chair Cannon summarized that the Plan will be adjusted as needed.

5. **Informational: Consider modifications to Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment Process [Recording 01:11:30].** Jory Johner and WFRC staff provided information for the Committee to review, and is asking for feedback. The RTP, adopted every four years, is a component of the Unified Plan and Wasatch Choice 2050. It was last adopted by WFRC in March 2016, with a new adoption cycle in 2020.

Possible changes to the current RTP Amendment Process were discussed, including periodic adjustments between adoption cycles. At the next meeting in March 2020, staff will bring proposed changes to the Regional Growth Committee for technical considerations and approval for the next adoption.

6. **Legislative Preview [Recording 01:26:55].** LaNiece Davenport briefly provided local election results for the region. With legislation commencing on January 27, Ms. Davenport outlined what WFRC will be tracking, including Senate Bill 39 (affordable housing). Senate Bill 2001 (Tax Reform) will be voted on, which might affect transportation and local government. More information will be presented at the next RGC meeting. During the 2020 Legislation, RGC members and key partners will receive a weekly Email on updates; and beginning January 30, 2020 will be invited to attend a meeting every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Senate Building.
7. **Other Business.** The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2020. For upcoming events, please refer to Agenda.
8. **Video: Overview of Utah Open and Public Meetings Act [Recording 01:31:40].**  
**ACTION:** Due to lack of time, this was tabled. Because it is required by law to be shown at the beginning of the year,  
*A motion was made by Natalie Gochnour, and seconded by Jeff Scott that the overview of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act be viewed at the next RGC Meeting on March 19, 2020.*  
Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Adjournment.**  
**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Cannon entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
*A motion was made by Jim Harvey, and seconded by Norm Searle, that the meeting adjourn.*  
Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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A recording of this meeting, agenda, and presentations may be found at: [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org). under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2020 meetings.

**DATE:** March 11, 2020  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 3 (revised agenda)  
**SUBJECT:** **ACTION: Modifications to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment Process**  
**PREPARED BY:** Jory Johner

At the March 19<sup>th</sup> Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) staff will review the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendment process, discuss proposed modifications to the process, and ask for a recommendation from the RGC to the Regional Council to approve the updated amendment process.

**BACKGROUND:**

Every four years WFRC prepares and adopts the RTP to identify and implement needed transportation improvements (last adopted May 2019). While the RTP receives considerable review before being formally adopted, changes are sometimes needed to accommodate new funding sources or conditions.

WFRC follows a process to amend the RTP based on the significance and impact of the proposed change. The current RTP amendment process was last adopted by the Regional Council in 2016. In 2017, the RGC approved complementary technical considerations related to the Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision Goals.

The proposed modifications are designed to streamline the amendment process while maintaining or increasing the rigor of technical review. The proposed amendment process would vary based on the size and impact of a potential project. There are three different levels:

WFRC staff reviewed the existing amendment process and solicited input from the RGC at the January 2020 and consulted the RGC Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) in February 2020. WFRC staff has also consulted with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) staff during the same months and incorporated suggestions into the Draft RTP amendment process.

Level 3: Addresses changes to regionally significant projects, such as principle arterials, freeways, or fixed guideway transit. This category requires a 30-day public comment process and an air-quality conformity analysis. It remains consistent with the previous version approved in 2016.

Level 2: Addresses projects larger than \$10 million that are not considered regionally significant. The Level 2 category streamlines the process by requiring amendments to be considered at one, rather than two, RGC and RGC TAC meeting. It also allows for the public comment period during the RGC meeting and allows the RGC to approve the amendment during the meeting. RGC does have the opportunity to elevate a Level 2 project to Level 3, requiring the standard 30-day comment period.

Level 1: Addresses minor projects such as road improvements less than \$10 million, corridor preservation, or bus improvements. Level 1 amendments would require consultation with the RGC Chair and Vice-chair.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The WFRC staff recommends the Regional Growth Committee make a motion requesting that the Wasatch Front Regional Council “approve the updated process for amending the Regional Transportation Plan.”

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Jory Johner, 801-363-4250 ext. 1110, [jjohner@wfr.org](mailto:jjohner@wfr.org)

**EXHIBIT:**

Draft RTP Amendment Process

# Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Process

(Proposed to be adopted by the Wasatch Front Regional Council on March 26, 2020)

## Overview

The establishment of a process to address periodic requests to revise the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision will help reduce the time needed to review and determine whether an amendment should be made. There are three general sources for RTP or Wasatch Choice Regional Vision amendment requests: (1) local request from city or county elected officials that usually involve collector roads, minor arterials, general land use centers, or regionally significant centers; (2) environmental impact statements (EIS) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments that make specific recommendations that change the RTP project listing or phasing; and (3) periodic requests from the Utah State Legislature, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) that require an amendment to the RTP for specific projects or the phasing of existing projects.

Some minor modifications can be made by the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) staff without action by the Regional Council. Others do not require a new air quality conformity finding but do need an opportunity for public comment and approval by the Regional Growth Committee (RGC). Finally, some changes are significant enough to require a new air quality conformity finding and a full 30-day public comment period before Regional Council approval. These three levels of amendments are described below.

## Level 1: Staff Modification

These types of amendments are minor in nature and would include:

- » any change to the existing RTP functional classification
- » any change or addition of an individual active transportation project
- » any change or clarification needed of the RTP's project description
- » any change to existing project right-of-way or addition of roadway or transit corridor preservation projects
- » any change to existing or addition of collector and minor arterial operational projects
- » any change to existing or addition of collector and minor arterial new construction or widening roadway projects less than \$10 million
- » any change to existing or addition of a core bus route or express bus route less than \$5 million

## LEVEL 1 - PROCESS

These types of RTP amendments would be reviewed by WFRC staff members. If staff determines that a change is warranted, the amendment could be implemented without additional process beyond that listed below. Level 1 amendments would require approval by the WFRC Executive Director in consultation with the RGC Chair and Vice-Chair, with the RGC Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and the RGC informed of changes. The WFRC staff and/or RGC Chair/Vice-Chair can recommend a project be elevated to Level 2 based on factors including: potential impacts, professional judgment, or lack of consensus. The approval of Level 1 amendments would require the following procedure:

- A. Formal request submitted by local community elected official or transportation agency planning or regional director
- B. WFRC staff review and coordination with sponsoring agency representatives – planners, engineers, and/or elected officials
- C. WFRC staff recommendation and review with the RGC Chair and Vice-Chair
- D. WFRC Executive Director approval



- E. Inform RGC TAC and RGC
- F. Respective entities may be notified of the change
- G. Update and notification of amendment changes on the WFRC website including any tables, spreadsheets, and/or maps

## Level 2: Board Modification for Non-Regionally Significant Projects

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These types of RTP and Wasatch Choice Regional Vision amendments may include the following:

- » full city-wide active transportation plan updates – including both regional or base bicycle routes
- » any change to existing or addition of principal arterial or freeway operational projects
- » any change to existing or addition of collector and minor arterial new construction or widening roadway projects, \$10 million or more
- » any change to existing or addition of a core bus route or express bus route, \$5 million or more
- » any change or addition to the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision land use centers

### LEVEL 2 - PROCESS

These types of RTP modifications would be reviewed by WFRC staff, sponsoring local community planners, engineers, and/or elected officials, TACs, the RGC, and the general public. The WFRC delegates approval of these modifications to the RGC. The RGC could recommend a formal 30-day public comment period if desired. The approval of Level 2 amendments would require the following procedure:

- A. Formal request submitted by local community elected official or transportation agency planning director or regional director
- B. WFRC staff review and coordination with sponsoring agency representatives – planners, engineers, and/or elected officials
- C. WFRC staff financial constraint analysis in coordination with sponsoring agency
- D. WFRC staff data collection, travel demand modeling, and technical considerations requested by the RGC
- E. Review and recommendation by the appropriate RGC TAC
- F. Recommendation and approval by the RGC
- G. Respective entities may be notified of the change
- H. Update and notification of amendment changes on the WFRC website including any tables, spreadsheets, and/or maps

## Level 3: Full Amendment for Regionally Significant Projects

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These types of RTP amendments would involve any change or modification to a regionally significant project as defined by either the RTP or through inter-agency consultation. The RTP defines a project to be regionally significant if it serves regional transportation needs, such as access to or from areas outside of the region, major activity centers, major planned developments, or transportation terminals. Included as regionally significant projects would be projects on principal arterial highways and fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel. The WFRC may identify a few minor arterial streets which are considered regionally significant. These designations have been arrived at by inter-agency consultation. A regionally significant project could also be determined by inter-agency consultation or based on the results and analysis provided by the WFRC travel model. This level of RTP amendment would also require a new air quality conformity determination and may require evaluation of WFRC's Congestion Management Process. Level 3 amendments may include all of the following circumstances:



- » any change or modification of a regionally significant transportation project, such as number of lanes, alignment, length, and/or deletion
- » a significant change in the location, type, or size of a fixed guideway transit facility or stop
- » any change in the recommended financially constrained phasing of a regionally significant transportation project
- » the addition of any regionally significant transportation project to the RTP

### **LEVEL 3 - PROCESS**

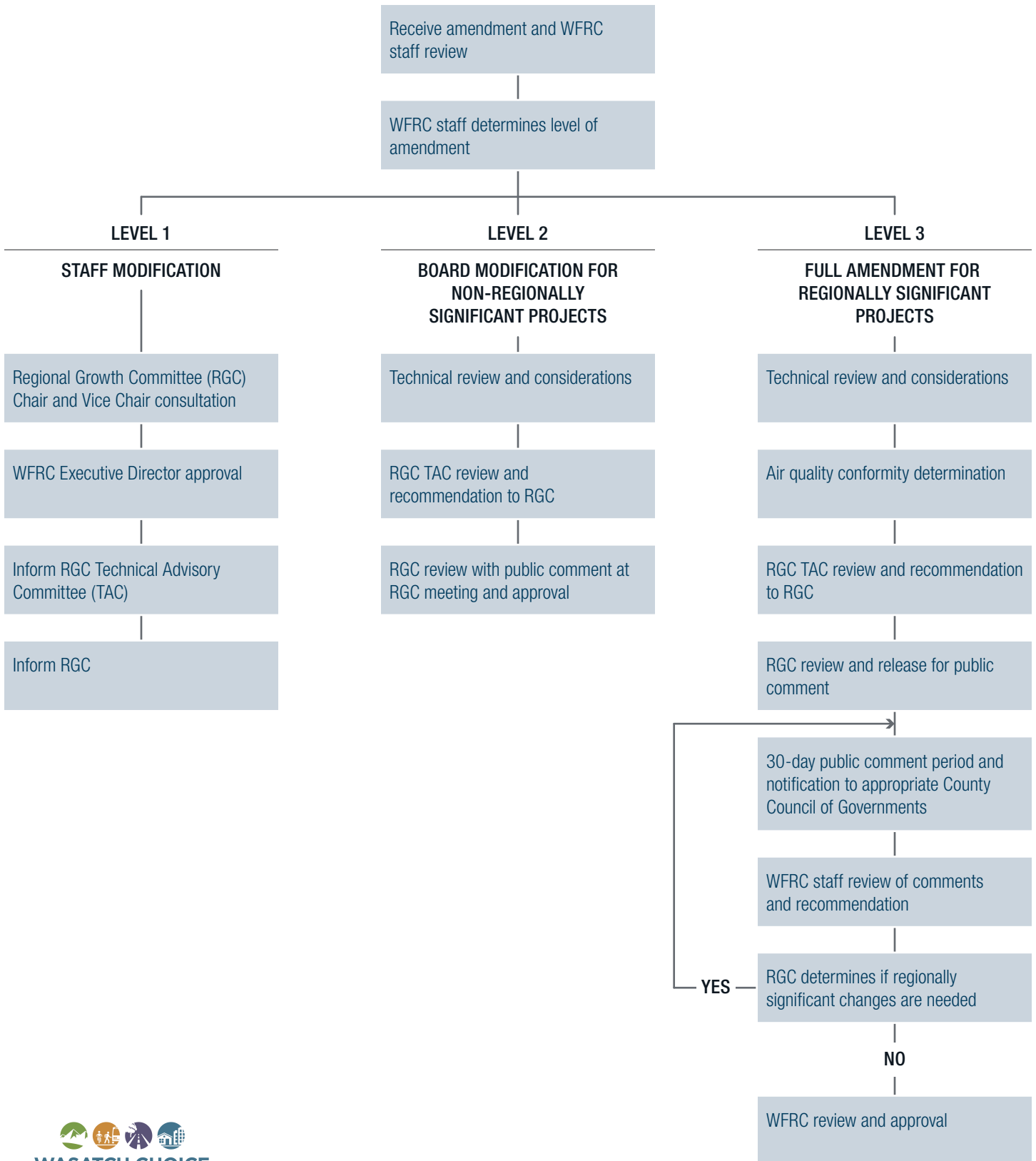
These types of RTP amendment would be reviewed by city planners, elected officials, the TACs, the County Council of Governments (COGs), the RGC, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council. The approval of Level 3 amendments would require the following procedures:

- A. Formal request submitted by local community elected official or transportation agency planning director or regional director
- B. WFRC staff review and coordination with sponsoring agency representatives – planners, engineers, and/or elected officials
- C. WFRC staff financial constraint analysis in coordination with sponsoring agency
- D. WFRC staff data collection, travel demand modeling, and technical considerations
- E. A new air quality conformity determination as per current modeling procedures
- F. Review and recommendation by the appropriate RGC TAC
- G. Review and recommendation by the RGC for public comment
- H. 30-day public comment would be noticed and a staff report provided to the appropriate COGs
- I. A written staff response within 30-days to all public comments received
- J. Review and recommendation by the RGC (if additional significant modifications are necessary as a result of the comment period, then a new 30-day comment period would be warranted)
- K. Review and approval by the Wasatch Front Regional Council
- L. Respective entities may be notified of the change
- M. Update and notification of amendment changes on the WFRC website including any tables, spreadsheets, and/or maps





# Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Process



# Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Process Levels

		<b>LEVEL 1 STAFF MODIFICATION</b>	<b>LEVEL 2 BOARD MODIFICATION</b>	<b>LEVEL 3 FULL AMENDMENT</b>
		Staff or Regional Growth Committee Chair/Vice Chair could recommend elevating to Level 2	Regional Growth Committee could recommend 30-day public comment period	-
<b>Roadway</b>	Ownership change	All ownership changes	-	-
	Corridor preservation	All corridor preservation projects	-	-
	Operational projects	Collectors and minor arterials	Principal arterial and freeways	-
	New construction or widening projects	Collectors and minor arterials, less than \$10 Million	Collectors and minor arterials, \$10 Million or more	Principal arterials and freeways
<b>Transit</b>	Corridor preservation	All corridor preservation projects	-	-
	New construction, operational, or point projects	Core route and express bus, less than \$5 Million	Core route and express bus, \$5 Million or more	Fixed guideway and bus rapid transit
<b>Active Transportation</b>		Individual active transportation facilities	Full city-wide active transportation plan updates	-
<b>Land Use</b>		-	Wasatch Choice 2050 land use centers	-



# Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Process Timeline

## Level 1 - Staff Modification

	ACTIVITY	TIME REQUIRED
<b>Pre-Month 1/Month 1</b>	Receive and review with applicant (including discussion and refinement of application)	Due to WFRC staff by end of 2nd week of Month 1
	Staff determines amendment level	3rd week of Month 1
<b>Month 2</b>	Staff coordination with Regional Growth Committee (RGC) Chair and Vice Chair	1st week of Month 2
	Executive Director approval	2nd week of Month 2
	Inform RGC Technical Advisory Committees (TAC)	3rd Wednesday of Month 2
<b>Month 3</b>	Inform RGC	3rd Thursday of Month 3

## Level 2 - Board Modification

	ACTIVITY	TIME REQUIRED
<b>Pre-Month 1/Month 1</b>	Receive and review with applicant (including discussion and refinement of application)	Due to WFRC staff by end of 2nd week of Month 1
	Staff determines amendment level	3rd week of Month 1
	Data collection, travel demand modeling, and technical considerations	3rd and 4th week of Month 1
<b>Month 2</b>	Regional Growth Committee (RGC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation to RGC	3rd Wednesday of Month 2
<b>Month 3</b>	Internal coordination	1st and 2nd weeks of Month 3
	RGC review with public comment and approval	3rd Thursday of Month 3

For Levels 1 and 2, there are five possible amendment cycles:

	MONTH 1	MONTH 2	MONTH 3
<b>1</b>	January	February	March
<b>2</b>	March	April	May
<b>3</b>	June	July	August
<b>4</b>	August	September	October
<b>5</b>	November	December	January



## Level 3 - Full Amendment

	ACTIVITY	TIME REQUIRED
Pre-March/March	Receive and review with applicant (including discussion and refinement of application)	Due to WFRC staff by end of 2nd week of March
	Staff determines amendment level	3rd week of March
	Data collection, travel demand modeling, and technical considerations	3rd and 4th week of March
April	Preliminary air quality determination	Month of April
	Regional Growth Committee (RGC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation to RGC	3rd Wednesday of April
May	Draft air quality memorandum	1st of April to the 1st week of May
	Internal coordination	1st and 2nd weeks of May
	RGC review and approval for public comment	3rd Thursday of May
	Council of Government (COG) review (as needed)	4th Thursday of May
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salt Lake County</li> <li>• Weber County</li> <li>• Davis County</li> <li>• Box Elder County</li> </ul>	1st Monday of June 2nd Wednesday of June Quarterly as needed (January, April, July, October)
June	30-day public comment period	Month of June
July	Staff review comments with applicants	Month of July
	Optional TAC presentation	3rd Wednesday of July
August	Internal coordination	1st and 2nd weeks of August
	RGC review and recommendation	3rd Thursday of August
	Internal coordination	2nd and 3rd weeks of August
	WFRC review and approval with final air quality memorandum	4th Thursday of August



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# Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Technical Considerations

## Process and Screening

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1. Review each project and determine the level of amendment needed as per the Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Process adopted by the Wasatch Front Regional Council on March 26, 2020.
2. Determine which of the following requirements are applicable for each project:

### **DATA REQUIREMENTS (REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM PROJECT SPONSOR)**

- » Type of project (capacity improvement, operational improvement, etc.)
- » Type of functional classification and regional significance
- » Cost of project
- » Length of project
- » Sponsor identified issues and benefits
- » Project phase requested
- » Requested or secured funding source (corridor preservation request, sales tax revenue, TIF, STP, etc.)

### **PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS (REVIEWED WITH PROJECT SPONSOR PRIOR TO “GOAL ORIENTED TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR RTP AMENDMENTS” BELOW)**

- » Assess impacts on existing or planned road, transit, or active transportation facilities
- » Assess any impacts to community character
- » Supports environmental sustainability
- » Supports access to parks, open space, and recreation

### **REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- » Review any public comments for amendment projects

## Goal-Oriented Technical Considers for RTP Amendments

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**LEVEL 1:** Projects exempt from the following Technical Considerations

**LEVEL 2:** Projects are evaluated using only the Technical Consideration indicated by a yellow dot •

**LEVEL 3:** Projects are evaluated using all of the following Technical Considerations



**SAFE, USER-FRIENDLY STREETS •**



<b>Objective</b>	Mitigates safety issues
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	<b>Roadway:</b> UDOT’s safety index average or actual number of fatalities and serious injuries
	<b>Transit:</b> Reported bus and fixed guideway crashes
	<b>Transit:</b> Existing and planned first- and last-mile connections to stations or stops

**MANAGEABLE AND RELIABLE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS •**



<b>Objective</b>	Improves traffic conditions through management and reliability
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	<b>Roadway:</b> Change in vehicle hours of delay from existing traffic conditions or vehicle hours traveled (VHT)
	<b>Roadway:</b> Increases connectivity

**FISCALLY EFFICIENT COMMUNITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE •**



<b>Objective</b>	Project readiness
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	<b>Roadway/transit:</b> Is part of a planning or environmental study
	<b>Roadway/transit:</b> Efforts underway to preserve the project’s corridor

**LIVABLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES •**



<b>Objective</b>	Supports the Wasatch Choice 2050
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	<b>Roadway/transit:</b> Provides improved access to urban, town, or job centers (as per GIS outputs and map review)

**ACCESS TO ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**



<b>Objective</b>	Improves access to job and educational opportunities
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	<b>Roadway/transit:</b> Connection to strategic clusters, freight centers, or on freight plan
	<b>Roadway/transit:</b> Access to jobs and educational centers (“access to opportunities” as per modeling outputs)

**QUALITY TRANSPORTATION CHOICES**



<b>Objective</b>	Supports transportation choices
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	<b>Roadway:</b> Supports multi-modal choices (transit, bicycle, and pedestrian)
	<b>Transit:</b> Existing and projected ridership

**CLEAN AIR**



<b>Objective</b>	Supports on-going efforts to maintain air quality standards
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	<b>Roadway/transit:</b> Separate process (i.e. air quality modeling and conformity determination on a regional level for Level 3 projects)



### HOUSING CHOICES AND AFFORDABLE LIVING



<b>Objective</b>	Provide housing for people in all life stages and incomes
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	<b>Roadway/transit:</b> Serves or does not adversely impact (roadway) identified vulnerable communities (low income, minority, or zero-car households) and/or areas with concentrated elderly populations

### AMPLE PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



<b>Technical Considerations</b>	Determined in project pre-screening
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### A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING WATER, AGRICULTURE, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES



<b>Technical Considerations</b>	Determined in project pre-screening
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**DATE:** March 19, 2020  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 4a (revised agenda)  
**SUBJECT:** Potential resources for implementation of Wasatch Choice Regional Vision and SB34 (Housing and Transportation)  
**PREPARED BY:** Scott Hess

WFRC member local governments along with partner agencies including, UDOT, UTA, ULCT, and UAC plan 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).

The Regional Growth Committee will discuss three types of resources or assistance to help their communities as the update their General Plans and implement their local plans:

1. Public engagement
  - For example, community engagement and communications strategies after a large project has been proposed within your city.
2. Communications
  - For example, videos that highlight regional quality of life issues.
3. Information and analyses
  - For example, economic and fiscal impacts of various growth patterns

**BACKGROUND:**

In the Fall of 2019, WFRC held Wasatch Choice Implementation Workshops across the region with support from ULCT, UDOT, and UTA. We heard from communities that one of the top issues facing communities is effectively responding to community concerns when dealing with growth pressures and community change.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is to provide information, and to receive feedback from RGC members on the next steps moving forward.

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**DATE:** March 19, 2020  
**AGENDA ITEM:** **4b (revised agenda)**  
**SUBJECT:** **Transportation and Land Use Connection 2020 Recipients**  
**PREPARED BY:** Megan Townsend

At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program 2020 awards will be announced. This year, the program will fund 17 new projects—a record number.

**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 implementing the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision. The TLC program provides technical assistance to local communities to help them achieve their goals and plan for growth. The TLC goals consist of the following:

- Maximize the value of investment in public infrastructure.
- Enhance access to opportunities.
- Increase travel options to optimize mobility.
- Create communities with opportunities to live, work, and play.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for information only.

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**DATE:** March 12, 2020  
**AGENDA ITEM:** **4c (revised agenda)**  
**SUBJECT:** **Legislative Debrief**  
**PREPARED BY:** LaNiece Davenport

**BACKGROUND:**

WFRC staff and partners will discuss with Regional Growth Committee members the outcomes from the recently concluded legislative session that are noteworthy for regional transportation and local governments.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for information only.

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