



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
Regional Growth Committee
 May 21, 2020 9:45am

A meeting was held on Thursday, May 21, 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	No
Len Arave, Member (North Salt Lake)	Yes	Beth Holbrook, Member Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	No
Rick Earnshaw, Alternate (Woods Cross)	No	Carlton Christensen, Alternate Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	Yes
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	Yes	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	No
Ron Bigelow, Alternate (West Valley City)	Yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
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)	No	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	Yes
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	Yes
Kurt Bradburn, Alternate (Sandy)	No	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	Yes
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	Yes	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)	No	Jacey Skinner, Utah Transportation Coalition (Kaitlyn Piper attended in Jacey's stead)	Yes
		Reid Ewing, University of Utah	Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT:	
Russ Fox, Draper City	Andrew Gruber, WFRC
Russell Weeks, SLC Council Staff	Ted Knowlton, WFRC
Richard Brockmyer, UDOT	Bert Granberg, WFRC
Christopher Chesnut, UDOT	Nikki Navio, WFRC
Ned Hacker, WFRC	Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC
Scott Hess, WFRC	Megan Townsend, WFRC
LaNiece Davenport, WFRC	Katie Gerard, WFRC
Christy Dahlberg, WFRC	Alex Roy, WFRC
Matthew Silski, WFRC	Josh Reynolds, WFRC
Nicole Proulx, WFRC	Andrea Pearson, WFRC

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:02:00]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey called the meeting to order at 9:53 a.m. Introductions were made, via roll call.

a. ACTION: Approve Minutes from March 19, 2020 [00:05:02]

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

2. Chair Report [00:06:18]

Mayor Ramsey stated that she is glad to be part of a community, Utah as a whole, that is willing to work together as we eventually emerge from the pandemic and recover from the economic effects.

3. Public Comment [00:07:40]

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

4. ACTION: Amendment 1 to the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) [00:8:35]

Jory Johner, WFRC, presented a proposed Amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan and asked that the RGC formally adopt these modifications. Amendment 1 includes a total of seven Level 2 (board modifications of non-regionally significant project) requests, one each from Farmington, Layton, Salt Lake County, and UDOT, and three from West Jordan, as well as two additional Level 1 (staff modification) requests from Farr West and Millcreek. Mr. Johner briefly discussed each project. [00:28:46] The meeting was opened for Public Comment specific to this 2019-2050 RTP Amendment. There were no Public Comments and the period was closed. [00:30:00] Commissioner Jeff Scott made a motion to approve Amendment 1 as outlined. Carlton Christensen, UTA Board Trustee, seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

5. COVID19 impacts on transportation and communities [0:31:00]

a. Short-term data on impacts of “Stay Home Phase”

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, outlined data on current COVID19 shifts in behavior and impacts on transportation and air quality.

b. Long-term risks and opportunities in recovery

Mr. Knowlton then opened the time up for a discussion about the long-term shifts we may see in communities after the COVID19 pandemic subsides. Residents and businesses are trying new ways of conducting business, reaching customers, and even spending their free time. WFRC is committed to helping communities navigate these long-term changes, hoping to help shape them to maximize benefits and minimize negative impacts.

c. Addressing resiliency within the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision

Mr. Knowlton concluded by leading a discussion of policy approaches appropriate for the recovery. Communities will be thinking through the implications on community development to inform effective development of general plans. With the disruption of “business as usual” we are currently experiencing, this is also a time to reflect on what kind of communities we want to develop and be poised for long-term recovery and enhanced community resilience.

6. Other Business [01:21:48]

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 August 20, 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.

7. Adjournment [01:25:44]

Mayor Ramsey requested a motion of adjournment. Reid Ewing, University of Utah, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Scott and accepted unanimously. 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