



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**  
**Regional Growth Committee**  
 Aug 20, 2020 9:45am

A meeting was held on Thursday, Aug 20, 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	Yes
Kenneth Braegger, Alternate (Willard)	No	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate Utah Transportation Commission	Yes
Len Arave, Member (North Salt Lake)	Yes	Beth Holbrook, Member Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	Yes
Rick Earnshaw, Alternate (Woods Cross)	No	Carlton Christensen, Alternate Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	No
Joy Petro, Member (Layton)	No	Erin Mendenhall, Member Utah Air Quality Board	No
John Pohlman, Alternate (Fruit Heights)	No	Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	Yes
Tina Cannon, Member (Morgan County) <b>Vice Chair</b>	Yes	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	Yes
Robert McConnell, Alternate (Morgan County)	No	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT</b>	
Jenny Wilson, Member (Salt Lake County)	No	Ben Huot, Member Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Ron Bigelow, Alternate (West Valley City)	No	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan) <b>Chair</b>	No	Laura Hanson, Member Utah Transit Authority	Yes
Aimee Winder Newton, Member (Salt Lake County)	Yes	Kerry Doane, 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	No
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	Yes	Jenny Rees, Cedar Hills Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	No
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	No	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	Yes
Mark Allen, Member (Washington Terrace)	Yes	<b>WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
Norm Searle, Alternate (Riverdale)	No	Ibi Guevara, Utah Urban Lands Institute	Yes
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)	No
		Reid Ewing, University of Utah	Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT:	
Russ Fox, Draper City	Ted Knowlton, WFRC
Russell Weeks, SLC Council Staff	Lauren Victor, WFRC
Ryan Perry, SL County	Bert Granberg, WFRC
Grant Farnsworth, UDOT	Nikki Navio, WFRC
Brigitte Mandel, FHWA	Rosie Hernandez, WFRC
Rob Jolly, RRJ Consulting	Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC
Jen Robinson	Megan Townsend, WFRC
Andy Hulla	LaNiece Davenport, WFRC
Ned Hacker, WFRC	Katie Gerard, WFRC
Jory Johner, WFRC	Scott Hess, WFRC
Ben Wuthrich, WFRC	Andrea Pearson, WFRC
Julie Bjornstad, WFRC	

**1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:03:40]**

In the absence of Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Chair, Councilmember Tina Cannon, Vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. Introductions were made, via roll call.

**a. ACTION: Approve Minutes from May 21, 2020 [00:05:14]**

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

**2. Public Comment [00:06:02]**

Councilmember Cannon opened the meeting for public comments. There were none.

**3. Review Wasatch Choice implementation resources [00:6:22]**

Scott Hess, WFRC, shared resources gathered during the Wasatch Choice Implementation Workshop series held in the winter of 2019. WFRC’s Council and RGC had asked staff to develop these resources to assist local governments with conversations about planning for growth. In addition to our ongoing growth challenges, we now have the added impacts from the coronavirus, and the potential short and long-term changes to how our residents live, work, play, and travel within communities and the region. To respond to these challenges staff and partner agencies have collaborated to develop a document outlining Partnership efforts in Utah to address the local planning challenges of growth and recovery within the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision. This effort, which began with the creation of four working groups (Communications, Public Engagement, Technical Assistance, and Analysis) seeks to provide resources for local governments to address statutory requirements in their General Plans from SB34 (2019, housing, transportation and land use), and link local planning to the regional vision. Mr. Hess requested feedback from the group on how best to implement these strategies most effectively.

**4. Addressing COVID19 and other uncertainties in Wasatch Choice [00:54:55]**

Julie Bjornstad and Ted Knowlton, both with WFRC, presented information and asked for input regarding the 2023-2050 Wasatch Choice Vision, with a focus on exploring COVID-19 and other external forces (like market shifts, transportation technologies) that would impact the region’s transportation, land use, and economic development. The intent of exploring external forces is to 1) consider modifications to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process to improve the resiliency and quality of projected outcomes, and 2) have a conversation with local governments about proactive local strategies. To date, WFRC, working with transportation partners and local planners, has gathered initial research and literature on external forces and policies including:

- shifts in lifestyle stemming from COVID-19
- automation
- shared mobility
- e-living

**5. Overview of WFRC Available Funds and Programs [01:23:40]**

The Wasatch Front Regional Council administers six programs that provide resources for local governments, totaling approximately \$40 million annually. These programs include:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)

Scott Hess, WFRC, gave a presentation briefly describing these programs, to increase awareness of funding and resource opportunities, as well as to encourage efficiency and coordination among the programs for applicants.

**6. Other Business [01:32:49]**

After asking if there were other business items to address and hearing none, Councilmember Cannon reminded the group that the next RGC meeting is scheduled for October 8, 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 [01:34:08]**

Councilmember Cannon requested a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendall Thomas and accepted unanimously. The meeting concluded at 11:22am.

*A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org)*