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## REGIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE Agenda August 20, 2020

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 9:45am via Zoom:**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84754101469>

Meeting ID: 847 5410 1469

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The agenda will be as follows:

- 1. Introductions and Consent Agenda**
  - a. ACTION:** Minutes of the RGC Meeting held May 21, 2020
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Review Wasatch Choice implementation resources**
- 4. Addressing COVID-19 and other uncertainties in Wasatch Choice**
- 5. Overview of WFRC Available Funds and Programs**
- 6. Other Business**  
Next Meeting: October 8, 2020
- 7. Adjournment**

### Upcoming Events:

- WFRC Council meeting, August 27
- ULCT Fall Conference, September 21 to 25

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WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

**DRAFT 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) <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	No
Ron Bigelow, Alternate (West Valley City)	Yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan) <b>Chair</b>	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	<b>WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
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](http://www.wfrc.org)*

**DATE:** August 20, 2020  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 3  
**SUBJECT:** Review Wasatch Choice implementation resources  
**PREPARED BY:** Scott Hess

**BACKGROUND:**

During the Wasatch Choice Implementation Workshop series in the winter of 2019, WFRC's Council and RGC asked staff to develop 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 developed a document outlining [Partnership efforts in Utah to address the local planning challenges of growth and recovery](#) within the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision. The Wasatch Choice Partners – including WFRC, MAG, UDOT, UTA, ULCT, UAC, Salt Lake Chamber and other local chambers, APA Utah, GOMB, and local government representatives – developed four working groups to implement this partnership effort. This collaborative effort 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. The four working groups are: Communications, Public Engagement, Technical Assistance, and Analysis. Each group has held two meetings, and have developed core objectives to focus on over the next six months. Resources developed by the working groups will be presented at the upcoming Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) conference in September 2020.

Staff is asking RGC to provide feedback on these resources such that they will be helpful for your local government or organization.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for information only.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Scott Hess, WFRC 801-643-3337, shess@wfr.org

**EXHIBITS:**

[Partnership efforts in Utah to address the local planning challenges of growth and recovery](#) within the [Wasatch Choice Regional Vision](#).

Working Groups Objectives, listed on the next page:

Working Group	Objectives
<b>Communications</b>	Develop a communications plan to address regional and local growth planning
<b>Public Engagement</b>	Compile 'Best Practices' for public input and outreach
	Create a process guidebook for the design of an effective public engagement process
<b>Technical Assistance</b>	Develop a clearinghouse of Technical Assistance programs and information statewide
	Develop needed data resources for local governments
	Enhance social equity within statewide Technical Assistance programs
<b>Analysis</b> *Develop four sub working groups to focus on individual objectives	Develop ongoing statewide measures of progress
	Quantify COVID-19 Impacts
	Develop Access to Opportunities datasets and tools. Apply them to specific topics of interest.
	Quantify links between health and equity and affordable, safe, geographically accessible housing.

**DATE:** August 20, 2020  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 4  
**SUBJECT:** Addressing COVID-19 and other uncertainties in Wasatch Choice  
**PREPARED BY:** Julie Bjornstad

**BACKGROUND:**

WFRC is beginning the 2023-2050 Wasatch Choice Vision Update 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 Wasatch Choice vision coordinates regional and local planning. 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

A document is included as an exhibit that summarizes this research, as well as potential policies that could be explored regionally and locally.

At the RGC meeting, we will look for input on the approach to addressing these external forces in the 2023-2050 RTP, and considerations for local governments that will be further explored in events this fall.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for information only.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**EXHIBIT:**

[External Forces: A Draft Guide](#)

**DATE:** August 11, 2020  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 6  
**SUBJECT:** WFRC Funding Opportunities for Local Governments  
**PREPARED BY:** Wayne Bennion

**BACKGROUND:**

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)

A presentation will be given 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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information item only.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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