



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES Regional Growth
Committee** October 8, 2020
9:45am

A meeting was held on Thursday, October 8, 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)	Yes	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) Vice Chair	Yes	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	No
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)	No	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan) Chair	Yes	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)	No	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	Yes
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	No	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	No
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	Yes
		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
Shule Bishop, UTA	Rosie Hernandez, WFRC
David Williamsen, MIDA	Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC
Becka Roof	Megan Townsend, WFRC
Kelly Lund	Justin Smart, Penna Powers
Ned Hacker, WFRC	Katie Gerard, WFRC
Jory Johner, WFRC	Andrea Pearson, WFRC
Julie Bjornstad, WFRC	Andrew Gruber, WFRC
Nicole Proulx, WFRC	Bill Hereth, WFRC

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:35]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Chair, was delayed in joining due to technical/connection difficulties. Ted Knowlton, WFRC, called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. Introductions were made, via roll call.

a. ACTION: Approve Minutes from August 20, 2020 [00:03:14]

Noting no discussion or changes, Councilmember Tina Cannon made a motion to accept the minutes as written, which was seconded by UTA Trustee, Beth Holbrook. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

2. Public Comment [00:04:28]

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

3. Chair Report: Recapping the ULCT/Wasatch Choice Conference, Sept. 21-25, 2020 [00:04:58]

Mayor Ramsey acknowledged the success of the conference and noted that the Wasatch Choice vision was highlighted throughout. Another topic that was discussed dealt with potential issues the region could face relating to growth and COVID-19, and ideas and resources were shared that will help begin conversations around community-level growth. The newly created Wasatch Choice video, that includes comments Mayor Ramsey and Mayor Jeff Silvestrini was also shared at the conference.

4. Discuss Wasatch Choice Vision implementation [00:21:44]

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, reviewed the Wasatch Choice Vision (Vision), which is the foundation for the formal 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The land use and economic development ideas in the Vision have become the assumed growth patterns that the RTP seeks to implement. WFRC staff will be discussing several ideas including this implementation, the challenges of addressing Utah’s rapid growth, impacts of COVID-19, and Senate Bill 34 with communities, during the upcoming Wasatch Choice workshops.

5. Provide input on the Wasatch Choice “Difficult Conversation Starter” [00:40:42]

Mayor Ramsey reminded the group that last year, WFRC’s Council and RGC expressed interest in resources to assist local governments with the challenges associated with addressing growth within communities - now, with the added challenge of COVID-19. To respond to these challenges WFRC has been working with the other Wasatch Choice Partners to provide resources for local governments as General Plans, zoning, and transportation investments are put into place. As part of these new resources, the “Difficult Conversation Starter”, is being developed to help in communicating with stakeholders.

Justin Smart, with Penna Powers, in consultation with WFRC staff, presented an introduction to these resources and facilitated a group discussion to develop these ideas further.

6. ACTION: 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan amendment #2 [01:17:19]

Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, presented a proposed Amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan and asked that the RGC formally adopt these modifications. Amendment 2 includes a total of three Level 2 (board modifications of non-regionally significant project) requests, one each from North Salt

Lake City, Salt Lake City, and South Jordan City. These three proposals are citywide active transportation master plan updates recently completed with input from local communities and transportation partners. These amendments will update existing bicycle facilities to a higher comfort level, identify intersections requiring safer crossings, and improve connections to existing and planned regional trails. Mr. Van Wagenen briefly discussed each project. **[01:23:36]** The meeting was opened for Public Comment specific to this 2019-2050 RTP Amendment. There were no Public Comments and the period was closed. **[01:25:48]** Mayor Joy Petro made a motion to approve Amendment 2 as outlined. Commissioner Jeff Scott seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

7. Other Business [01:32:49]

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 January 2021, and the confirmed date will be provided to all members, along with a calendar appointment. The meeting format may be similar to this, if the safety guidelines regarding COVID-19 are still in place at that time.

8. Adjournment [01:34:08]

Mayor Ramsey then requested a motion of adjournment. Councilmember Tina Cannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Joy Petro and was accepted unanimously. The meeting concluded at 11:19am.