



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
Regional Growth Committee
 October 21, 2021

A meeting was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, via Zoom connection, due to the safety restrictions put in place by the Utah Governor's Office, in response to continuing COVID-19 concerns. The following were present:

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT		OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Tyler Vincent, Member (Brigham City)	no	Natalie Gochnour, Member Utah Transportation Commission	no
Jeff Scott, Alternate (Box Elder County)	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	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	no
John Pohlman, Alternate (Fruit Heights)	no	Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	yes
Robert McConnell, Member (Morgan County)	yes	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	yes
Matt Wilson, 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)	yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan) Chair	no	GJ LaBonty, Member Utah Transit Authority	no
Richard Snelgrove, Member (Salt Lake County)	no	Kerry Doane, Alternate Utah Transit Authority	no
Troy Walker, Member (Draper)	no	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	no
Steven Shields, Alternate (Herriman)	yes	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	no
Dan Peay, Alternate (Magna)	no	Kelly Lund, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	yes
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)	no	Gary Uresk Utah League of Cities and Towns	no
Kurt Bradburn, Alternate (Sandy)	no	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	no
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	yes	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	yes
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	no	WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	
Mark Allen, Member (Washington Terrace)	yes	Ibi Guevara, Utah Urban Lands Institute	no
Norm Searle, Alternate (Riverdale)	no	Laura Hanson, GOPB	yes
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) Vice Chair	yes	Jacey Skinner, Utah Transportation Coalition	no
Jim Harvey, Alternate (Weber County)	no	Reid Ewing, University of Utah	no

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:

Ginger Chinn, Brett Millburn, Jennifer Elskin, Kelly Lund, Wendy Thomas, Weston Applonie, Chad Wilkinson, Lon Crowell, Andy Hulka, Helen Peters, Russ Fox, Roger Borgenicht, Alysia Ducvara

WFRC staff: Jory Johner, Mikala Jordan, Rosie Hernandez, Marcia White, Lauren Victor, Megan Townsend, Miranda Jones Cox, Ted Knowlton, Andrew Gruber, Andrea Pearson, Julie Bjornstad, Ned Hacker

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:05]

Mayor Bob Dandoy, Vice-Chair, excused Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Chair, and called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. Introductions were made via roll call.

1a. ACTION: Approve Minutes from August 19, 2021 [00:01:44] Mayor Dandoy brought attention to the minutes of the August meeting. With no discussion or changes, the Mayor entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Mayor Mark Allen made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes as written and Mayor Len Arave seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment [00:02:40]

Mayor Dandoy opened the meeting for public comments. There were none. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, introduced Russ Fox as the new Director of Planning for UTA.

3. Wasatch Choice draft 2023-2050 transportation scenario [00:05:20]

Mayor Dandoy introduced Jory Johner and Julie Bjornstad, both with WFRC. Mr. Johner and Ms. Bjornstad outlined the draft set of transportation projects for the years 2023 to 2050 that are being considered as part of the four-year update to Wasatch Choice Vision and the Unified Transportation Plan. This update is scheduled for adoption in May, 2023. Group discussion was welcomed and it was noted that a key opportunity to provide feedback on these projects is through the Wasatch Choice Vision workshops. Mr. Johner and Ms. Bjornstad reviewed an outline of these projects and discussed the balance between modes of transportation, approximate costs, and forecasted benefits. This draft scenario of our future transportation system also incorporates a comprehensive refinement to the Wasatch Choice centers.

4. Wasatch Choice local spotlight - Layton City [00:21:19]

Mayor Dandoy informed the committee that members of Layton City would be presenting. Mayor Joy Petro and Chad Wilkinson highlighted their recent planning, including their general plan, their active transportation planning, and their efforts in working with their neighboring communities to analyze the market surrounding future West Davis Corridor interchanges. Layton's Land Use Map establishes a strategy that incorporates centers throughout the community. The City is working to implement these centers with mixed use zones along transit routes and near Commuter Rail, and infrastructure improvements around the West Davis Business Center.

5. Statewide growth policy conversations [00:43:40]

Mayor Dandoy turned the time to Andrew Gruber, WFRC, who provided an update to continue the ongoing discussion of policy recommendations for consideration by two state commissions - the [Economic Opportunity Commission](#) and the [Commission on Housing Affordability](#). Mr. Gruber stated that while the two commissions are working on different core issues they both are exploring how improvements can be made via coordination with other planning elements such as infrastructure, housing, economic development, and open space. The alignment between these issues has been at the heart of the work of WFRC and is embodied in the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision.

6. Federal Infrastructure Bill update [01:13:16]

Mayor Dandoy introduced Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC, who briefed the committee on the path forward for the final passage of the federal infrastructure bill. With a delayed September vote, the House is now anticipated to take up the legislation by the end of October. If ultimately adopted, this legislation will provide significant and stable infrastructure funding over the next five years, to Utah and the nation.

7. Other Business and Adjournment [01:18:00]

The next meeting is in the process of being scheduled for January 2022 and meeting invitations and more information will be forthcoming. With no further business brought forward, Mayor Dandoy entertained a motion to adjourn. UTA Board Trustee Carlton Christensen made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Kevin Van Tassell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org