



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES**  
**Regional Growth Committee**  
 January 20, 2022

A meeting was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 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	
Dennis Bott, Member (Brigham City)	no	Natalie Gochmour, Member Utah Transportation Commission	no
Jeff Scott, Alternate (Box Elder County)	no	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate Utah Transportation Commission	yes
John Pohlman, Member (Fruit Heights)	yes	Beth Holbrook, Member Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	yes
Kendalyn Harris, Alternate (Bountiful)	no	Carlton Christensen, Alternate Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	yes
Brian Horrocks, Member (North Salt Lake)	yes	Erin Mendenhall, Member Utah Air Quality Board	no
Brian Vincent, Alternate (West Point)	no	Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	no
Matt Wilson, Member (Morgan County)	no	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	no
Mike Newton, Alternate (Morgan County)	yes	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT</b>	
Jenny Wilson, Member (Salt Lake County)	yes	Ben Huot, Member Utah Department of Transportation	yes
Marcus Stevenson, Alternate (Midvale)	no	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan) <b>Chair</b>	yes	Russ Fox, Member Utah Transit Authority	yes
Richard Snelgrove, Member (Salt Lake County)	yes	Kerry Doane, Alternate Utah Transit Authority	no
Monica Zoltanski, Member (Sandy)	yes	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	no
Lorin Palmer, Alternate (Herriman)	no	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	no
Dan Peay, Alternate (Magna)	no	Jennifer Elsen, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	yes
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)	no	tbd Utah League of Cities and Towns	-
Brett Hales, Alternate (Murray)	no	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	no
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	yes	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	no
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	no	<b>WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
Jim Harvey, Member (Weber County)	yes	Robert Schmidt / Ibi Guevara, Utah Urban Lands Institute	no
Dale Fowers, Alternate (Hooper)	no	Laura Hanson, GOPB	no
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) <b>Vice Chair</b>	yes	Ginger Chinn, Utah Transportation Coalition	no
Gordan Cutler, Alternate (Uintah)	no	Reid Ewing, University of Utah	yes

<b>OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:</b>	
Kelly Lund, FHWA	WFRC Staff:
Steve Sheilds, Herriman	Jory Johner, Ted Knowlton, Andrea Pearson, Andrew Gruber,
Jake Young Salt Lake Co	Rosie Hernandez, Bert Granbert, Miranda Jones Cox,
Mary De Loretto, UTA	Megan Townsend, Mikala Jordan, Mike Sobczak, Nikki Navio,
Kim Bell, Sandy City	Bill Hereth, Hugh Van Wagenen, Christy Dahlbert,
Wilf Summerkorn	Julie Bjornstad, Lauren Victor, Matthew Silski

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

Mayor Dawn Ramsey, RGC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31am. Introductions were made via roll call. **ACTION [00:03:52]** Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to accept the minutes from October 21, 2021. A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall Thomas, and seconded by Commissioner Jim Harvey that the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously. **[00:26:34]** Mayor Ramsey welcomed the new and returning members of the Regional Growth Committee.

**2. Public Comment [00:04:50]**

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

**3. Utah Legislative Session overview [00:05:15]**

WFRC Executive Director Andrew Gruber, and Government Affairs Manager Miranda Jones Cox provided an overview of the Legislative Session, which began Tuesday, January 18 and runs through Thursday, March 3. WFRC members can keep themselves apprised of notable legislation by subscribing to WFRC’s [Government Affairs](#) emails which are frequently distributed during the session. Members may also reference WFRC’s [bill tracker](#), found on WFRC’s website, and/or provide input on these pieces of legislation by attending our weekly policy meetings on Thursday mornings at 8am at the Utah State Capitol building.

**4. 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update [00:27:16]**

WFRC Senior Transportation Planner Julie Bjornstad and Active Transportation Planner Hugh Van Wagenen provided an update on development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the transportation element of the [Wasatch Choice Vision](#), by leading a discussion focused on two agenda items:

- a. **Phasing criteria (prioritization of projects):** How and what criteria should be used in prioritizing roadway, transit, and active transportation projects within the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan?
- b. **Considering the local context for regional projects:** How should the local and adjacent context affect the design and function of regional transportation facilities?

WFRC Deputy Director Ted Knowlton stated that these conversations about phasing and context-based design will continue at future RGC meetings and meetings of the RGC Technical Advisory Committee, which is composed mainly of staff planners from local governments in the Region. City planners are encouraged to attend the TACs throughout the year, as WFRC relies heavily on their input at the meetings.

**5. ACTION: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment Process Update [001:04:14]**

WFRC Long Range Planning Director Jory Johner outlined proposed, recommended, modest technical modifications to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendment process. Changes to be considered represent a refinement to broader structural changes proposed, based on additional feedback from transportation partners.

Proposed process modification 1: Consultation with the Interagency Consultation Team (ICT)  
Proposed process modification 2: Align project types within each amendment level to the air quality conformity determination project lists

**ACTION [01:13:15]** Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to recommend that the Wasatch Front Regional Council approve the modifications to the process for amending the Regional Transportation Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Harvey, and seconded by UTA Board Trustee Carlton Christensen. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Other Business [01:13:15]**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022. Mayor Ramsey mentioned upcoming WFRC meetings through February, as well as the New Member Orientation, set for February 24.

**7. Video: Overview of Utah Open and Public Meetings Act [01:15:38]**

With no further business, Mayor Ramsey stated that since Utah State law requires that elected officials serving on committees such as those of the Wasatch Front Regional Council receive training regarding the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, an 8-minute video would now be shown in order to comply with this requirement. **ACTON: [01:36:51]** Mayor Ramsey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting upon completion of the training video. UTA Board Trustee Carlton Christensen made a motion to adjourn upon the conclusion of the video, and Mayor John Pohlman seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:58am

*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)*