



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Regional Growth Committee

January 19, 2023

Regional Growth Committee meeting was held on **Thursday, January 19, 2023, 9:45am**, at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT		OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Dennis Bott, Member (Brigham City)	No	Natalie Gochnour, Member Utah Transportation Commission	No
Brandon Stanger, Member (Clinton)	No	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate Utah Transportation Commission	No
Kendalyn Harris, Alternate (Bountiful)	Yes	Beth Holbrook, Member Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	Yes
Brian Horrocks, Member (North Salt Lake)	No	Carlton Christensen, Alternate Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	Yes
Brian Vincent, Alternate (West Point)	Yes	Erin Mendenhall, Member Utah Air Quality Board	No
Matt Wilson, Member (Morgan County)	No	Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	Yes
Mike Newton, Alternate (Morgan County)	No	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	Yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan) Chair	Yes	NON-VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT	
Marcus Stevenson, Alternate (Midvale)	No	Ben Huot, Member Utah Department of Transportation	No
Jenny Wilson, Member (Salt Lake County)	Yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	No
Salt Lake County, Member (vacant)	-	Jaron Robertson (Interim), Member Utah Transit Authority	No
Monica Zoltanski, Member (Sandy)	Yes	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	Yes
Lorin Palmer, Alternate (Herriman)	Yes	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	No
Dan Peay, Alternate (Magna)	No	Jennifer Elsken, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	Yes
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)	No	Natalie Hall Utah League of Cities and Towns	Yes
Brett Hales, Alternate (Murray)	No	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	Yes
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	
Sharon Bolos, Member (Weber County)	Yes	Robert Schmidt Utah Urban Lands Institute	No
Dale Fowers, Alternate (Hooper)	No	Laura Hanson, GOPB	No
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) Vice Chair	Yes	Ginger Chinn, Salt Lake Chamber	No
Gordan Cutler, Alternate (Uintah)	No	Reid Ewing, University of Utah	Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:	
Commissioner Lee Perry, Box Elder Co;	WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Andrea Pearson,
Teri Newell, UDOT; Steve Shields, Herriman,	Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez, Mike Sobczak,
Colby Oliverson, GOPB; Bret Millburn, Draper;	Byron Head, Mikala Jordan, Marcia White, Lauren Victor,
Nick Norris, SLC; Blake Thomas, SLC;	Julie Bjornstad, Hugh Van Wagenen, Christy Dahlberg,
Kimberly Bell, Sandy; Arianna Farber, MIDA;	Jory Johner, Megan Townsend
Alysia Ducuara, Heidi Goedhart, UDOT,	
Kent Andersen, Davis County; Nick Tarbet,	
Melinda Greenwood, Kaysville; Orion Goff	
Roger Borgenicht, UBET;	

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:24]

At 9:50am, Regional Growth Committee Chair, Mayor Dawn Ramsey welcomed the members and guests to the first meeting of the RGC in 2023. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, gave a special welcome to Weber County Commissioner Sharon Bolos, who is a new member of the Regional Growth Committee. Attendance was taken around the table and the room. Andrea Pearson, WFRC, read the names of the online attendees.

- a. **ACTION: Minutes** of the RGC Meeting held October 20, 2022. **[00:04:11]** Councilmember Kendall Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Robert Dandoy, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment [00:05:23] Mayor Ramsey asked for public comments. There were none.

3. Wasatch Choice and the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan [00:06:04]

Mayor Ramsey gave a brief introduction of the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and turned the time to WFRC staff.

- a. **2023 adoption year: what to expect [00:07:02]** Jory Johner, WFRC, discussed the RTP Plan, and what to expect, touching on the time frame, next steps, partnerships, and funding. Mr. Johner mentioned the four phases of the plan, and some of the projects that fall into those phases. This is the first plan that Active Transportation has been financially constrained, and has received the most comments up to this point. The plan has more needs than revenue for: transit, roads, and active transportation. Mayor Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County, asked for details on the Gondola project in Little Cottonwood Canyon within the draft plan. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, explained the role of WFRC as the MPO is to establish a general regional-scale plan. The details of federally recognized Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) processes, including UDOT's Little Cottonwood Canyon EIS, are incorporated into the more general regional plan.

ACTION [00:38:24]: Mayor Natalie Hall made a motion “to recommend to the Wasatch Front Regional Council the release of the DRAFT 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and draft Air Quality Memorandum #41 for public comment,” seconded by Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee.

Discussion: Mayor Monica Zoltanski made a suggestion to replace the term “gondola” and instead call the project “Cottonwood Canyon Transportation,” or alternatively, remove the items in the Plan associated with Little Cottonwood Canyon. Mayor Jenny Wilson stated that she supports Mayor Zoltanski's suggestion. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, recommended that WFRC clarify the terminology in the RTP prior to the Council releasing the RTP for public comment. Mayor Dawn Ramsey clarified that the motion on the table is to release the draft plan for public comment only, and is not a motion to approve the Plan.

ACTION Cont. [00:59:39] Mayor Dawn Ramsey reminded the members of the motion and second on the table for vote. All attending members voted aye, with the exception of Mayor Jenny Wilson, and Mayor Monica Zoltanski, who voted nay.

4. **Project Highlight: Three-Gate Trail** [01:01:15] Mayor Robert Dandoy, Roy, gave a presentation and explained the work with the Military Installation Development Authority (MIDA) on the Three-Gate Trail. This trail will run through Davis and Weber Counties, and connect Ogden, Riverdale, Roy, Clearfield and Sunset to Falcon Hill and Hill Air Force Base. Ariana Farber, MIDA, talked about MIDA's role, and the fruition of the project.
5. **Station Area Planning (per HB462)** [01:26:08]

Megan Townsend, WFRC, talked about HB462 and the requirements for Station Area Plans (SAP), touching on the deadlines, implementation, and technical assistance that is included. Ms. Townsend introduced the SAP for Salt Lake City's Ballpark Area, which is up for certification. Ms. Townsend introduced Blake Thomas, Community and Neighborhoods Director for Salt Lake City, who talked about the Ballpark Area Plan, and the benefits it will bring to the area. Nick Norris, Planning Director for Salt Lake City, addressed the premise of the plan, and the intention to use the space and current amenities in the plan for optimal land use. Ms. Townsend, on behalf of WFRC Staff, made a recommendation that the Regional Growth Committee recommend that the Wasatch Front Regional Council certify the Salt Lake City Ballpark Area Plan, because it satisfies the statutory requirements.

 - a. **ACTION** [01:46:30]: Mayor Natalie Hall made a motion to "recommend Salt Lake City's Ballpark Area Plan to the Wasatch Front Regional Council for certification" seconded by Mayor Robert Dandoy. There was no further discussion, and the vote was approved unanimously.
6. **Video: Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act** [01:47:10]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey asked for a motion to table the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act training due to time constraints. Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, made a motion to table until the March RGC meeting, seconded by Mayor Monica Zoltanski. There was no discussion, approved unanimously.
7. **Other Business and Adjournment** [01:49:26]

Mayor Ramsey noted that the next meeting will occur on March 16, 2023, and requested a motion to adjourn. Mayor Robert Dandoy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Jenny Wilson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.