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REGIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE AGENDA March 16, 2023

Regional Growth Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 16, 2023, 9:45am, at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom:**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573979268?pwd=d0ZJT3RvMVFnMjN5VVZwVzlpNkRFUT09
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The agenda will be as follows:

- Introductions and Consent Agenda
 ACTION: Minutes of the RGC Meeting held January 19, 2023
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Information: Overview of Regional Growth Committee
- 4. <u>Information: Legislative and Grants Update: Safe Streets for All / Utah Trail</u>
 Network
- 5. <u>Information: Wasatch Choice Vision and 2023-2050 Regional Transportation</u>
 Plan
- 6. Information: Transportation and Land Use Connection 2023 Awards
- 7. ACTION: Station Area Planning Update
- 8. Video: Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act
- 9. Other Business and Adjournment Next meeting: May 18, 2023

Upcoming events:

- WFRC Council Meeting, March 23, 2pm
- WFRC Active Transportation Committee, April 12, 9:45am
- ULCT Mid-year Conference, April 19-21, St. George, UT
- WFRC Transportation Coordination Committee (Trans Com) Meeting, April 27, 2pm
- RGC Technical Advisory Committees, April 26, 9am and 2pm
- Golden Spoke Ride, May 13, more information forthcoming

Informational materials can be located on WFRC's website at www.wfrc.org.

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DRAFT 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	No	Natalie Gochnour, Member	No
(Brigham City)		Utah Transportation Commission	
Brandon Stanger, Member	No	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate	No
(Clinton)		Utah Transportation Commission	
Kendalyn Harris, Alternate	Yes	Beth Holbrook, Member	Yes
(Bountiful)		Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	
Brian Horrocks, Member	No	Carlton Christensen, Alternate	Yes
(North Salt Lake)		Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	
Brian Vincent, Alternate	Yes	Erin Mendenhall, Member	No
(West Point)	N ₂	Utah Air Quality Board	V
Matt Wilson, Member	No	Ari Bruening, Member	Yes
(Morgan County)	Na	Envision Utah	V ₂ =
Mike Newton, Alternate (Morgan County)	No	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	Yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member	Yes	Envision otan	
(South Jordan) Chair	165	NON-VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES I	PRESENT
Marcus Stevenson, Alternate	No	Ben Huot, Member	No
(Midvale)		Utah Department of Transportation	No
Jenny Wilson, Member	Yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate	No
(Salt Lake County)		Utah Department of Transportation	
Salt Lake County, Member	-	Jaron Robertson (Interim), Member	No
(vacant)		Utah Transit Authority	
Monica Zoltanski, Member	Yes	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative	Yes
(Sandy)		Utah Air Quality Board	
Lorin Palmer, Alternate	Yes	Ivan Marrero, Member	No
(Herriman)		FHWA-Utah Division	
Dan Peay, Alternate	No	Jennifer Elsken, Alternate	Yes
(Magna)		FHWA-Utah Division	
Cherie Wood, Alternate	No	Natalie Hall	Yes
(South Salt Lake)		Utah League of Cities and Towns	
Brett Hales, Alternate	No	Dina Blaes	Yes
(Murray) Kendall Thomas, Member	Yes	Utah Association of Counties	Yes
	Yes	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	res
(Tooele County) Ed Hansen, Alternate	No	WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTH	ED .
(Tooele City)	INO	ORGANIZATIONS	LN
Sharon Bolos, Member	Yes	Robert Schmidt	
(Weber County)		Utah Urban Lands Institute	No
Dale Fowers, Alternate	No	Laura Hanson,	
(Hooper)		GOPB	No
Robert Dandoy, Member	Yes	Ginger Chinn,	No
(Roy) Vice Chair	1	Salt Lake Chamber	
Gordan Cutler, Alternate	No	Reid Ewing,	Yes
(Uintah)	1 -	University of Utah	1

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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. <u>ACTION: Minutes</u> 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.

<u>Discussion</u>: 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.

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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.

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

DATE: March 9, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Information: Overview of Regional Growth Committee

PREPARED BY: Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director

The WFRC staff will brief the committee on its roles and responsibilities at the March 16 meeting. This will include a discussion of potential topics for future RGC meetings.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Growth Committee (RGC) was created by <u>agreement</u> between the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Utah Department of Transportation, and the Utah Transit Authority to facilitate collaboration among local governments and with transportation agencies.

RGC serves as the policy advisory body to the WFRC Council regarding long-range transportation planning, land use, and other growth related issues. The RGC, in cooperation with local governments, as well as the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and other stakeholders, oversees the development of the Wasatch Choice Vision, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (which serves as the transportation element of the Vision), and the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program. These responsibilities include the facilitation of communication between local, state, and federal officials regarding various planning issues, educational opportunities to improve technical planning skills, and "best practices" in planning.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information and discussion.

CONTACT PERSON:

Ted Knowlton (WFRC) (801) 363-4230 x 1201, tknowlton@wfrc.org

DATE: March 16, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: Legislative and Grants Update: Safe Streets for All / RAISE / Utah Trail

Network

PREPARED BY: Miranda Jones Cox, Government Affairs Manager

At the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) Regional Growth Committee meeting, the committee will hear an update on transportation-related legislative session outcomes, including funding for the Utah Trails Network, and be briefed on a recent federal discretionary grant award through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, the first/last mile submission for the RAISE discretionary grant program.

BACKGROUND:

It was another historic session for transportation with the Legislature appropriating roughly \$2 billion for multimodal transportation needs in the state (roadway, transit, and active transportation). The Governor and Legislature's actions this session continue to be consistent with the shared principles for infrastructure investment developed by WFRC and its partners. Notably, the legislature provided ongoing funding for the newly created Active Transportation Investment Fund, to accomplish the Utah Trails Network as proposed by the Governor and UDOT.

Additionally, In January of this year, WFRC was awarded \$775,200 in federal funding for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant. This newly created grant program was included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and includes five years of funding for safety planning grants and capital project grants. With this competitive grant funding award, WFRC will collaboratively create an "Action Plan" to identify risk factors for fatal and serious injury crashes and recommend safety strategies to mitigate those factors. Once the Action Plan is complete, cities and counties and other eligible entities can apply for implementation capital grants consistent with the safety strategies recommended.

Lastly, WFRC and our partners at the Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, and Mountainland Association of Governments have collectively applied for the federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The grant submission includes a collection of "first/last mile" projects that will increase connectivity to both active transportation and transit, playing a vital role in reducing pollution and traffic congestion as we work to make it easier to connect our rapidly growing communities. This grant proposal was submitted at the end of February.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

CONTACT PERSON:

Miranda Jones Cox, 436-691-3043, miranda@wfrc.org

DATE: March 9, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

SUBJECT: Information and discussion: Wasatch Choice Vision and 2023-2050 Regional

Transportation Plan

PREPARED BY: Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director, and Jory Johner, Long Range Planning Manager

At the March 16 Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, WFRC will provide an update on the development of the Wasatch Choice Vision including the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Wasatch Choice Vision coordinates regional transportation, land use, and economic development planning. The discussion at RGC will address all three of these components of Wasatch Choice. The RTP is the Wasatch Front region's long-range blueprint for transportation, and is the transportation element of the Wasatch Choice Vision.

BACKGROUND:

RTP Development Timeline



The development of the Wasatch Choice Vision and RTP is a four year process, with the process concluding in 2023. In January the WFRC Council authorized the release of the draft 2023-2050 RTP and draft Air Quality Conformity Memorandum #41 for public comment. The public comment period closed on February 26th. Over 1600 comments were received within the public comment period, which are still being reviewed. Looking ahead, on May 25th the draft 2023-2050 RTP will be considered by the Council for adoption, following RGC discussion at its meeting on May 18th.

There has been significant interest in the Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement process (LCC EIS), as well as other projects in the draft Regional Transportation Plan. A *frequently asked questions* document is included to provide information on the relationship between the LCC EIS and the RTP.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information and discussion.

ATTACHMENT:

Frequently Asked Questions about Draft 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and the Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement

CONTACT PERSON:

Ted Knowlton (WFRC), tknowlton@wfrc.org Jory Johner (WFRC), jiohner@wfrc.org **DATE:** March 16, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: Transportation and Land Use Connection 2023 Awards

PREPARED BY: Megan Townsend, Community and Economic Development Director

At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting information will be provided on new technical assistance awards.

The Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program 2023 awards will be announced. This year, the program will fund 13 community projects for a total amount of about \$2.3 million, the largest award year of the program thanks in part to the contribution made to our work by Intermountain Healthcare in 2021.

The <u>Transportation and Land Use Connection Program</u> (TLC) is a partnership between WFRC, Salt Lake County, UDOT, and UTA that supports local governments in implementing their <u>Wasatch Choice Regional Vision</u>. The TLC program provides technical assistance to local communities to help them achieve their goals and plan for growth.

The TLC goals are:

- Maximize the value of investment in public infrastructure.
- Enhance access to opportunities.
- Increase travel options to optimize mobility.
- Create communities with opportunities to live, work, and play.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

CONTACT PERSON:

Megan Townsend, 801-404-8925, mtownsend@wfrc.org

DATE: March 16, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: Action: Station Area Planning Update

PREPARED BY: Megan Townsend, Community and Economic Development Director

At the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, an update will be provided on WFRC's Station Area Planning activities.

First, an award for Station Area Plan (SAP) Technical Assistance (related to HB462 - Housing Affordability Amendments, 2022) has been made to Taylorsville for three future BRT stations.

Second, there is an action item to modify the <u>WFRC Station Area Plan Policy</u> (adopted in May 2022). With the passage of <u>SB27 Transportation Revisions</u> a modification is needed to ensure consistency of the Policy with SB27. SB27 includes a revision to the way prior actions are considered for Station Area Plans, as an update to the approach from <u>HB462</u> in 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) – WFRC and MAG – are given two primary responsibilities by HB462: to provide technical assistance to the cities in developing their SAPs, and to certify that the SAPs satisfy the statutory requirements.

Station Area Plans are intended to promote four key shared objectives, which are spelled out in HB462, and which reflect the key strategies of the Wasatch Choice Vision:

- 1. Increasing the availability and affordability of housing, including moderate income housing.
- 2. Promoting sustainable environmental conditions.
- 3. Enhancing access to opportunities.
- 4. Increasing transportation choices and connections.

Station Area Plans must include five key elements:

- 1. Station Area Vision. The Vision must be consistent with the Station Area Objectives.
- 2. Station Area Map. The map depicts the areas within the municipality and station area subject to the plan, and where actions are needed to implement the plan (i.e., the actual implementation plan may be for selected portions of the area, and vision and plan can be greater than ½ or ¼ mile radius).
- 3. 5-Year Implementation Plan. The implementation plan identifies and describes actions over the next five years the city intends to take, and action needed by others, needed to implement the station area plan.
- 4. Explanation of how the four objectives are met. The statute specifies several possible measures through which to satisfy each objective. (see above)
- 5. Public Involvement and Stakeholder Engagement (MPOs, UTA, Public, Businesses, etc.)

As the legislation was developed in 2022, we recognized that the planning that cities have already done around their station areas should count toward new requirements. Because of this, "prior actions" could count toward the five key elements required by HB462, listed above. In working through this with cities, it became clear that while prior actions may not mirror the five key elements perfectly, they may still be making measurable progress toward the SAP

objectives. Changes to the SAP requirements in SB27 pivot the focus of prior actions from the key elements to the objectives. This strikes a balance between achieving the objectives of SAPs, while giving credit to cities and not having them have to redo work. Prior actions may fulfill the Station Area Plan requirements based on the following provision of SB27:

"...the municipality has already adopted plans or ordinances, approved land use applications, approved agreements or financing, or investments have been made, before June 1, 2022, that substantially promote each of the objectives in Subsection (7)(a) within the station area, and can demonstrate that such plans, ordinances, approved land use applications, approved agreements or financing, or investments are still relevant to making meaningful progress towards achieving such objectives; and (B) the municipality adopts a resolution finding that the objectives of Subsection (7)(a) have been substantially promoted."

WFRC staff has provided a draft revision to the Station Area Plan Certification Policy to reflect this change in legislation.

RECOMMENDATION:

RGC make a motion to "recommend that the Wasatch Front Regional Council adopt the Station Area Plan Certification Policy"

EXHIBIT:

Revised draft WFRC Station Area Plan Certification Policy

CONTACT PERSON:

Megan Townsend, 801-404-8925, mtownsend@wfrc.org