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REGIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE AGENDA May 18th, 2023

Regional Growth Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 18, 2023, 9:45am**, at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87113956890?pwd=N0s0REVKY2tnZ0ZMNXhD00IrTWk2dz09</u> Meeting ID: 871 1395 6890 || Passcode: 826453 || One tap mobile: +12532050468

The agenda will be as follows:

- 1. Introductions and Consent Agenda <u>ACTION: Minutes</u> of the RGC Meeting held March 16, 2023
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Chair Report
- 4. Information: Guiding Our Growth Utah's Statewide Growth Conversation Update
- 5. <u>ACTION</u>: Adoption of the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Air Quality Memorandum #41
- 6. Other Business and Adjournment

Next meeting: August 17, 2023

Upcoming events:

- Move Utah Summit 2023, May 24
- WFRC Council Meeting, May 25, 2pm
- Bike Utah Summit, May 31, 2pm
- NARC Annual Conference, June 4-7
- WFRC Active Transportation Committee, June 14, 9:45am
- WFRC Transportation Coordination Committee (Trans Com) Meeting, June 15, 2pm
- WFRC RGC Technical Advisory Committees, July 12, 9am and 2pm

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

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Regional Growth Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

March 16, 2023

A meeting was held on Thursday, March 16, 2022, at WFRC Offices, 41 N. Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT and also via Zoom. The following were present:

and also via Zoom. In MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT		OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Dennis Bott, Member	Ne	Natalie Gochnour, Member	No
(Brigham City)	No	Utah Transportation Commission	No
Vacant, Alternate	No	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate	No
(Box Elder County)	No	Utah Transportation Commission	
Brandon Stanger, Member	No.	Beth Holbrook, Member	Yes
(Clinton)	Yes	Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	
Kendalyn Harris, Alternate	NL	Carlton Christensen, Alternate	Yes
(Bountiful)	No	Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	
Brian Horrocks, Member	Mara	Ari Bruening, Member	No
(North Salt Lake)	Yes	Envision Utah	
Brian Vincent, Alternate	Nie	Ryan Beck, Alternate	Yes
(West Point)	No	Envision Utah	
Matt Wilson, Member	NL	NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT	
(Morgan County)	No		
Mike Newton, Alternate		Ben Huot, Member	
(Morgan County)	Yes	Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Dawn Ramsey, Member		Andrea Olson, Alternate	Yes
(South Jordan)	Yes	Utah Department of Transportation	
Alison Stroud, Alternate		Russ Fox, Member	Yes
(Sandy City Council)	Yes	Utah Transit Authority	
Jenny Wilson, Member		Nichol Bourdeaux, Alternate	Yes
(Salt Lake County)	Yes	Utah Transit Authority	
Dave Alvord, Member		Bryce Bird, Staff Representative	Yes
(SL Councilmember)	Yes	Utah Air Quality Board	
Monica Zoltanski, Member		Ivan Marrero, Member	Yes
(Sandy)	Yes	FHWA-Utah Division	
Lorin Palmer, Alternate		Jennifer Elsken, Alternate	Yes
(Herriman)	Yes	FHWA-Utah Division	
Dan Peay, Alternate		Natalie Hall	Yes
(Magna)	No	Utah League of Cities and Towns	
Cherie Wood, Alternate		Dina Blaes	No
(South Salt Lake)	No	Utah Association of Counties	
Brett Hales, Alternate		Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor	Yes
(Murray)	Yes	Mountainland Association of Governments	
Kendall Thomas, Member			
(Tooele County)	Yes	WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGAN	IIZATIONS
Ed Hansen, Alternate		Lorene Kamalu, Member	
(Tooele City)	No	Davis County, Vice Chair	Yes
Sharon Bolos, Member		Robert Schmidt	No
(Weber County)	Yes	Utah Urban Lands Institute	
Dale Fowers, Alternate		Laura Hanson,	<u> </u>
(Hooper)	Yes	GOPB	No
Robert Dandoy, Member		Ginger Chinn,	
(Roy) Chair	Yes	Utah Transportation Coalition	No
Gordon Cutler, Alternate			
	No	Reid Ewing, University of Utah	Yes
(Uintah)			

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:				
COMNR Harvey, Weber Co. Teri Newell, UDOT	WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Andrea Pearson,			
COMNR Stevenson, Davis Co. Brigitte Mandel, FHWA	Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez, Wayne Bennion,			
Mayor Silvestrini, Millcreek, Wendy Thomas, Herriman	Mike Sobczak, Byron Head, Marcia White, Mikala Jordan,			
Nathan Cherpeski, Herriman, Nick Tarbet, Helen Peters, SLCo	Marian Florence, Jory Johner, Julie Bjornstad, Nikki Navio,			
Carissa Watanabe, Mary DeLoretto, Ned Hacker,	Megan Townsend, Bert Granberg, Hugh Van Wagenen			
Kimberly Bell, Michael Sheffield, Colby Oliverson,	Lauren Victor, Christy Dahlberg, Sarah Lawless			

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda - [00:00:03]

At 9:49am, Regional Growth Committee Chair, Mayor Robert Dandoy welcomed the committee, and roll call was taken. Andrea Pearson, WFRC, read online attendees. Mayor Dandoy announced the new RGC Committee members for 2023, and asked them to introduce themselves.

a. <u>ACTION: Minutes</u> of the RGC Meeting held January 19, 2023, **[00:08:23]** Mayor Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County made a motion to approve the minutes. UTA Trustee Beth Holbrook, seconded the motion. There was no discussion; approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment [00:09:06]

There were no public comments.

3. Information: Overview of Regional Growth Committee [00:09:32]

Mayor Dandoy turned the time over to Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director of WFRC, who discussed the Regional Growth Committee's (RGC) role, responsibilities and how it came to be a committee within WFRC.

4. Information: Legislative and Grants Update: Safe Streets for All / Utah Trail Network [00:15:38]

Mayor Dandoy turned the time over to Andrew Gruber, Executive Director of WFRC, who gave an overview of the 2023 Legislative Session. Utah passed a record 575 bills, and a \$29.4 Billion budget. Mr. Gruber highlighted some of the transportation bills that were passed, including the Utah Trail Network. Teri Newell, UDOT, touched on the next steps UDOT will be taking to implement the Utah Trail Network. Wayne Bennion, WFRC, reviewed the Safe Streets for all Grant. Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC, gave an update on the RAISE Grant.

5. <u>Information: Wasatch Choice Vision and 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan</u> [00:48:56]

Mayor Dandoy turned the time over to Ted Knowlton, who reviewed an overall update for the Wasatch Choice Vision. Ted Knowlton introduced Jory Johner, WFRC. Mr. Johner discussed the overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and some of the improvements from the 2019 RTP to the 2023 RTP. He reviewed the next steps in the planning process, which includes reviewing public comments, and finalizing the document. **[01:06:14]** Andrew Gruber explained the relationship between the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the RTP. There was discussion among members regarding the process, and the role that the Wasatch Front Regional Council plays in that process.

6. Information: Transportation and Land Use Connection 2023 Awards [01:55:49]

Mayor Dandoy introduced Megan Townsend, WFRC, who announced the Transportation and Land Use Connection Awards issued for 2023. There were 13 awards, which equated to a little over \$2million. Ms. Townsend thanked IHC for their \$250,000 donation which helped to fund some of these awards.

7. ACTION: Station Area Planning Update [01:59:37]

Megan Townsend, WFRC, gave an update on Station Area Planning, announcing that 40 out of 91 Station Area Plans have received technical assistance. With SB27 being passed in the 2023 legislative session an amendment needs to be made to the policy allowing cities to include previous work made on their Station Area Plans, as long as the work substantially promotes the station area goals. **ACTION:** Mayor Brandon Stanger made a motion to recommend the Council approve the proposed policy amendment to the WFRC Station Area Plan Certification Policy. Mayor Monica Zoltanski seconded the motion. No Discussion; approved unanimously.

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8. Video: Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act [02:06:22]

Mayor Dandoy explained that a review of the Open and Public Meetings Act is an annual requirement, and asked anyone that needs the review to stay for the video. Mayor Dandoy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, at the conclusion of the video. **ACTION:** UTA Trustee Beth Holbrook made a motion to adjourn the meeting directly following the video, and Commissioner Sharon Bolos seconded the motion. No discussion; approved unanimously.

9. Other Business and Adjournment: [02:15:22] Adjourned at 12:04pm.

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

DATE:May 18, 2023AGENDA ITEM:4SUBJECT:Information: Guiding Our Growth - Utah's Statewide Growth Conversation UpdatePREPARED BY:Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director

At the RGC meeting, Laura Hanson, the Statewide Planning Coordinator will provide an update on "Guiding Our Growth" - a statewide conversation about how we can keep Utah a great place for our families and communities as we grow. The second of three major phases of this effort - called "invite and inspire" - just kicked off on May 11th with a new survey inviting Utahans to "share your thoughts on Utah's housing, transportation, water, recreation areas, and growth."

WFRC and its member communities are partners in Guiding Our Growth. The RGC meeting will include information on how we all can participate in this phase and overall maximize the opportunity of the Guiding Our Growth conversation.

BACKGROUND:

Guiding Our Growth is a broad effort to explore what actions make sense in the face of our ongoing population increases. The effort started in Fall 2021 when the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission tasked the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) to work with community partners to develop a proposal for a statewide growth conversation. GOPB teamed with organizations from all over the state, providing a variety of perspectives and expertise areas, to complete this task. These groups include the state's seven associations of government, Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT), Envision Utah, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, Utah Land Use Institute, and the Department of Workforce Services and WFRC. WFRC co-chairs the technical committee for Guiding Our Growth with the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute.

The effort is funded by the generous support of the Utah State Legislature.

This statewide conversation was initiated in July 2022 and will run through December 2023 and is organized into three phases. Public and stakeholder participation opportunities are included in all three phases.



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DATE:May 11, 2023AGENDA ITEM:5SUBJECT:ACTION: Adoption of the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Air Quality
Memorandum #41PREPARED BY:Jory Johner, Long Range Planning Manager

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the Wasatch Front region's long-range blueprint for transportation, and is the transportation element of the <u>Wasatch Choice Vision</u>. The RTP is adopted every four years. The Regional Growth Committee (RGC) is the steering committee for the RTP. The May 18 meeting is the final milestone for RGC in this four-year planning cycle. RGC will have the opportunity to recommend that the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) approve the 2023-2050 RTP and associated Air Quality Memorandum at the May 25 WFRC Council meeting.

At the RGC meeting we will provide:

- 1) An overview of how the draft 2023-2050 RTP was developed, including a summary of comments received during the 2023-2050 RTP development process.
- 2) An overview of the projects and investments within the RTP.
- 3) A summary of the forecast performance of the region's transportation system with implementation of the RTP.

Information about the RTP can be found by visiting the <u>2023-2050 RTP</u> and clicking on the document, interactive map, and air quality memo links. Materials are also included as attachment links below.

BACKGROUND:

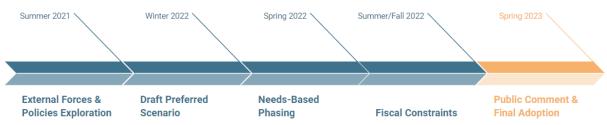
RTP Overview

The 2023-2050 RTP consists of over 1000 roadway, transit, and active transportation projects totalling over \$26 billion, funded from state, local, and federal sources.

The RTP's planned transportation improvements, coupled with the <u>Wasatch Choice Vision</u> centers and future local land use development, are anticipated to have substantial benefits, including:

- The average household would be able to get to 31 percent more jobs and other destinations within a short commute by car and 71 percent more by transit.
- The average minutes driving for working age adults would decrease by 5 minutes per day while the household vehicle miles driven per day would decrease by about 0.3% per year or 6 miles per day.
- Residents with close proximity to high capacity transit or bikeways would increase by 40 percent.

RTP Development Timeline and Process



The development of the <u>Wasatch Choice Vision</u> and the RTP is a four-year collaborative process concluding in 2023. Significant efforts have been made since 2019 including exploring external forces and policies, drafting a preferred scenario, updating phasing criteria, evaluating projects against each other, fiscally constraining the RTP, all while coordinating with our local communities, transportation partners (UDOT and UTA), working with key stakeholders, and the public.

On March 8, 2022, the RGC reviewed the Preferred Scenario - the projects needed between now and 2050 - for the 2023-2050 RTP and the approach to phasing the projects in the RTP. WFRC worked with transportation agency partners, local communities, and stakeholders, to phase these projects both by *when* projects are *needed* and when projects are forecast to have *funding* available (financially constrained phasing). The RTP phases are:

- Phase one: 2023-2032
- Phase two: 2033-2042
- Phase three: 2043-2050

On January 26, 2023, the WFRC Council authorized release of the draft phased, financially constrained 2023-2050 RTP and draft Air Quality Memorandum #41 for public comment. The public comment period closed on February 26th. Over 1,600 comments were received within the public comment period. WFRC staff has reviewed all the comments to consider the input from the local governments, transportation partners, community stakeholders, and the public. All 3,200+ comments taken during the entirety of the 2023-2050 RTP process can be found in RTP <u>Appendix A</u>.

There has been significant interest in the Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC) Environmental Impact Statement process (EIS), as well as other projects in the draft Regional Transportation Plan. WFRC prepared a FAQ sheet that provides information on the relationship between the RTP and the LCC EIS. In summary, it explains that WFRC, as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is required to include in the RTP all regionally significant transportation elements currently identified in an EIS or other NEPA environmental process. The MPO is then responsible for verifying that the RTP – with the EIS elements included – satisfies regional air quality and fiscal requirements. This is pursuant to federal regulations, legal guidance, and decades of consistent practice. The RTP reflects all phases of the EIS, including the Phase 1 enhanced bus, tolling, mobility hub, and bus stops that was recently funded with \$150M from the state.

Following the comment review and coordination process with transportation partners and local communities as noted above, a handful of changes were identified to the 2023-2050 RTP project lists based on comments from project sponsors. These changes include adjustments (project type, extents, and/or phasing) to roadway projects in Sandy, Bluffdale, and at the Point of the Mountain development, along with about a handful of modifications to the active transportation projects.

During and following the public comment period, a few suggestions and <u>corrections</u> were made to the Air Quality Memorandum #41:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) representatives noted that the maintenance plans, including year 2030 motor vehicle emission budgets for PM₁₀ related emissions, for Ogden City and Salt Lake County had been approved since the last conformity analysis. The budget tests for PM₁₀ in Ogden City and Salt Lake County for years later than 2030 were updated accordingly. The projected emissions are below the corresponding emission budgets. The text describing the conformity tests for PM₁₀ was also corrected.

 A technical error was corrected in the emission estimates for Tooele County which affects the conformity tests for the Salt Lake PM_{2.5} nonattainment area and the Northern Wasatch Front Ozone nonattainment area. The corrected emission estimate for Tooele County increased emissions for the nonattainment areas by 8% or less, and projected emissions remained below the specified emission budgets. This correction was shared with the Interagency Consultation Team at their April 4, 2023 meeting without objection.

With the changes noted above to the 2023-2050 RTP and the Air Quality Memorandum #41, the 2030-2050 RTP meets fiscal constraints and air quality requirements.

The 2023-2050 RTP was reviewed by the Salt Lake City-West Valley City and the Ogden-Layton RGC Technical Advisory Committees (TAC), comprised of local government and transportation agency staff planners, and unanimously recommended for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

The WFRC staff and the RGC Technical Advisory Committees recommend that the Regional Growth Committee make a motion endorsing the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Memorandum #41.

Suggested motion language:

"I move that RGC recommend to the Wasatch Front Regional Council adoption of the final phased and financially constrained 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and approve the draft Air Quality Memorandum #41 conformity determination."

ATTACHMENT LINKS:

- 1. Draft 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan Document
- 2. Draft Air Quality Memorandum #41
- 3. 2023-2050 RTP Interactive Map
- 4. <u>Frequently Asked Questions about Draft 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and the</u> <u>Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement</u>

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