



# WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Regional Growth Committee (RGC)

### AGENDA

October 10, 2024

The Regional Growth Committee will meet on **Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024 at 9:15am** at the WFRC offices 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, and via zoom. [Click here to join the webinar.](#)  
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The agenda will be as follows:

1. **Introductions and Consent Agenda**
  - a. **ACTION:** [Minutes](#) of the RGC Meeting held August 15th, 2024
2. **Public Comment**
3. **INFORMATION:** [The Wasatch Choice Vision and Regional Transportation Plan Update](#)
  - a. Discuss approach to the Wasatch Choice Vision workshops
  - b. Key question: what should be our pattern of growth? (includes preview of new resources)
  - c. Spotlight on Layton: local implementation of Wasatch Choice
4. **INFORMATION:** [Major Transportation Studies Exploring our Future](#)
  - a. Regional Roadway Grid Study
  - b. Transit Fresh Look (Southwest Salt Lake County/ Northern Utah County)
  - c. The Power District Transportation Study
  - d. Housing Capacity, Infrastructure and Market Analysis
  - e. Advanced Air Mobility in Utah
5. **Other Business and Adjournment**  
Next Meeting: January 16, 2025

#### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

- *Community Development Block Grant: How to Apply Workshop, October 15, 2024, 3 PM*
- *Wasatch Choice Community Advisory Committee Meeting, October 15, 2024 5:30 PM*
- *WFRC: Trans Com TAC Mtgs, Ogden - Layton & Salt Lake Urban Areas, October 16, 2024, 10 AM and 2 PM*
- *Wasatch Front Economic Development District Meeting, October 17, 2024, 1:30 PM*
- *2024 Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop: [Northern Weber County](#), October 23, 2024, 4 PM*
- *Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting, October 24, 2024, 1:30 PM*
- *2024 Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop: [Southwest Salt Lake County](#), October 28, 2024, 4 PM*
- *2024 Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop: [Southern Davis County](#), October 29, 2024, 4 PM*
- *2024 Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop: [Southern Weber County](#), October 30, 2024, 4 PM*
- *2024 Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop: [Northern Salt Lake County](#), November 4, 2024, 4 PM*
- *2024 Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop: [Northern Davis County](#), November 13, 2024, 4 PM*
- *2024 Wasatch Choice Fall Workshop: [Southeast Salt Lake County](#), November 18, 2024, 4 PM*

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# WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES

### Regional Growth Committee | August 15, 2024

A meeting was held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at WFRC Offices, 41 N. Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT and also via Zoom.

The following were present:

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT		OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Dennis Bott, Member (Brigham City)	No	Bradley Dee, Member Utah Transportation Commission	Yes
Vacant, Alternate (Box Elder County)	-	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate Utah Transportation Commission	Yes
Brandon Stanger, Member (Clinton)	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)	No	Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	No
Tamara Tran, Alternate (Kaysville)	Yes	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	Yes
Tony London, Member (Morgan County)	Yes	Kevin Cromar, Member Utah Air Quality Board	Yes
Mike Newton, Alternate (Morgan County)	Yes	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT</b>	
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan)	Yes	Tiffany Pocock, Member Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Alison Stroud, Alternate (Sandy City Council)	Yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	No
Jenny Wilson, Member (Salt Lake County)	No	Russ Fox, Member Utah Transit Authority	No
Dave Alvord, Member (SL Councilmember)	No	Nichol Bourdeaux, Alternate Utah Transit Authority	Yes
Monica Zoltanski, Member (Sandy)	Yes	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	No
Eric Barney, Alternate (Magna)	Yes	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	No
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)	No	Rex Harris, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	Yes
Brett Hales, Alternate (Murray)	No	Lorin Palmer Utah League of Cities and Towns	Yes
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	Yes	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	Yes
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	No	Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	Yes
Sharon Bolos, Member (Weber County)	No	Helen Peters, Alternate Salt Lake County	
Ken Phippen, Alternate (Farr West)	Yes	<b>WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) <b>Chair</b>	Yes	Lorene Kamalu, Member Davis County, <b>Vice Chair</b>	No
Gordan Cutler, Alternate (Uintah)	No	Robert Schmidt Utah Urban Lands Institute	No
		Laura Hanson, GOPB	No
		Ginger Chinn, Utah Transportation Coalition	Yes
		Reid Ewing, University of Utah	Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:	
Guests: Mayor Mark Shepherd, Clearfield; Nathan Cherpeski, Herriman; Jamie Dansie, SLCo;	WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Byron Head, Rosie Hernandez, Bert Granberg, Hugh Van Wagenen
Ajla Hadzialijagic, GOPB; Michelle Larsen, UTA; Camille Alexander;	Marcia White, Byron Head, Miranda Jones Cox, Julie Bjornstad
Kaitlin Marousis; Heather McLaughlin-Kolb, Ben Huot, UDOT;	Jory Johner, Megan Townsend, Madison Aviles, Lauren Victor,
Robert May, Millcreek; Sylvia Canton, Millcreek;	Dallin Borrowman, Matt Ryan, Suzie Swim, Chay Mosqueda,
Zachary Smallwood, Murray; Brad Mcalrath, Clearfield;	Tim Watkins, Andrea Pearson, Ben Wuthrich, Marian Florence
Lance Evans, South Weber; Melinda Greenwood, Kaysville;	
Christine Richman, GSBS; Erika Shimoleski, GSBS	
Blaine Fackrell, Morgan County	

**1. Introductions and Consent Agenda**

At 9:19 a.m., Mayor Robert Dandoy of Roy City, Chair of the Regional Growth Committee, welcomed the members and guests to the meeting. **[00:00:16]** Mayor Dandoy announced that the Regional Growth Committee has a new member, Bradley Dee from the Utah Transportation Commission, who took a moment to introduce himself. **[00:01:26]** Introductions were conducted both around the table and online.

**ACTION [00:04:50]:** Mayor Lorin Palmer, Herriman, made a motion to approve the [Minutes](#) of the RGC Meeting held May 16, 2024. Trustee Beth Holbrook, UTA, seconded the motion. There was no discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Public Comment [00:05:36]**

There was no public comment.

**[00:06:47]** Andrew Gruber, Executive Director at WFRC, took a moment to discuss the upcoming 2024 Annual AMPO Convention, which WFRC is hosting.

**3. Wasatch Choice Vision Update: Identifying Additional Aspirations [00:08:17]**

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director at WFRC, led a discussion with the Regional Growth Committee about the 2034 Olympics in Utah and how the Wasatch Choice vision can balance aspirations with pragmatism.

Beth Holbrook from UTA discussed planning for both the Olympics and Utah's broader growth, hoping Utah will lean towards aspirational goals to meet its needs. Mayor Palmer of Herriman stressed the importance of not putting the "cart before the horse" and planning wisely. Utah Transportation Commissioner Bradley Dee emphasized balancing aspirational thinking with pragmatic spending.

**[00:39:42]** Ginger Chinn from the Salt Lake Chamber introduced the Utah Rising effort, which aims to create a statewide economic vision through proven principles, outlining opportunities, and fostering sustainable growth in collaboration with both the public and private sectors. This initiative will address critical issues with innovative, long-term economic solutions for Utahns

**[00:46:20]** Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director at WFRC, mentioned the upcoming Fall Workshops, where communities will collaborate to plan and shape future aspirations. He also led a discussion on how to best identify aspirational ideas and initiated a Slido question to allow members to share their thoughts.

**4. Station Area Planning Certifications [00:58:17]**

Megan Townsend, Community and Economic Development Director at WFRC, gave an overview of Station Area Planning goals, and requirements.

- a. **Clearfield Station: [01:02:49]** Byron Head, Community Planner at WFRC, along with Clearfield City Mayor Mark Shepherd and Senior Planner Brad McIlrath, provided an overview of the Clearfield Station Area Plan. **[01:09:17] ACTION:** Mayor Tamara Tran of Kaysville City motioned to recommend the certification of the Station Area Plan for the Clearfield FrontRunner Station to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Mayor Brandon Stanger of Clinton City seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Murray North Station (Murray, Millcreek) [01:10:07]** Councilmember Sylvia Canton of Millcreek and Planning Manager Zachary Smallwood from Murray provided an overview of the Murray North Station. They discussed how Murray and Millcreek collaborated to develop this plan and highlighted its importance to their communities. **[01:15:50] ACTION:** Sandy City Mayor Monica Zoltanski motioned to

recommend the certification of the Murray North Station Area Plan, which includes both Murray City and Millcreek, to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Mayor Carolyn Lundberg of Lindon seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Woods Cross Station (West Bountiful) [01:17:05]** Byron discussed the challenges involved in the Station Area Plan and how they were overcome to create a successful plan for the West Bountiful side of the Woods Cross Station. **[01:23:57] ACTION:** UTA Trustee Beth Holbrook motioned to recommend the certification of the Station Area Plan for the West Bountiful portion of the Woods Cross FrontRunner Station. Kaysville City Mayor Tamara Tran seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. **ACTION: Amendment #2 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan [01:24:51]**

Jory Johner, Long Range Planning Director at the Wasatch Front Regional Council, provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendment process. He reviewed the changes included in RTP Amendment #2 and the 15 projects affected by these amendments.

**[01:38:25]** Mayor Dandoy opened the floor for public comments regarding Amendment #2 of the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. There were no public comments.

**[01:38:43] ACTION:** Clinton City Mayor, Brandon Stanger, made a motion to recommend approval of the Level 2 Board Modifications for Amendment #2 to the 2023-2050 RTP. Herriman City Mayor, Lorin Palmer, seconded the motion. There was no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

6. **WFRC Funding Opportunities for Local Governments [01:39:57]**

Ben Wuthrich and Megan Townsend from the Wasatch Front Regional Council provided an overview of the nine funding programs available to local governments, totaling approximately \$50 million annually. They covered deadlines and upcoming dates to watch for.

7. **Other Business & Adjournment [01:48:36]**

Mayor Dandoy announced that the next Regional Growth Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, October 10th. Mayor Lundberg made a motion to adjourn, which UTA Trustee Beth Holbrook seconded. **Meeting adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM**

*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)*

**DATE:** October 4, 2024  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 3  
**SUBJECT:** Wasatch Choice Vision and Regional Transportation Plan Update  
**PREPARED BY:** Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director

As discussed at RGC earlier this year, the process to update the Wasatch Choice Vision (and Regional Transportation Plan) will establish shared aspirations for transportation improvements and our pattern of growth.

The RGC meeting on October 10 will explore three facets of this conversation:

- 1) **Discuss approach to the Wasatch Choice Vision workshops.** A key milestone where input will be gathered is the fall Wasatch Choice Vision workshops. Staff will review the approach to those workshops with RGC to gain your insight.
- 2) **Key question: what should be our pattern of growth?** A key question for exploration in the update to the Wasatch Choice Vision is what should be our pattern of growth across our region? This will include continuing to evaluate what areas within our communities are best suited to absorb growth. To help stakeholders answer that question WFRC has been producing new resources, which we'll preview at the RGC meeting.
- 3) **Spotlight on Layton: local implementation of the Wasatch Choice Vision.** Layton City has been an innovative community in advancing the key strategies of the Wasatch Choice Vision. Mayor Petro and Layton staff will be at WFRC to share their lessons learned for discussion with RGC.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The [Wasatch Choice Vision](#) is the shared framework to prepare our communities and region to address the challenges of growth and preserve and enhance quality of life for generations to come. The Vision is developed collaboratively with local governments, transportation agencies, and many other partners. The Wasatch Choice Vision is regional, long-range, and holistically addresses transportation, land use, economic opportunity, and parks and public spaces.

The region's work of developing and implementing regional plans is collaborative. Multi-faceted efforts like the Wasatch Choice Vision and Utah's Unified Transportation Plan take time to develop; the standard cycle for planning at WFRC is four years and will conclude in 2027.

RGC is the steering committee for updating the Wasatch Choice Vision.

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#### **ATTACHMENT:**

[Map of the 2024 Wasatch Choice Vision Workshops](#)

**DATE:** October 4, 2024  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 4  
**SUBJECT:** Major Transportation Studies Exploring our Future  
**PREPARED BY:** Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director

Developing Wasatch Choice, the region's Vision and Regional Transportation Plan, is a complex endeavor. Part of the way it has and will be built is by incorporating plans and studies that explore smaller geographic areas or specific topics in detail. There are a number of these efforts that will be of interest to RGC members.

At RGC, staff will briefly highlight five of these efforts that will affect the Wasatch Choice Vision update:

### **Regional Roadway Grid Study**

The Utah Legislature provided funding for a Regional Roadway Grid Study to explore how to better inter-connect our major regional roadways. It will include the design of an interconnected multi-modal network of roads with accompanying transit and active transportation. The study will also explore who might have jurisdictional ownership over prospective new components of the network.

This statewide effort will include the Utah Unified Transportation Plan partners: all four Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) - WFRC, MAG, Cache, and Dixie - in partnership with UDOT and transit agencies across the state.

### **Transit Fresh Look (Southwest Salt Lake County/ Northern Utah County)**

The Transit Fresh Look is an effort to coalesce behind a desired and feasible transit future for Southwest Salt Lake County and Northwest Utah County. The effort is distinct for a number of reasons. It will not simply ask "what transit is feasible now and in the future?" but will also explore "what actions would be necessary to achieve a desired future." This process may also have applicability and be incorporated into to the broader Wasatch Choice Vision process.

The partners to this effort include all of the communities and counties in the study, some state legislators, UDOT, UTA, WFRC, and a cross section of major landowners.

### **The Power District Transportation Study**

The Power District Transportation Study will inform changes to transportation that relate to the redevelopment of a 100-acre site, and the nearby vicinity, situated near the Utah State Fairpark and Jordan River in Salt Lake City. The Power District and vicinity can accommodate a significant amount of growth and is the proposed location for Major League Baseball expansion to Utah. The study will identify desired changes to local and regional roadways, transit service, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to both create a high quality place and facilitate access to these new opportunities.

WFRC is working in conjunction with Salt Lake City, Larry H. Miller Real Estate Group, Utah State Fairpark, UDOT, and UTA on this effort.

### **Housing Capacity, Infrastructure, and Market Analysis**

This technical analysis seeks to understand where and how much growth might occur based on three core factors: local policies, infrastructure constraints, and market demands. This study will result in additional tools to aid in the forecasting of growth. WFRC has models that forecast growth that we use in close coordination with local governments and transportation partners. This study will help us gain additional insight into potential improvements to those tools.

The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity is leading this effort with collaboration of WFRC, MAG, local government representatives, ULCT, and others. The effort is funded by a state appropriation.

### **Advanced Air Mobility in Utah**

Utah is working towards becoming the leader of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) in the United States. AAM is a new form of transportation that uses electric aircraft to safely and seamlessly move people and packages to destinations throughout Utah. Utah's AAM effort initially aims to establish five vertiports across the state of Utah which will be hubs for small, medium, and large package delivery as well as drone passenger taxis by 2034.

In May of this year, the Governor's Office, UDOT, 47G (a coalition of Utah aerospace and defense entities), and the Utah Inland Port Authority launched a new initiative called Project ALTA. The Air Logistics Transportation Alliance (ALTA) is a collaborative partnership with a mission to establish an AAM system for Utah.

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