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## REGIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE AGENDA January 18th, 2024

A Regional Growth Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday**, **January 18**, **2024**, **9:15am**, at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, and via Zoom. <u>Click here to join webinar</u> Webinar ID: 884 6942 2809 || One tap mobile: +1-669-444-9171

The agenda will be as follows:

- Introductions and Consent Agenda ACTION: Minutes of the RGC Meeting held October 19, 2023
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Review: Draft Goals for the 2023 to 2027 Regional Planning Process (Wasatch Choice Vision and Regional Transportation Plan)
- 4. ACTION: Station Area Plan Certification Request: 13 Stations in downtown Salt Lake City
- 5. <u>Utah Legislative Session Overview</u>
- 6. Potential Impacts of Federal Ozone Air Quality Standards
- 7. Video: Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act
- 8. Other Business and Adjournment Next meeting: March 21, 2024

## Upcoming events:

- WFRC Council Meeting, January 25, 2024
- WFRC Active Transportation Committee Meeting, February 13, 2024
- WFRC Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting, February 15, 2024
- RGC Technical Advisory Committees, February 21, 2024
- WFRC New Member Orientation, February 22, 2024
- Trans Com Technical Advisory Committees, February 28, 2024

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# Regional Growth Committee | DRAFT Minutes | October 19, 2023

A meeting was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, 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	No	Natalie Gochnour, Member	No
(Brigham City)	INO	Utah Transportation Commission	INO
Vacant, Alternate	-	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate	Yes
(Box Elder County)		Utah Transportation Commission	
Brandon Stanger, Member	Yes	Beth Holbrook, Member	No
(Clinton)		Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	NO
Kendalyn Harris, Alternate	No	Carlton Christensen, Alternate	Yes
(Bountiful)	110	Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	
Brian Horrocks, Member	Yes	Ari Bruening, Member	No
(North Salt Lake)	1.03	Envision Utah	
Brian Vincent, Alternate	No	Ryan Beck, Alternate	Yes
(West Point)	1	Envision Utah	
Matt Wilson, Member	No	Kevin Cromar, Member	No
(Morgan County)	1	Utah Air Quality Board	
Mike Newton, Alternate	No	NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES F	PRESENT
(Morgan County)	1		1
Dawn Ramsey, Member	No	Ben Huot, Member	No
(South Jordan)	-	Utah Department of Transportation	
Alison Stroud, Alternate	No	Andrea Olson, Alternate	No
(Sandy City Council)		Utah Department of Transportation	+
Jenny Wilson, Member	No	Russ Fox, Member	Yes
(Salt Lake County)	-	Utah Transit Authority	
Dave Alvord, Member	Yes	Nichol Bourdeaux, Alternate	Yes
(SL Councilmember)	-	Utah Transit Authority	
Monica Zoltanski, Member	No	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	No
(Magna)		FHWA-Utah Division	
Cherie Wood, Alternate	No	Natalie Hall	No
(South Salt Lake)		Utah League of Cities and Towns	
Brett Hales, Alternate	No	Dina Blaes	No
(Murray)		Utah Association of Counties	
Kendall Thomas, Member	Yes	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor	No
(Tooele County)		Mountainland Association of Governments	
Ed Hansen, Alternate	No	Helen Peters, Alternate	No
(Tooele City)	<del>                                     </del>	Salt Lake County	
Sharon Bolos, Member	Yes	WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGAN	IZATIONS
(Weber County)		Langua Kamalu Marahan	
Dale Fowers, Alternate	No	Lorene Kamalu, Member	Yes
(Hooper)		Davis County, Vice Chair Robert Schmidt	
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) <b>Chair</b>	Yes	Utah Urban Lands Institute	No
Gordan Cutler, Alternate No	Laura Hanson, GOPB	Yes	
(Uintah)		<del>† †</del>	
		Ginger Chinn, Utah Transportation Coalition	Yes
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		Reid Ewing,	Yes
		University of Utah	

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:				
Linda Johnson, Citizen; Jaren Tavss U of U Student		WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Andrea Pearson,		
Eric Gibson, Better cities; Jim Harvey, Weber Co. COMNR;		Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez, Hugh Van Wagenen		
Tiffany Pocock, UDOT;		Mike Sobczak, Marcia White, Byron Head, Miranda Jones Cox,		
Guests Via Zoom: Jared Gerber, Wendy Thomas, Herriman;		Jory Johner, Megan Townsend, Mikala Jordan, Chay Mosqueda,		
Steven Shields; AJ Yates; Heather McLaughlin-Kolb;		Lauren Victor, Christy Dahlberg, Julie Bjornstad,		

#### 1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:48]

At 9:48am, Regional Growth Committee Chair, Mayor Robert Dandoy, welcomed the members and guests of the Regional Growth Committee Meeting. Introductions were made around the table and online via roll call.

**ACTION [00:04:10]**: Utah Transportation Commissioner Kevin Van Tassell made a motion to approve the Minutes of the RGC Meeting held August 17, 2023. North Salt Lake Mayor Brian Horrocks seconded the motion, there was no discussion, minutes were approved unanimously.

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

There was no public comment.

#### 3. Chair Report [00:05:07]

Mayor Dandoy introduced Jory Johner, WFRC Long Range Planning Manager, who gave an introduction on the updated Unified Transportation Plan, and the features of the new website, including the interactive map.

#### 4. Information: Implementing the Wasatch Choice Vision [00:31:57]

Mayor Dandoy introduced Ted Knowlton, WFRC Deputy Director, who gave an overview of the Wasatch Choice Vision which is a shared framework for coordinating near and long term transportation, land use and economic development activities. Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC gave an update on the upcoming Fall Workshops, which will be held in five areas throughout the region in November and will take a more area-specific approach to the Wasatch Choice Vision implementation. Marcia White, WFRC and Eric Gibson, Better City, gave an update on the Economic Development portion of the Vision. Ted Knowlton, WFRC led a discussion among members focusing on issues that relate to the Vision, as well as potential actions to help address those issues.

#### 5. <u>Information</u>: Parking Policy Modernization Guide [01:25:18]

Mayor Dandoy asked Julie Bjornstad, WFRC, to give an overview of the Parking Policy Modernization Guide which helps address the concerns around parking. Ms. Bjornstad discussed how the parking dynamics have drastically changed over the years, while the policy manual remains the same. WFRC's Modernization Guide helps to bridge the gap between policy and demand. She also mentioned some other resources available to planners within WFRC.

#### 6. ACTION: Consider Station Area Plan Certification Request for West Valley City [01:37:22]

Mayor Dandoy explained that this Station Area Plan Certification request would be tabled until the January meeting.

#### 7. Other Business & Adjournment [01:37:33]

Mayor Dandoy explained the possibility of adjusting the time for 2024 RGC meetings to 9:15 AM, rather than the current 9:45 AM time. There was discussion among members, and an agreement to make the time change. The next meeting will be January 18, 2024 at 9:15 AM.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, expressed appreciation and farewell to two staff members that will be moving back to their home states. Mikala Jordan, Community Planner, and Mike Sobczak, Communications Manager.

UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen made a motion to adjourn, Mayor Brandon Stanger seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM** 

**DATE:** January 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Review Draft Goals for the 2023 to 2027 Regional Planning Process

**PREPARED BY:** Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director

The <u>Wasatch Choice Vision</u> 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 was developed collaboratively with local governments, transportation agencies, and many other partners. Wasatch Choice is regional, long-range, and holistically addresses transportation, land use, economic opportunity, and parks and public spaces.

At the January meeting, the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) will review and discuss potential goals for the planning process that will conclude in 2027 with a new <u>Wasatch Choice Vision</u> and Regional Transportation Plan.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

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.

Looking back, in May of 2023 we concluded the previous four-year cycle. WFRC and partners are now in the process of developing and putting in motion the scope of work for this planning cycle that will conclude in 2027.

The draft goals in the attached document would each represent a significant effort and enhancement from the previous planning effort. RGC guidance will shape the more specific scope of work that is developed around these objectives.

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Ted Knowlton, 801-425-3534, tknowlton@wfrc.org

#### ATTACHMENT:

<u>Draft High Level Process and Goals for the Wasatch Choice Vision and 2027-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)</u>

**DATE:** January 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 4: Station Area Plan Certification Request for Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: ACTION: Station Area Planning

**PREPARED BY:** Meg Townsend, Community and Economic Development Director

At the January 18th Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting, WFRC staff, and representatives from Salt Lake City, will present certification requests for the following Salt Lake City station areas, in accordance with the Station Area Planning (SAP) components of state law and WFRC policy: 900 South, 600 South, Courthouse, Gallivan Plaza, City Center, Temple Square, Arena, Planetarium, Old Greek Town, Salt Lake Central TRAX, Salt Lake Central FrontRunner, North Temple Bridge/Guadeloupe TRAX, and North Temple FrontRunner.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

HB462, passed in 2022, as amended in 2023, requires cities with fixed-guideway transit stations to develop a Station Area Plan for the area around the station, within ½ mile for rail and ¼ mile of bus rapid transit. Station Area Plans (SAPs) are intended to promote housing availability and affordability, access to opportunities, sustainable environmental conditions, and transportation choices and connections. The SAP requirements are consistent with communities' identification of Wasatch Choice Vision centers.

WFRC staff has been assisting communities in their development of their station area plans, in partnership with UTA, GOEO, and the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG). At the RGC meeting, WFRC staff will provide an update on Station Area Planning to date, and discuss the Salt Lake City SAPs that have been submitted to WFRC for certification, pursuant to state law and WFRC policy.

#### STATION AREA PLAN CERTIFICATION

State law establishes that the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs – WFRC and MAG) have the responsibility to review and, in consultation with UTA, certify each SAP for compliance with statutory requirements. In May of 2022, and amended in March of 2023, WFRC adopted a policy for the certification review of SAPs.

Cities may satisfy the SAP requirements, in whole or in part, by submitting adopted resolutions that find that prior actions have substantially promoted the SAP objectives in whole or in part. Prior actions refer to adopted plans or ordinances, approved land use applications, approved agreements or financing, or investments that have been made, before June 1, 2022, that substantially promote each of the four objectives within the station area. Cities must 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.

#### **ACTION: Certify Salt Lake City Downtown Stations**

Salt Lake City has submitted an adopted resolution finding that prior actions substantially promote the required objectives for the city's downtown station areas, pursuant to 10-9a-403.1 (2)(b). Such prior actions include but are not limited to: the Downtown Plan; zoning changes that allow up to, and even exceed, 50 units/acre, and encourage a mix of uses; cycling improvements such as those along 300 West and 900 S; reduced or eliminated parking minimums; water-wise landscaping requirements; improvements to Pioneer Park; and the Funding Our Future sales tax increase to fund affordable housing initiatives. The Downtown Plan included a goal to build 10,000 homes downtown by 2040. As of 2022, the city had already

built 9,076, with hundreds more on the way. The extensive list of actions taken by Salt Lake City to fulfill the requirements pursuant to 10-9a-403.1 (2)(b) is summarized in the Staff Findings attachment. Though there is a high degree of overlap amongst the 13 station areas, the report organizes the actions by each station area, as well as by the four objectives outlined in the legislation.

In accordance with our policy, WFRC staff has reviewed the submission to assess its satisfaction of the requirements of the statute, and makes a <u>positive recommendation for certification</u> to the Regional Growth Committee. All of the documentation is included within, including:

- 1. Salt Lake City's Downtown Stations Resolution
- 2. WFRC SAP Certification Resolution
- 3. WFRC Staff Findings and Analysis

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

"I move to recommend certification of the 13 downtown Salt Lake City Station Areas."

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Salt Lake City Downtown Stations Station Area Plan Submission Package
- 2. Salt Lake City Downtown Stations SAP Certification Resolution
- 3. Salt Lake City Downtown Stations Staff Findings and Analysis

## **CONTACT PERSON:**

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

**DATE:** January 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 5

**SUBJECT:** Utah Legislative Session Overview

**PREPARED BY:** Miranda Jones Cox, Government Affairs Manager

At the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) Regional Growth Committee meeting, the committee will be briefed on what to expect during the 2024 General Legislative Session, including relevant transportation, housing, economic development, land use, and other legislation and appropriations.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

## **Utah Legislative Session Preview**

The 45-day General Legislative Session will begin Tuesday, January 16th and run through Thursday, March 1st.

WFRC members can keep themselves apprised of notable legislation by subscribing to WFRC's <u>Government Affairs</u> emails which are frequently distributed during the session. Members may also reference WFRC's <u>bill tracker</u>, and <u>appropriations tracker</u> found on WFRC's website.

WFRC's legislative engagement is coordinated on behalf of our communities by Executive Director Andrew Gruber, Government Affairs Manager Miranda Jones Cox and WFRC's state legislative consultants Rob Jolley, Chris Bleak, and Jodi Hart. On legislative issues, WFRC works in close partnership with local governments directly and through the Utah League of Cities and Towns and Utah Association of Counties, as well as our transportation agency partners at the Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, and Mountainland Association of Governments.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for information only.

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

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

**DATE:** January 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Item 6

**SUBJECT:** Potential Impacts of Federal Ozone Air Quality Standards

**PREPARED BY:** Wayne Bennion, Director of Short Range Planning

Utah is currently not able to meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act related to ozone levels. These requirements are extremely difficult to meet because of high levels of "background" ozone, which comes from outside Utah or from natural sources. This situation poses potential risks for significant highway and transit capacity-increasing projects to proceed. WFRC staff, in collaboration with Utah Division of Air Quality staff, will brief the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) on this issue and discuss ongoing collaborative efforts to address the situation.

#### BACKGROUND:

When national air quality standards are established, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designates areas throughout the country as attaining or not attaining these standards. In 2018, the EPA designated the "northern Wasatch Front" area as nonattainment for ozone. Since that time, the Utah State Division of Air Quality (DAQ) has been monitoring ozone levels, modeling air quality conditions, and developing what is known as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. The purpose of a SIP is to describe how the air quality standard will be attained. WFRC, UDOT, and others have provided technical and other support in this process.

As a Metropolitan Planning Organization, under federal law WFRC has the responsibility to determine the conformity of transportation plans and programs in our region with the applicable emission budgets established in the SIP.

If the EPA disapproves the ozone SIP adopted by the Air Quality Board, that will trigger regulatory restrictions that can have significant consequences on Utah's transportation and development, restrictions that can become increasingly onerous over time.

Recognizing the deleterious impacts on human health from ozone, Utah is making concerted efforts to reduce the emissions that lead to the formation of ozone.

But the particular challenge faced in Utah -- a challenge that is shared across the intermountain west -- is that the majority of our ozone is "background" ozone; it comes from outside of Utah (from other states or even internationally), and/or from natural sources (e.g., certain trees). Therefore, even with careful management and control of emissions, ozone levels still exceed the applicable standards.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for information only.

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

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