

TOOELE VALLEY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

February 12, 2018

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Tooele City Hall, Conference Room, 90 North Main, Tooele
Draft Meeting Minutes

Agenda and Discussion	Action
<p>1. December 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes [Recording: 1:46] Motion to approve meeting minutes by Jim Bolser and seconded by Mayor Brent Marshall.</p>	Approved
<p>2. Introduction of New Socioeconomic Forecast at Small Geography [Recording: NA] UDOT and WFRC staff use county level population and employment forecasts from the State of Utah to prepare inputs to travel demand models (TDM) on a city and neighborhood scale. Walt Steinvorth of UDOT explained that UDOT is updating the TDM for rural areas. Walt shared printed copies of slides that explain the socioeconomic data preparation process that forms the basis for the Utah Statewide Travel Model (USTM). This model is updated every four years.</p> <p>Walt invited members to review the data for accuracy and report any concerns to Walt or Scott Festin at WFRC before the end of February. RPO members expressed a preference to meet as a group to review and discuss the details of the socioeconomic data. Walt will arrange a meeting and he also referenced the interactive website for Tooele Valley with forecast population and employment found at gis.fehrandpeers.com/lrptooele. Initial comments were that the projections appear low. Chad Worthen of WFRC explained that for the time being comments are needed on the distribution of the growth. The county control totals will hold constant until the State develops new county estimates.</p>	Approved
<p>3. Midvalley Highway Oanh LeSpradlin of UDOT was not available to report on this item. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	Information
<p>4. I-80 Bridge Replacement Projects [Recording: NA] Melissa Phillips, consultant to UDOT reported on status of the I-80 bridges project (aka the Black Rock Project). Work will begin June 2018 and is a UDOT top priority project. First task is to surcharge the project area. There may be some temporary lane re-alignments, but no lane closures. The “slide bridge” construction technique will be a 3-day process for the bridges over the railroad. The flyover ramp at Exit 99 will be built next to the existing ramp with an additional lane, then the existing ramp will be removed.</p>	Information
<p>5. Near Term Priorities [Recording: NA] Wayne Bennion of WFRC led a discussion on the seven priorities identified at the October 2015 Tooele Valley RPO meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Alternative routes to access Tooele Valley</u> – this discussion also includes alleviating congestion on the existing routes in and out of the valley. Wayne	Information

<p>noted that 2025 is likely the earliest the TIF funds can be available for an alternate route just south of I-80.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <u>Safer pedestrian and bicycle facilities along and across SR-36</u> – the Tooele Valley Pathway project is helping in this effort. Tooele County expressed appreciation for the new stoplight installed by UDOT which is making crossing SR-36 easier and safer. A below grade pedestrian crossing is still needed. 3. <u>High crown on Grantsville Main Street</u> – in some cases visibility across the street is impaired. Vehicle bumpers and trailers drag when they traverse the grade. In some places the crown is estimated to be 5 feet higher than the shoulder of the road. 4. <u>Midvalley Highway</u> – this project is progressing and will be discussed at the next meeting. 5. <u>Pedestrian facilities</u> – Tooele Valley pathways is recommending inclusion of impact fees to be used for pedestrian facilities. Funds that local governments within the Tooele Valley can seek include: Statewide SRTS, local funds, Transportation Alternative Program funds, Small Urban STP funds, Non-urban STP, and State appropriations. 6. <u>Safety Improvements @ Utah Ave./SR-112</u> – adding the traffic signal has improved the situation dramatically. No further needs were identified. 7. <u>Improvements at the Quirk St./SR-138</u> – A traffic light is needed at this location. Access management improvements could also improve conditions. The crosswalk that was installed has also helped to improve safety. 8. <u>Other needs</u> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burmester Road needs improvements. • Pedestrian crossings are needed in unincorporated areas on SR-36. 	
<p>6. Other Business [Recording: NA] <u>Safe Routes to School</u> - Applications for SRTS Statewide funds are due March 14th.</p> <p><u>I-80 Improvements</u> – Region 2 is seeking funds for an auxiliary lane on WB I-80 from SR-201 to SR-36 to relieve PM traffic back-ups. Three projects are in process that will improve the Lakepoint interchange in addition to the Midvalley Highway project which will also help.</p> <p><u>Legislative Update</u> – Wayne shared a summary of legislation of interest to transportation, and a summary of SB-136. Contact LaNiece Davenport of WFRC with questions about the SB-136 transportation governance bill.</p> <p>HB-182 would allow local governments to tax gravel pit operators.</p>	Information
<p>7. Next Meeting April 9, 2018, same location and time.</p>	Information

