

## Tooele Valley Rural Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

### 1. March 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes ( 5 min)

*Motion – Councilmember Tom Tripp*

*Second – Mayor Debbie Winn*

**APPROVED**

### 2. Tooele City Transportation Plan ( 10 min)

*Jared Stewart of Tooele City presented the Tooele City Master Plan. Population has grown 18% since 2010. In two words, Tooele City is in need of water and roads.*

*The intersection of Main Street and 1000 North operates at level-of-service “F”. The Plan includes 21 new roads mostly in the northwest area, plus a number of projects to widen existing roads and improve intersection operations. The Midvalley Highway will be a critical new facility and there are plans to improve truck routes also.*

*On the active transportation front, Bird launched operations of their shared user electric scooter service in April 2021. Also, a new bicycle trail will be opening soon.*

*Plans for transit include the expansion of micro-transit opportunities. Transit service will be an important part of Tooele City transportation plans as 40% of Tooele Valley residents commute to the Salt Lake area for work.*

*Post meeting e-mail from Jared:*

*[Hi everyone. I wanted to follow up on our conversation yesterday and share some of the commuting data that I found.*

*First, a 2020 Kem C Gardner report which cites 37% of Tooele County residents commuting to Salt Lake County for employment. See page 2: <https://gardner.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/EconRegions-Nov2020.pdf>*

*Second, the DWS publishes a report on commuting patterns that you can filter to view Tooele County: <https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/data/library/laborforce/commuting.html>. If you calculate the numbers out the DWS does show approximately 70% of the workforce leaving to Salt Lake each day.*

*I reached out to clarify the discrepancy with the Kem C Gardner analyst Michal Hogue. The difference in the numbers appears to come from different data sources—Kem C Gardner uses the Census ACS numbers while the DWS uses LEHD/LODES collected from workforce insurance reporting. The DWS is likely missing around 25% of the workforce who are self employed and probably working within the valley. With either numbers, we do know that a large portion of the workforce commutes out. Fostering job growth in Tooele is important!]*

### **3. Northeast Area Corridor Study Extension ( 10 min)**

*Grant Farnsworth of UDOT gave the update to the Corridor Study. The initial scope of the study was much broader but was then narrowed to focus on the Tooele Valley-Salt Lake Valley connection. A website is available containing background information and other details. Four alternatives were evaluated.*

*The second phase of the study is now underway, that will examine several other transportation needs within Tooele Valley.*

### **4. Upcoming UDOT Projects (2021 and 2022)**

*Brad Palmer of UDOT reported on existing and near term construction projects, such as:*

- *SR-112 repaving \$5.7M*
- *Knoll Interchange bridge rehab \$2.7M*
- *I-80 cable barriers (safety) \$7.5M*
- *I-80 repaving \$7.0M*
- *ITS from Tooele to Salt Lake for plowing management and traffic operations \$2.8M*
- *Midvalley Highway Phase 1 \$69.4M – Surcharging is nearly complete. Total soil compaction was 2.5-3.0 feet. Sections that were closed should be open to traffic again by the end of the summer.*
- *I-80 Blackrock and SR-36 Structures \$43 M*
- *Midvalley Highway future phases Environmental re-evaluation \$1.0M*

*In addition to projects this year and next, Brad reviewed two projects that were recently approved by the State Transportation Commission.*

- *SR-36 southbound lane from Sunset Lane to Stansbury Parkway, 2025, \$7.0M*
- *I-80 eastbound auxiliary lane and SR-36 northbound lane, 2028, \$27.5M*

*[Brad sent a complete list of UDOT projects in Tooele County to members of the Tooele Valley RPO by e-mail on June 14, 2021].*

### **5. I-80 Bridge Replacements Update**

*Pat Kalisz of Granite Construction gave a progress report. Girders have been set and work can begin on the bridge deck. Completion is anticipated by late fall of this year.*

### **6. Next meeting**

*September 13, 2021. The expectation is that we will be able to meet in person. This will be confirmed prior to the next meeting.*

## Attendance Roll

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Date   14 June, 2021  

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