

**Tooele Valley RPO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14, 2022 1:30 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**1. December 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes (1:32PM)**

Motion – Mayor Debbie Winn

Second – Councilmember Tom Tripp

APPROVED

**2. Midvalley Highway Environmental Update (1:33PM)**

Oanh Le-Spradlin reported on the Midvalley Highway Environmental Assessment (EA). The study is currently in the scoping phase. The draft EA is scheduled for Summer 2022 and Final EA in early 2023. Community involvement meetings are scheduled for April 13 (zoom meeting) and April 14 (in-person) at Tooele City Hall from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Also, there will be a meeting at 3:30 PM tomorrow, March 15<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the methodology and review process for population and employment projections.

**3. Nationwide Competitive Funding Opportunities (1:44 PM)**

Wayne Bennion reported on six of many discretionary grant programs for transportation funding that were approved as part of the recent federal funding reauthorization, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs (IIJA) Act.

1. RAISE – \$1.5B/year (formerly BUILD and TIGER)
  - a. Applications due in April 2022
2. MEGA - \$1.0B/year
  - a. Criteria TBA
3. INFRA - \$1.6B/year
  - a. Regional highway and rail
4. Safe Streets and Roads for All - \$1.0B/year
  - a. Exclusively for local governments
  - b. Requires Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
5. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants - \$500M/year

- a. 50% of funding designated for community grant programs where priority is given to projects that expand access in rural areas and low- to moderate-income neighborhoods
6. Rural Surface Transportation Grant - \$240M/year
    - a. Connectivity, economic growth, safety
    - b. Notice of Funding Opportunity expected March 2022
    - c. Tooele Valley qualifies as rural

WFRC can assist with information to help prepare an application. There are other funding programs not identified above (environmental, energy, housing).

Here is a link for information on the funding programs.

<https://wfrc.org/Programs/TransportationImprovementProgram/HelpfulLinksDownloads/IJA%20Competitive%20Programs.pdf>

**For More Information**

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BIL-Factsheet-Local-Competitive-Funding.pdf>

<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-nofo>

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/infrastructure-rebuilding-america>

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/ev/toolkit/ev-infrastructure-funding-and-financing/federal-funding-programs>

#### 4. State Legislative Update (1:59 PM)

Wayne shared a summary of the 2022 State Legislature session.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rJo8ix8meYgI5qvey0LmYLdel834nDdlzde9DjAMbxQ/edit>

Highlights:

\$308M for Front Runner strategic double tracking.

\$40M for active transportation projects.

\$721M to accelerate construction of funded roadway projects and fund additional roadway projects.

\$1.65M for technical planning assistance.

\$1.0M for statewide conversation on growth.

\$25M for local matching funds and \$38M for recreation infrastructure.

HB 462 has made modifications to the requirements associated with moderate income housing plans.

## **5. Northeast Tooele County Story Map (2:07 PM)**

Grant Farnsworth reported on the outcomes of the Northeast Tooele County Study which can be found in an interactive video story map here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a852324468f0492e9a1d44befd565efb>

Tooele Valley is a “bedroom” community to Salt Lake Valley with a high commuting percentage out of the Valley. I-80 is the only connection to Salt Lake so incidents can cause long delays. Four alternatives progressed through the initial screening of more than 25 alternatives.

Councilmember Tripp suggested spending more time and detail on this subject at another meeting, possibly the COG meeting. Grant expressed that UDOT would very much like additional input from Tooele Valley leaders on this subject.

Jay Aguilar of UDOT (chat box) - UDOT is updating the Statewide Long-Range Plan on its 4-year update cycle. To understand transportation needs, state agencies, including UDOT, use travel models that incorporate population and employment forecasts to inform where there will be high growth areas and travel patterns into the future.. We have received statewide population and employment control totals for each county from The Kem C. Gardner Institute and have allocated them within your planning area based on feedback received to date. We would like to share this allocation with you and get your comments so we can adjust and more accurately reflect any growth trends in your area.

Please note: The UDOT meeting tomorrow is to provide training on how to access and use the on-line tool for making comments.

## **6. Other Business (2:23 PM)**
















































Per discussion, Wayne will reach out to each elected official who is a member of the RPO, and ask if they would like to designate an alternate to vote at RPO meetings when they are not able to attend.

## **7. Next Meeting (2:25 PM)**

In-person meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>! Options for virtual access will also be considered. The County has AV capabilities if needed.

Participants (18)

Find a participant

-  Kip Billings (Host, me)   
-  Grant Farnsworth (Guest)   
-  Wayne Bennion, WFRC (Co-host, guest)   
-  andy.welch (Guest)  
-  Chip (UDOT) (Guest)  
-  City Hall - Jesse Wilson (Guest)  
-  Courtney Bovee, UDOT Midvalley Hwy (Guest)  
-  Dan England (Guest)  
-  eldenbingham (Guest)  
-  James Waltz, Public Works Director (Guest)  
-  Jared Stewart-Tooele City (Guest)  
-  Jay Aguilar (Guest)  
-  Jim Bolser (Guest)  
-  Mayor Debbie Winn (Guest)  
-  Oanh Le-Spradlin, UDOT Project Mana... (Guest)  
-  Paul Hansen (Guest)  
-  Tom Tripp - Tooele (Guest)  
-  Tooele Chamber Staff (Guest)  

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