

Tooele Valley RPO
In-person and Virtual Meeting
Minutes

December 11, 2023, 1:30 PM

1. Introductions (1:30p)

2. Approve Minutes September 11, 2023 (1:34p)

Motion: Councilmember Kendall Thomas, Tooele County

2nd: Councilmember Terry Miner, Erda City

Approved.

3. Midvalley Highway Update (1:38p)

Oanh Le-Spradlin Hill of UDOT reported that they are in the final stages of getting the environmental assessment completed for the Midvalley Highway project segments 2 & 3. She also reported that the Transportation Commission granted them \$500,000 to begin the process of obtaining the easement going through the Tooele Army Depot land, in order to continue with the project. Updates and additional information on this project can be accessed at www.midvalleyea.com.

4. SR-36 and I-80 Updates (1:41p)

Becky Stromness of UDOT provided a brief overview of the SR-36 project, which will add a lane southbound from Sunset Way to Stansbury Parkway. She reported that they have hired a consultant to proceed with the project design. After further assessment, it has been determined that additional funds will be needed for this project. The goal is to secure the additional funds by February 2024, so that construction can begin in the summer of 2024. Additionally, Wayne Bennion reported that the State Transportation Commission will be meeting at 9 am on Friday, December 15, 2023. There will be an opportunity for public comment during this time, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

5. Draft 2050 Transit Element Tooele Valley Long Range Transportation Plan (1:50p)

Alivia Vaughns of UTA reviewed the draft summary of the Tooele Valley 2050 Transit Element:

Near Term (2023 – 2032)

- Continue On Demand services focusing on improving reliability.
- Continue developing cost-effective transportation for non-commuter and non-student populations.
- Discuss transit needs regularly with city and county elected officials.
- Pursue strategies to increase ridership and improve operational efficiencies.

Intermediate Term (2033-2042)

- Increase service capability of On Demand through the addition of vehicles and operators with proper funding.
- Monitor the performance of the On Demand service and evaluate the implementation of a flex route or fixed route service with paratransit coverage in high usage areas of the On Demand service.
- Use data gathered through performance monitoring to improve student transit usage.
- Improve pedestrian and cyclist access to transit.

Long Term (2043-2050)

- Add an all-day bidirectional regional bus with an overlaid paratransit route in addition to On Demand service to accommodate a multitude of trips and increase regional connections.
- Prioritize electrification of vehicles with use of automated buses to help increase fixed service.

Any changes or suggestions to the draft 2050 Transit Element of the Tooele Valley Long Range Transportation Plan should be directed to Alivia Vaughns (Alivia.Vaughns@rideuta.com) or Wayne Bennion (wbennion@wfrf.org) by Friday, December 15, 2023.

6. Next Steps Tooele Valley Long Range Transportation Plan (1:57p)

Wayne Bennion of WFRF reported that he has received a concern regarding the [highway phasing](#) element of the Tooele Valley Long Range Transportation Plan. He extended an invitation for individuals with additional comments or concerns to communicate with him directly. It is noteworthy that this plan undergoes updates approximately every 4-5 years, emphasizing its dynamic nature. Nonetheless, it provides valuable tools for local governments to proactively address and promote transportation priorities within the Tooele Valley.

Councilmembers Scott Droubay and Terry Miner of Erda City, and Councilmember Kathleen VonHatten of Lake Point City, expressed concerns about the Oquirrh Mountains Expressway. Mayor Debbie Winn, Tooele City, and County Councilmember Kendall Thomas expressed that they are in favor of moving forward with segments 2 and 3 of the Midvalley Highway.

7. Other Business (2:16p)

Mr. Bennion reported that applications for the funds, on which the statewide Joint Highway Committee provides recommendations, are due on Friday, January 12, 2024, at 5 pm.

He also noted that the Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) federal discretionary grant program, has another notice of funding opportunity out. One of the criteria for these funds is job creation, and it was highlighted that equal amounts of the nationwide funding are designated for rural and urban areas.

8. Next Meeting (2:20p)

March 11, 2024, 1:30 PM.

A recording of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org.

Attendance Roll
Tooele Valley RPO

Date December 11, 2023

Please check your name or add it to the list below and update your contact information if needed.

√	Name	Organization	Phone	E-mail
x	Aguilar, Jay	UDOT		
x	Bennion, Wayne	WFRC	801.363.4250	wbennion@wfrc.org
	Billings, Kip	WFRC	801.363.4250	kbillings@wfrc.org
x	Clausing, Kim	North Tooele Fire District		
x	Critchlow, Neil	Grantsville Mayor		
x	Custer, Rachelle	Tooele County		rcuster@tooeleco.org
x	Droubay, Scott	Erda City Council		
x	Dupaix, Geoff	UDOT		
x	England, Dan	Grantsville		
x	Grandpre, Jamie	Tooele City		
x	Hamner, Jared	Tooele County Council		
x	Hansen, Paul	Tooele City	435.843.2132	paulh@tooelecitcity.org
x	Hernandez, Rosie	WFRC		
x	Hill, Charles "Chip"	UDOT		
x	Kaye, Sarah	UDOT		
	Kourianos, Katie	Horrocks Engineers		
x	Le-Spradlin, Oanh	UDOT	801.975.4819	oanhle@utah.gov

√	Name	Organization	Phone	E-mail
x	Lopez, Brittany	Tooele County		
x	Miner, Terry	Erda City Council		
	Morton, Cissy	Tooele County	435.843.4115	pmorton@tooelehealth.org
x	Nunn, Kevin	North Tooele Fire District		
x	Stewart, Jared	Tooele City		
x	Stromness, Becky	UDOT		
x	Thomas, Kendall	Tooele County Council		
x	Vaughns, Alivia	UTA		
x	VonHatten, Kathleen	Lake Point City Council		
	Waltz, James	Grantsville City		jwaltz@grantsvilleut.gov
x	Welch, Andy	Tooele County		
x	Wilson, Jesse	Grantsville		
x	Winn, Debbie	Tooele City Mayor		dwinn@tooelecit.org