



## **TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com)**

**Minutes of Meeting held**  
**August 18, 2016**

Vice-Chairman Mitch Adams called Trans Com to order at 2:03 p.m. at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Members/Alternates:**

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| *Mitch Adams, Vice Chair | Mayor, Clinton City                            |
| *Kelvyn Cullimore        | Mayor, Cottonwood Heights                      |
| *James Ebert             | Weber County                                   |
| *Carmen Freeman          | Mayor, Herriman City                           |
| Nathan Lee               | Utah Department of Transportation              |
| *Brent Marshall          | Mayor, Grantsville City                        |
| Shane Marshall           | Utah Department of Transportation              |
| *Dan McConkie            | Utah Department of Transportation Commissioner |
| *Erin Mendenhall         | Utah Air Quality Board                         |
| *Toby Mileski            | Mayor, Pleasant View City                      |
| *Norm Searle             | Mayor, Riverdale City                          |
| *JoAnn Seghini           | Mayor, Midvale City                            |
| Matt Sibul               | Utah Transit Authority                         |

#### **Others:**

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| Wayne Bennion     | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Kip Billings      | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Steve Call        | Federal Highway Administration       |
| Julia Collins     | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| LaNiece Davenport | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Andrew Gruber     | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Scott Hess        | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Jory Johner       | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Linda Johnson     | Breathe Utah                         |
| Sam Klemm         | Wasatch Front Regional Council/SLCOG |
| Ted Knowlton      | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Andrea Pearson    | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Eric Rasband      | Utah Department of Transportation    |
| David Schwartz    | Utah Department of Transportation    |
| Suzie Swim        | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Ben Wuthrich      | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |
| Muriel Xochimil   | Wasatch Front Regional Council       |

\*Indicates Voting Members

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Mitch Adams brought attention to the minutes of the June 16, 2016 meeting and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the minutes of the Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

**2. Opportunity for Public Comment**

Mayor Mitch Adams opened the meeting up for public comments. There were none.

**3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**a. ACTION on Board Modifications to the 2016-2021 TIP**

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reported that since the last meeting of Trans Com, WFRC received requests to modify the current 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The modification requires action from the Transportation Commission and Wasatch Front Regional Council, but does not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. He referred members to the packet for detailed information on Amendment Nine.

- 1500 South; 1350 West to 1100 West – Expand Project Scope to include street transitions, drainage and railroad crossing features. Funding to remain the same at \$2,753,641.
- 5300 South and Commerce Drive – New Project to provide an additional westbound through lane that feeds the left turn lane to the southbound I-15 on-ramp. New funding in the amount of \$600,000.
- Recreational Trails – Projects selected and administered through the Utah State Parks and Recreation Division. Funds are used to provide and maintain trails for motorized and non-motorized recreational uses, including trailside, trailhead facilities, and provisions to facilitate access for people with disabilities. For the 2017 Program, Utah has 40 projects totaling \$1,490,393 in federal aid funds; eight of those projects (totaling \$202,766) are in the WFRC area.

Ben asked if there were questions and there was some group discussion.

**Mayor Carmen Freeman moved to recommend the resolution to modify the 2016-2021 TIP for approval to the Wasatch Front Regional Council as requested. Mayor Toby Mileski seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

**b. ACTION on 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, presented information regarding the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for approval, in order to move the transportation projects forward. A draft 2017-2022 TIP was reviewed by Trans Com in June (as delegated by the Regional Council) and made available for public review. An analysis of the TIP completed by the WFRC staff shows that the 2017-2022 TIP conforms to the state air quality plans. The public comment period extended from June 25 through August 6, 2016 and with the utilization of the new interactive map, produced collaboratively by WFRC and UDOT, was very successful. The work of WFRC was commended and it was asked if there would be an ongoing comment mechanism put in place. Staff responded that the public can always make comments via the WFRC website, by contacting the WFRC staff, and at the various committee meetings of the Council. A list of the comments with respective responses was included in the packet and a summary of the comments and responses has been made available. Mayor Adams asked if there were any additional questions regarding this information. There was some group discussion.

**Mayor Brent Marshall moved that Trans Com approve the resolution to recommend the 2017-2022 TIP to the Wasatch Front Regional Council for approval, as requested. Commissioner James Ebert seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

**c. Overview of WFRC Programs for Local Governments**

The Wasatch Front Regional Council administers six programs that provide resources for local governments. These programs include:

- Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC)
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Brief presentations describing each of these programs were given by WFRC staff members, LaNiece Davenport (WFEDD), Sam Klemm (CDBG), Julia Collins (TLC), and Ben Wuthrich (STP, CMAQ, TAP) to increase awareness of funding and resource opportunities, as well as to encourage efficiency and coordination between the programs for applicants. Funding program application deadlines were discussed and further information will be forthcoming via email. Information sheets regarding the programs were included in the packet.

#### **4. ACTION on Self-Certification of Planning Process**

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, stated that each year when Trans Com and the Regional Council approve the Transportation Improvement Program, WFRC and UDOT also need to certify that the transportation planning process meets all federal planning requirements. The staff at WFRC, UDOT, and UTA have worked together to confirm that the federal requirements are being met. Mr. Bennion reviewed the elements of the regional transportation planning process described in the certification. Mayor Mitch Adams asked if there were any questions regarding this self-certification.

**Mayor Toby Mileski moved that the resolution be approved as requested. Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

#### **5. Proposition 1 Update**

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, noted the following information regarding Proposition 1. In 2015, many counties in Utah put a quarter cent sales tax for transportation (Proposition 1) on the ballot. With significant unmet transportation needs across the state, this funding will be a boon in counties where Proposition 1 was approved. Mayor Adams, Mayor Mileski, Mayor Searle, Commissioner Ebert, and Wayne Bennion for Commissioner Millburn shared how they are planning to use their portion of these funds within their city or county. Other members of the Committee were welcomed to share additional experiences with transportation funding in their communities.

#### **6. Congestion Management Report**

Kip Billings, WFRC, and Eric Rasband, UDOT, provided information regarding Congestion Management. Federal regulations require that WFRC Plans be, in part, a product of a Congestion Management Process. As part of this effort WFRC staff has undertaken the task of reporting regularly to Trans Com regarding the status and trends of congestion management along the Wasatch Front. Mr. Billings stated that for the past 15 years (since 2001) transit usage has increased by about 50% as expansion has occurred. Busses remain the ‘work horse’, with ridership at approximately 83,000 boardings per day. TRAX is at a close second with approximately 72,000 boardings per day. Mr. Billings also reported that vehicle miles traveled per capita has been declining somewhat over the last several years.

Mr. Rasband presented information collected by transportation managers from Melbourne, Australia on the “managed motorways” concept, which uses a coordinated metering system on freeway ramps, to optimize mainline freeway traffic flow. Utah freeways lose capacity at peak travel times because the congestion causes traffic flow to slow. This concept would manage the traffic to allow more lane capacity, potentially providing increased throughput of up to 1,800 more vehicles per hour, which would be equivalent to adding another lane to I-15. Besides improved throughput and shorter travel times, the concept has also been shown to increase the

safety of freeway travel. Funding sources are being researched with the intent to gradually implement along the Wasatch Front. He also referenced a YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8G7ViTTuwno>) that demonstrates the “managed motorways” concept.

## **7. Other Business**

Scott Hess, WFRC, informed the Council about the recent \$20Million TIGER grant award. He touched on the types of projects that were approved in the grant, and briefly discussed how the funding will be administered.

Due to a conflicting conference, the next Trans Com meeting will be moved up a week and held on Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 2pm, in the WFRC offices. The calendar invitation will be updated and sent to all Committee Members, Alternates and Other interested persons.

**Mayor Mitch Adams asked if there were any other items of business. There were none. With no further business, Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Erin Mendenhall and the decision was unanimous.**