



TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com) MINUTES

Meeting of November 21, 2019

A meeting of the Trans Com Committee was held at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 41 North Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. The following were present:

2019 TRANS COM MEMBERS	IN ATTENDANCE
BOX ELDER COUNTY	
Member - Jeff Scott (Box Elder)	Yes
DAVIS COUNTY	
Member - Mark Shepherd (Clearfield)	No
Member - Mike Gailey (Syracuse)	No
MORGAN COUNTY	
Member- Tina Cannon (Morgan County)	Yes
SALT LAKE COUNTY	
Member - Robert Dahle (Holladay)	No
Member - Ann Granato (Salt Lake County Council)	Yes
Member - D. Blair Camp (Murray)	Yes
Member - Robert Hale (Midvale)	Yes
Alternate - Clint Smith (Herriman)	Yes
Alternate – Derk Timothy (Bluffdale)	Yes
TOOELE COUNTY	
Member - Brent Marshall (Grantsville)	Yes
Alternate - Tom Tripp (Tooele County)	Yes
WEBER COUNTY	
Member – Jim Harvey (Weber County)	Yes
Member – Norm Searle (Riverdale)	No
Alternate – Robert Dandoy (Roy)	Yes
OTHER APPOINTMENTS	
Utah Transportation Commission:	
Member – Kevin Van Tassell	Yes
Member – Natalie Gochmour	No
UTA Board of Trustees:	
Member – Carlton Christensen	No
Member – Beth Holbrook	Yes
Utah Air Quality Board:	
Member – Kevin Cromar	Yes
NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
UDOT Representative:	
Member – Teri Newell	Yes
Alternate – Ben Huot	Yes
UTA Representative:	
Member – Laura Hanson	Yes
Air Quality Board, DAQ Staff Representative:	
Bryce Bird	No

FHWA – Utah Division Representative:	
Ivan Marrero	No
Mountainland Association of Governments	
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Grant Farnsworth, UDOT
Will Kochor, Salt Lake County	Blake Thomas, Herriman City
Nate Peterson, UDOT	Helen Peters, Salt Lake County
Ivan Hartle, UDOT	Steve Call, FHWA
Carmen Swanwick, UDOT	WFRC Staff: Wayne Bennion, Julie Bjornstad, Andrew Gruber, Ned Hacker, Jory Johner, Ted Knowlton, Mary Pratt, Suzie Swan, Chad Worthen, Ben Wuthrich

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda. The meeting was brought to order at 2:05 p.m. by Commissioner Jeff Scott, Chair. Commissioner Kevin Van Tassell was welcomed. As former Senator with the Utah Legislature and former Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, he is one of the two newest members of the State Transportation Commission.

ACTION: Minutes of August 14, 2019 [Recording 00:00:15]. Commissioner Scott entertained a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Derk Timothy and seconded by Councilmember Tina Cannon that the Minutes of the Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chair’s Report [00:00:38].

a. Tax Reform Task Force. An update was provided by Andrew Gruber, WFRC. There are ongoing efforts with the legislature for a significant reform on the state’s tax structure, which might affect transportation revenues. The recommendation is to increase transportation user fees that would result in reducing the state income tax. Generating additional revenues would allow for shifting money currently being transferred into UDOT’s Transportation Investment Fund back into the state’s general fund that could be used for education and other needs.

b. Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan. All transportation agencies in the state are developing a unified plan for transportation investments in all modes over the next 30 years. Mr. Gruber announced that the Plan will be completed by the end of 2019. He also pointed out that this is a nationally-recognized, award-winning model. The document will be available on WFRC’s website.

3. Public Comment [00:08:56]. Commissioner Scott invited public comments. There were none.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [00:09:20]. Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, explained that TIP is a six-year program of highway, transit and active transportation projects. The first four years are funded, and the following two years are referred to as concept development. The TIP will implement long-range plans, help meet short-range needs along the Wasatch Front, and maintain the existing transportation system.

a. INFORMATION: Report on Board Modifications to the 2020-2025 TIP. Mr. Wuthrich referred to board modifications that were approved by the Regional Council on October 24, 2019. A signed resolution was presented for Trans Com members to review. The modification is attached to the approved resolution (see Exhibit: 2020-2025 TIP Amendment One Resolution).

b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2020-2025 TIP. Mr. Wuthrich outlined projects in the proposed second amendment to the 2020-2025 TIP. There are requests from UDOT and cities to modify projects (see Exhibit: 2020-2025 TIP Amendment Two Resolution). WFRC recommended that Trans Com make a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2020-2025 TIP as requested. Chair Scott entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Cromar and seconded by Commissioner Jim Harvey that the resolution to modify the 2020-2025 TIP be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Utah Transit Authority Tentative 2020 Budget [00:21:47]. Commissioner Scott introduced Trustee Beth Holbrook, who discussed UTA's priorities and proposed budget for 2020. In August 2019, Trans Com approved the 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program, which included new capacity projects identified in UTA's budget. Ms. Holbrook outlined the six key initiatives of UTA, and four priorities of the Board of Trustees. She also talked about budget highlights for service changes and initiatives. Several service changes are made each year with the largest typically in August. Ms. Holbrook also outlined the tentative operating budget expenses and revenues; and the capital budget expenses and revenues. The final budget will be presented and approved in December 2019.

6. Utah Department of Transportation Upcoming Funded Capacity Projects [00:53:20]. Nathan Peterson, UDOT Region 1 Program Manager, and Carmen Swanwick, UDOT Region 2 Deputy Director, shared information about upcoming transportation projects. Several funded capacity projects that include road widening and highway construction are under construction or will be in the next few years across the Wasatch Front.

7. Other business [01:21:07].

a. UDOT Update on Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) and Transit Transportation Investment Fund (TTIF). Chair Scott asked Teri Newell from UDOT to give a brief update on the prioritization process for the Transportation Investment Fund and Transit Transportation Investment Fund. A state administrative rule was prepared with the Commission, which should be enacted today. It allows for an open nomination beginning tomorrow (information will be on their website). Ms. Newell briefly outlined the nomination process and associated timelines.

b. The next scheduled meeting is set for February 20, 2020.

c. Mr. Gruber indicated that WFRC will send out information regarding the TIF and TTIF nomination process to members and stakeholders from UDOT as it becomes available tomorrow.

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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