

# Trans Com Roles, Responsibilities, Schedule

February 17, 2022



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

# Wasatch Front Regional Council

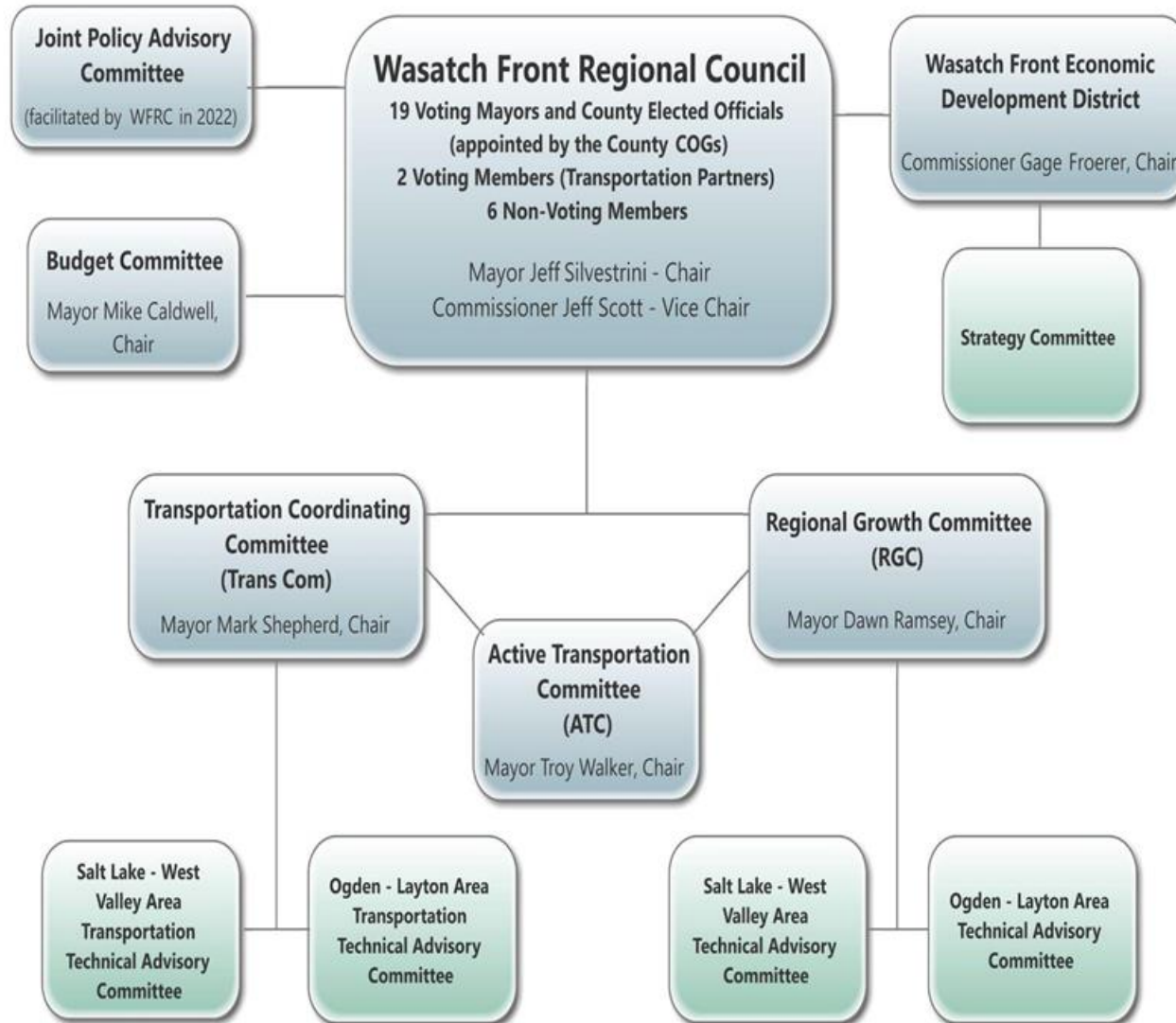
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- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Responsible, in collaboration with UDOT, UTA, and local governments for developing and approving long- and short-range transportation plans and programs
- Association of Governments (AOG)
- Provides opportunities and resources to address transportation and growth needs



# Organization and Membership

## 2022 WFRC Committee Structure



## Origin and Role of Trans Com

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- Established by Memorandum of Agreement among WFRC, UDOT, and UTA
- Continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative planning process
- Advise Regional Council on short-range planning and programming



# Transportation Improvement Program

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- Six-year program of highway, transit, and active transportation projects to which funding has been committed
- Last two years are projects in concept development
- Includes federal, state, and locally funded projects
- Updated annually



## Trans Com Responsibilities

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- Approve draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public comment
- Recommend TIP for approval
- Recommend or approve amendments to TIP
- Recommend projects for Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)



## Trans Com Schedule

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### TIP

- June – Release TIP for public comment
- August - Recommend TIP approval
- Each meeting – TIP Amendments

### STP, CMAQ, TAP

- October – Review letters of intent (via email)
- April – Recommend STP, CMAQ, and TAP

## Trans Com Schedule

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### **Potential (Additional) Discussion Topics**

- Utah Transportation Commission  
Prioritization Process updates
- Transportation funding and financial options
- Mobility Management Update
- Intelligent Transportation System Update
- Federal Transportation Programs
- Project Updates
- Air Quality Report
- TravelWise Update
- UTA Rideshare Update



**COMPETITIVE FUNDING PROGRAMS  
IN THE NEW FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE LAW  
FEBRUARY 23, 2022**



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# New/ Expanded Competitive Funding Programs

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- RAISE
- MEGA
- INFRA
- Safe Streets and Roads for All
- Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants
- Rural Surface Transportation Grant



# Key Information

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- Amount of funding available annually
- Types of eligible projects
- Selection criteria
- Timeline
- Grant size and local match



# Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainably and Equitably (RAISE)

- \$1.5 B/ year
- Road, transit, other improvements of local and/ or regional significance
- Selection criteria: safety, sustainability and climate, equity, economic competitiveness
- Applications due April 14, 2022

## Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainably and Equitably (RAISE) (continued)

- Urban minimum grant \$5 M
- Rural minimum grant \$1 M
- 20% local match required



# National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA)

- \$1 B/ year
- 50% to \$100 M minimum grants
- 50% to \$500 M minimum grants
- Selection criteria to be posted February, 2022



## Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)

- \$1.6 B/ year
- Highway, rail of regional significance
- \$5 M minimum grants
- Up to 60% federal share
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)  
anticipated by March, 2022

## Safe Streets and Roads for All

- \$1 B/ year
- Exclusively for local governments
- Improvements to reduce fatalities, especially cyclists/ pedestrians
- Criteria include expected effectiveness
- Applications likely open May, 2022



## Safe Streets and Roads for All (continued)

- Minimum 40% for planning, such as Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
- Planning, design, and development activities eligible if in CSAP



## Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants

- \$500 M/ year
- Electric vehicle charging/ alternative fuel infrastructure
- 50% to community grant programs where priority to rural areas, low and moderate income neighborhoods

## Rural Surface Transportation Grant

- \$240 M/ year
- Improve/ expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas
- Increase connectivity, improve safety and reliability, economic growth
- Applications open by March, 2022

## Rural Surface Transportation Grant (continued)

- \$40 M/ year for small projects (< \$25M)



## Key Points About Applying

- WFRC can provide information
- Applicants must complete grants.gov registration process before submitting the application (usually 2-4 weeks)
- Annual funding cycle for 5 years
- Numerous other grants available

# 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/infra-grants/infrastructure-rebuilding-america>

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

