



TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com)

Minutes
June 15, 2023

A meeting was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023, 2:00 pm, at the WFRC Offices,
41 N. Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT and via Zoom. The following were present:

2023 TRANS COM MEMBERS			
COG APPOINTED		OTHER APPOINTMENTS	
BOX ELDER COUNTY		Utah Transportation Commission	
Member - Kevin Jeppsen (Perry City)	Yes	Member – Kevin Van Tassell	Yes
DAVIS COUNTY		Member – Natalie Gochnour	
Member - Mark Shepherd (Clearfield)	Yes	UTA Board of Trustees	
Alternate - Howard Madsen (Sunset)	No	Member – Carlton Christensen	No
Member - Tamara Tran (Kaysville)	Yes	Member – Beth Holbrook	Yes
Alternate - Kendalyn Harris (Bountiful)	No	Utah Air Quality Board	
MORGAN COUNTY		Member – Kevin Cromar	
Member- Jared Andersen (Morgan County)	No	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Alternate - Robert McConnell (Morgan County)	No	UDOT Representative	
SALT LAKE COUNTY		Member – Teri Newell	
Member - Robert Dahle (Holladay)	Yes	Alternate – Ben Huot	Yes
Member - Ann Granato (Salt Lake Co Council)	Yes	UTA Representative	
Member - Natalie Hall (Bluffdale)	Yes	Member - Russ Fox	Yes
Member - Joe Smolka (Emigration Township)	Yes	Alternate – Nichol Bourdeaux	No
Alternate - Trent Staggs (Riverton)	No	Air Quality Board, Staff Representative	
Alternate - Mike Weichers (Cottonwood Heights)	Yes	Bryce Bird	No
Alternate - Marcus Stevenson (Midvale)	No	FHWA – Utah Division Representative	
Alternate - Dan Dugan (Salt Lake City)	No	Ivan Marrero	Yes
TOOELE COUNTY		Jennifer Elsen	
Member - Jared Hamner (Tooele County)	No	Mountainland Association of Governments	
Alternate - Doyle Garrard (Lake Point City)	Yes	Carolyn Lundberg - Lindon	Yes
WEBER COUNTY		WFRC Staff	
Member – Jim Harvey (Weber County)	Yes	Andrew Gruber, Andrea Pearson, Ben Wuthrich, Byron Head, Hugh Van Wagenen, Jordon Chandler, Kip Billings, Lilah Rosenfield, Luis Garcia, Marian Florence, Megan Townsend, Miranda Jones Cox, Rosie Hernandez, Sarah Lawless, Ted Knowlton, Wayne Bennion	
Alternate - Leonard Call (Pleasant View)	No		
Member – Gordon Cutler (Uintah City)	No		
Alternate – Braden Mitchell (Riverdale)	No		
Other Attendees			
Dan Adams, Josh Van Jura, Leif Elder,			
Nathan Cherpeski, Ryan Bares, Shannon Bond,			
Shule Bishop, Steve Van Maren			

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:01]

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm and welcomed committee members and guests. Introductions were made around the table for those attending in person, and Rosie Hernandez, WFRC, read the names of those attending online. Additionally, Mayor Shepherd acknowledged and congratulated Wayne Bennion, WFRC Director of Short Range Planning, for his 30 year tenure at WFRC.

a. ACTION: Approval of the [April 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes](#) - [00:04:10]

A motion was made by Trustee Beth Holbrook, UTA, seconded by Commissioner Jim Harvey, Weber County, that the minutes of the April 27, 2023, meeting be approved without changes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chair Report - [00:04:27]

- a. Mayor Shepherd reported that after four years of extensive effort, the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan was unanimously approved by the WFRC Regional Council at their May 25, 2023, meeting. In conjunction with this, the air quality conformity analysis was approved, and the updated travel demand model and population and employment forecasts will be posted on the [WFRC website](#).

[00:04:58] Additionally, Mayor Shepherd invited Andrea Olson, UDOT Planning Director, to give a brief update on the Transportation Investment Fund and Transit Transportation Investment Fund. More information can be found by visiting the [UDOT Project Prioritization](#) webpage.

3. Public Comment - [00:12:18]

Mayor Shepherd opened the meeting to public comments. There were none.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) -

a. [Report](#): Board Modifications to the 2023-2028 TIP - [00:12:38]

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC reported that since the last meeting of Trans Com, WFRC received requests to modify the current 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification was approved by the Regional Council at their May meeting and by the Utah Transportation Commission, but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wuthrich referred Committee members to the meeting materials for information regarding these modifications.

b. [ACTION](#): Board Modifications to the 2023-2028 TIP - [00:16:27]

Mr. Wuthrich reported that there were new requests to modify the current 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification requires action from Trans Com and the Transportation Commission but does not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project.

[01:05:10] ACTION: Dr. Kevin Cromar, Utah Air Quality Board, made a motion to approve the Board Modifications to the 2023-2028 TIP and remove tolling from the proposed Big & Little Cottonwood Canyons project, the \$5 million of tolling equipment from Little Cottonwood Canyon, and the \$5 million of tolling equipment from Big Cottonwood Canyon. Mayor Joe Smolka, Emigration Township, seconded the motion. There were two affirmative votes and 11 votes against the motion. With no majority, the motion did not carry.

[01:08:33] ACTION: Mayor Tami Tran, Kaysville City, made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2023-2028 TIP as presented. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. There were 12 affirmative votes, and one vote against the motion, made by Dr. Cromar. The motion passed by majority vote.

- c. **ACTION: Release of Draft 2024-2029 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Public Comment [01:10:20]** Mr. Wuthrich continued his report by stating that WFRC staff has been working with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and the cities and counties in the region to compile the list of proposed projects for inclusion in a draft 2024-2029 TIP.

The attachments included in the meeting materials represent the proposed projects for the Salt Lake / West Valley and the Ogden / Layton Urban Areas. Mr. Wuthrich discussed examples of the projects and demonstrated how the TIP interactive map will be a key part of the process for receiving public comment from June 24 through July 29, 2023.

[01:17:45] Mayor Joe Smolka, Emigration Township, made a motion to release the draft 2024-2029 TIP and air quality conformity determination for public review and comment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Van Tassell, Utah Transportation Commission, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

5. **Air Quality State implementation Plan - Ozone Status and Potential Conformity Implications - [01:18:39]** In 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated the “northern Wasatch Front” area as nonattainment for ozone. Since that time, the Utah Division of Air Quality (UDAQ) has been monitoring ozone levels, modeling air quality conditions, and developing what is known as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. WFRC, UDOT, and others have provided technical and other support in this process. Environmental Scientist Ryan Bares, State Division of Air Quality, presented information on this item. The proposed SIP can be viewed [here](#), and a copy of the presentation can be found [here](#). **[01:29:32]** Wayne Bennion, WFRC, discussed potential air quality conformity implications related to the ozone SIP submittal, including potential limitations on transportation projects. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).
6. **I-15 Environmental Impact Statement - Farming to Salt Lake City - [01:39:24]**
During the past 18 months the UDOT has been conducting an environmental study process to evaluate transportation needs and alternatives to help address those needs in the I-15 corridor between Farmington and Salt Lake City. Senior Executive Dan Adams, with The Langdon Group, who is the Communications Manager for the I-15 EIS, discussed this item. He reported that the study team has sought input from local government officials and staff, stakeholders, and the public regarding roadways, transit, and active transportation in the corridor, and has developed alternatives to address corridor needs. More information can be found by visiting the [I-15 Environmental Impact Statement](#) webpage.
7. **Other Business - [01:42:54]**
The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2023.
8. **Adjournment - [01:43:05]**
Mayor Shepherd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Smolka made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Holbrook, and the affirmative vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 3:48 pm.