



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

July 18, 2019

Dear Committee Member:

The Salt Lake/ West Valley Area Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Trans Com will meet on **Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at 2:00 PM at the West Valley Cultural Center, located at 1355 West 3100 South, West Valley City, Utah.** The TAC agenda will be as follows:

MEETING AGENDA July 31, 2019

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1. **Action Item** – May 29, 2019 Meeting Summary Alma Haskell
 2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Business Ben Wuthrich
 - **Action** – Board Modifications to the 2019-2024 TIP
 - **Information** – Report on the 2020-2025 TIP & Air Quality Conformity Determination
 - **Information** – Draft 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Schedule
 - **Information** – CMAQ Process Discussion (*see included “CMAQ Program” Memo*)
 3. Project Presentation – Riverton CityTrace Robinson
 4. Data Resources for Coordinating Housing & Transportation (SB34)Nicole Proulx
 5. Functional Classification Process Review Wayne Bennion
 6. Other Business..... Alma Haskell
 - Thanks to Riverton City for refreshments

Next Meeting of Trans Com TAC – October 16, 2019 - *Refreshments – Salt Lake City*

Sincerely,

Alma Haskell
Trans Com TAC Chair

cc: Mayors/Commissioners



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MEMORANDUM

To: Trans Com and Trans Com Technical Advisory Committees
Cc: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Working Group
From: Wayne Bennion
Date: July 9, 2019
Re: **Recommendations for CMAQ Program**

At their April 17, 2019 meeting, Trans Com directed WFRC staff to form a working group to review the CMAQ program administered by WFRC with the intent to determine if there are approaches that could enhance the air quality improvements achieved by the CMAQ program. The working group included members of Trans Com and the Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and met twice in June. At the first meeting WFRC staff reviewed the existing CMAQ program and project selection process, and air quality benefit cost ratios of representative projects previously funded through the program. The working group began discussing ideas for the program. At the second meeting, this discussion continued, including potential benefit cost ratios of a few additional projects, which were in the range of previously funded projects.

These discussions resulted in the group agreeing on the following recommendations for the program:

- 1) Increase outreach and cultivation of effective projects each fall.
 - a) Develop outreach plan in consultation with WFRC's communication consultant and the Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR), with review from the CMAQ Working Group, with the intent of increasing the number of CMAQ applications received in the higher range of air quality benefit.
 - b) Communicate with a broader audience about eligible CMAQ project types and their performance.
- 2) Include information on project benefits in addition to air quality when recommendations are presented to the TACs and Trans Com each spring.
 - a) Share more information as the TACs and Trans Com consider projects submitted so they can more fully understand all project impacts and benefits.
 - b) Encourage consideration of whether the air quality benefit of a project is sufficient to warrant CMAQ funding.
- 3) Work with the TACs to develop consistent lengths of effectiveness for the various project types to include in the technical evaluation.
 - a) Length of effectiveness is part of the air quality benefit calculation. For example, a project that reduces 10 kilograms of pollutants each day for 1 year is measured as less effective than a project that reduces 5 kilograms of pollutants each day for 5 years.

These recommendations, developed by the CMAQ working group, will be discussed with the TACs on July 31, and then with Trans Com on August 14, for inclusion in the next CMAQ project selection process that begins this fall.