

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
 Executive Committee
 April 5, 2007
 2 pm
 SL Co Government Center

Tom Pollard (Exc)	Alta	Peter Corroon	Salt Lake County
Claudia Anderson (Exc)	Bluffdale	Jenny Wilson	Salt Lake County
Kelvyn Cullimore (Exc)	Cottonwood Hts	Mike Jensen	Salt Lake County
Darrell Smith	Draper	Tom Dolan	Sandy
Lynn Crane (Exc)	Herriman	Bryant Anderson	Sandy
Dennis Webb (Exc)	Holladay	Kent Money (Exc)	South Jordan
JoAnn Seghini	Midvale	Bob Gray (Exc)	South Salt Lake
Dan Snarr	Murray	Russ Wall (Exc)	Taylorsville
William Applegarth	Riverton	David Newton	West Jordan
Rocky Anderson (Exc)	Salt Lake City	Dennis Nordfelt	West Valley City
Carlton Christensen (Exc)	Salt Lake City	Russ Brooks	West Valley City

Janice Jardine	SLC	Jan Wells	Murray
Andrea Packer	UTA	Michele Baguley	Herriman/UTA
Nichole Dunn	SL Co Mayor	Lisa Cool	Homeland Security
Kane Loader	Midvale	Liane Stillman	Cottonwood Hts
John Hiskey	Sandy	Mary Taylor	Sen. Hatch
Chuck Chappell	WFRC	Cherie Wood	SSL Mayor
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC	Orrin Colby	UTA
Barbara Thomas	WFRC		

MINUTES

Mayor Dolan made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Smith, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2007, with the following amendment: Page 2, 3rd paragraph under Trailer Park Resident Relocations: delete the last line 'They also used the RDA increment for funding.'

The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Nordfelt reviewed the meetings on the agenda, noting the change of date for the Transportation Committee.

Mayor Seghini briefly reported on the opening of the Sunrise Apartments for chronically homeless men.

Congressman Cannon was welcomed to the meeting and he spoke briefly on the potential 4th Congressional seat for Utah. He stated one of the advantages to the state was the probability of additional earmarked funds. His feeling was that it would come to a vote near the end of the year and, with passage, the state will need to re-district.

He stated he was pleased with how the congressional delegation was working together. Questions were asked about the future of the federal transportation fund which may need increased pressure to receive. CDBG funding will probably be the same as last year. Requests always outweigh the funding available. The COPS program has been effective, but the Congressman was not sure if it would be funded next year. The SAFER program for firefighters was thought to be the same funding as this last year.

Mayor Nordfelt thanked Congressman Cannon for visiting and answering questions.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

STP & CMAQ Projects

During the 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), it was recommended that the COGs be more involved with project review and recommendations. To assist in this, Ben Wuthrich distributed a spreadsheet of the existing Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) programs with projects and the distribution and timing of their funding. He also distributed a list of projects to be considered for either the STP or CMAQ programs prioritized according to project data only. This was to demonstrate in what order the projects would be selected if there were no factors to consider such as project sponsor's priorities, regional significance, distributional equity, etc.

Projects selected need to meet the eligibility criteria for the STP or the CMAQ programs as follows:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds may be used for constructing new streets or widening, improving or reconstructing existing streets classified as arterials or collectors. They can also be used for bridge replacement projects and projects which reduce traffic demand.

- CMAQ funds must be used for projects which improve air quality and reduce congestion. Eligible projects include transportation activities in the State Air Quality Implementation Plan (SIP), construction of public transportation facilities and the purchase of transit equipment; construction of bicycle or pedestrian facilities serving transportation needs; promotion of alternative modes, including ridesharing; and traffic control measures such as traffic signal coordination, intersection improvements and incident management.

All were asked to review the lists of projects and submit information on projects wanted considered to WFRC staff. Those staff recommendations will be presented to the Technical Committees on April 11 for recommendation to Transportation Committee and the Regional Council for public comment. (Information was sent to those Mayors who were not in attendance today)

He also stated that on the CMAQ ranking list there is only 10% of the funds available for projects.

WFRC Budget

Chuck Chappell presented the FY 08 WFRC budget, asking for endorsement of the COG. He stated that the local contribution of \$150,393 matches about 2MM of federal funds.

Funds for lobbyists are included in that total of local funds and the 2008 request for SL County is the same as the 2007 budgeted amounts.

Mayor Dolan made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Seghini, that the COG approve the budget and ask the County Council to approve the request. The motion passed with Councilmembers Jensen and Wilson abstaining.

Regional Transportation Plan & Finance Plan Assumption

Mr. Chappell reported that there will be a press conference Friday, April 6, at the City Central Trax Station at 10 am to release the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan for public comment.

He stated that for planning in the funding model for the RTP, WFRC is assuming a 5th 'quarter' of a cent of sales tax in 2026. That would be a 75 (transit) – 25 (roads) split which is also assumed for the 4th 'quarter' in 2016. The plan had assumed that 4 'quarters' would go entirely for transit. The last two quarters will go with the 75-25 split. It was stressed that this is for planning purposes.

Mayor Seghini made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Dolan, that the COG approve the concept that the money be constant and that the increase for the 5th quarter would be available in order to meet the 2026 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

TRAC Tax Advisory Board Appointment

Mayor Nordfelt indicated that in the last Legislature a Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention Facilities Tax Advisory Board had been created made up of 5 Mayors and 4 county appointees. The county appointees are 1 resident from the unincorporated, 2 from the incorporated area of the county and one resident from either part of the county. Mayor Seghini suggested that at least one of the appointees should be active in the arts community. Mayor Nordfelt asked for volunteers from among the Mayors and indicated

that the appointment would be made at the May COG meeting. The following volunteered or had contacted the Mayor indicating interest in the Board:

Mayor Money, Mayor Seghini, Mayor Wall, Mayor Cullimore and Mayor Dolan.
(Information was also sent to Mayors not in attendance)

HUMAN SERVICES

Mayor Seghini spoke briefly about the subcommittee which was created last month to look at the issue of trailer park sales and resident relocation. They will look at legislation that will make it illegal to rent to new residents once the land has been put up for sale. They plan to develop models that cities can use to provide services to dislocated citizens. Liane Stillman will write up what they have done for Cottonwood Heights and the committee is asking Sandy City to do the same. John Hiskey, Sandy City, indicated that new legislation in SB 218 allows for certain tax increment funds to be used for the relocation of persons displaced from a mobile home park.

Special Needs Planning

Mayor Seghini introduced Lisa Cook, Utah Homeland Security, who stated that planning for people with special needs is difficult for emergency planners when considering issues such as transportation or housing.

There is a special needs registry sponsored by the northern Utah Homeland Security. It is a voluntary list which can register not just individuals with special needs, but facilities as well. The website address is www.specialneedsutah.org OR one can call the 211 phone line which is an information and referral center. Agencies will be better able to plan to serve their clients in an emergency situation. This does not take the place of personal preparedness.

The information is held in a 'data bank' which is on a secure server until the 211 information is requested. There will be an annual call made to request updates or status changes. Information can go to cities, counties or tribes if they sign a Memorandum of Agreement indicating who is authorized to access the information (as long as one of the persons is an emergency planner). Emergency managers can geo-code and pull the data to sort any way they like. The MOA indicates acceptance of liability for data and that it won't be used inappropriately. I

Homeland Security will be doing PSAs, community presentations and will provide brochures which will be sent to Barbara for distribution to the Mayors. (This was distributed April 10) It was suggested that information about this program could be sent out with Meals on Wheels.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan

Des Heyliger was unable to attend due to illness.

Clean Cities Program

Bev Miller, Clean Cities Coordinator, was not in attendance.

Mayor Dolan asked which cities were using hybrid vehicles and encouraged cities to be examples in preserving fuel. Murray indicated they were using a Prius vehicle for metering and installing meters.

OTHER

Councilwoman Jenny Wilson asked that there be specific subcommittee dedicated to air quality because of the effect it has on general health, quality of life as well as the economy of our area. She felt we could share information, coordinate with State and Federal agencies, receive education about requirements, share best practices, advocate for change (such as fueling sites) and educate the local citizenry and take advantage of legislative advocacy opportunities.

It was suggested that perhaps the Division of Air Quality could make a presentation to COG.

Mayor Corroon made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Snarr that we create a committee dedicated specifically to Air Quality. The motion passed unanimously. Volunteers are Jenny Wilson, Chair

Mayor Corroon
Mayor Newton
Russ Brooks

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.