

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**EXPANDED COG**

MINUTES

November 1, 2007  
SL County Government Center  
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2 pm

WELCOME

Mayor Nordfelt welcomed all the meeting and explained why the Expanded COG meeting had been cancelled. There were several reasons as follows:

- There are legal questions about whether or not the quarter cent sales tax monies could be used for commuter rail Maintenance and Operations
- What process should be used for establishing our project prioritization list? Should we correct the math error that was in the first process that was presented to, and approved by, the Executive Appropriations Committee? Because an error had been made in calculating the safety factor (multiplying instead of dividing). Should we use the Legislative Auditor's additional recommendations so we are consistent with the corrected list? The Executive Appropriations Committee should answer these two questions.
- The COG Executive leadership has been asked to meet with the Executive Appropriations Subcommittee on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Based on the above reasons, Mayor Nordfelt felt there should be more time given to discuss the projects on the newly corrected prioritization list. After discussions with Mayor Corroon, Mayor Money and County Councilman Crockett, it was decided it would be best to cancel and reschedule the Expanded COG until after these questions have been resolved.

Discussion was held on the next scheduled meeting of COG and it was decided that the Expanded COG would meet Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm prior to the annual General Assembly meeting which would be pushed back to 7 pm. It will be held in the WVC Multipurpose room.

Mayor Cullimore made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mike Jensen, that the Expanded COG meeting be held Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm prior to the General Assembly meeting at 7 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about a scheduled Air Quality meeting that day at 5 ended in a suggestion that that meeting be held at 4 pm.

Mayor Dolan asked why some highway projects were still on this list if they are funded. Mayor Nordfelt and Chuck Chappell both indicated that if there were additional funds from this quarter cent tax applied to those projects with committed funds, the completion date would be moved up. Light rail has the same situation. This list was fixed as of last year and other funds have been applied to these projects in this time frame.

In order that the Mayors would have good information while they consider what priority they want projects to rank, Chuck Chappell briefly presented the existing and the corrected project priority ranking lists to the members of the COG.

Mayor Smith stated that Chuck could make this presentation of this prioritized list could be made to the County Council after presenting it to the COG.

Mike Jensen stated that the County Council had scheduled a meeting today to ratify the decision made by the Expanded COG, so they would be available to hear Chuck's presentation.

The project prioritization list was reviewed to the Council. This list was the project ranking with the error and then the corrected list. The second page of the packet was a listing of the status of each project which included funding, design and construction. The third page was a listing of the prioritization criterion approved by the Executive Appropriations Committee and the Expanded SL County Council of Governments in 2006.

This list may change if the Executive Appropriations Committee wants us to do the 'tweaking' they had suggested as a result of the Legislative Audit.

Chuck went through the funded projects that have money from other sources committed. He reminded the Council that reasons would have to be articulated for projects chosen that are not of a higher priority. He noted that the projects are divided into quartiles where the project scores don't have much variance in scores from one another. The last column on the right indicates the shortfall needed to complete the project...this was critical for consideration of the Council.

Mayor Applegarth asked how much money we have to allocate to projects. Consideration is given to money that comes in from the tax and then the bonding capability which could increase that money. Mike Jensen stated that we have \$2.5 billion over 30 years which includes bonding, bonding fees and authority as well as interest fees. It was suggested that each person just prioritize with full funds for each projects all the way down the list. The specific amount of money is unknown.

Councilwoman Wilson asked that this conversation should include the full County Council.

Mayor Nordfelt stated that the conversation should be postponed until all members of the Expanded COG were present. Any questions in the meantime could be directed to WFRC.

The Expanded COG meeting thus ended as cancelled and discussed above.

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