

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES

October 2, 2008
County Government Center
2 pm

WELCOME

Mayor Corroon welcomed all to the COG meeting and asked that each person introduce themselves.

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There was no quorum at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Corroon reviewed the meeting reminder on the agenda

- Oct 11: Association of Municipal Councils 8 am, Cottonwood Hts
- Oct 16: RGC 9:30 am, WFRC
- Oct 23: Conference of Mayors 11:30 am in Draper
- Oct 23: WFRC 2 pm, WFRC
- Nov 6: Next COG meeting
- Dec 4: Legislative Luncheon 12 am (COG at 11 am)

Members were reminded that the Legislative luncheon will be earlier than normal.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Coordinated Human Services Transportation Update - Mary Guy-Sell, UDOT
John English, UTA

Mary reported that there are 65 government funded programs that focus on the transportation disadvantaged and they all function in silos. FTA has said that we need to coordinate transportation services in order to receive future federal monies.

Coordinating the human service transportation providers would require partnering with public, profit and non profit agencies as social service agencies. Elected officials are asked to encourage social service agencies to coordinate their transportation provisions. City planners are

encouraged, through community design, to make future city development more transportation friendly.

The United We Ride Committee, commissioned by UDOT, has completed a needs and strategies plan which is titled the State Coordinated Human Services Transportation plan. It is located on the UDOT website. The WFRC portion of this plan can be found at www.wfrc.org. It focuses on transportation for low income individuals, senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.

The goals of the United We Ride (UWR) chapter are to create a charter; create coordinated projects and to ultimately have a one stop shopping center where all information about transportation needs would be resolved with one call.

Ms. Guy-Sell is asking local officials to support a coordinated human services transportation approach with the social service agencies in their communities. They were encouraged to support community design which would focus on barrier free transportation.

The **Joint Access and Reverse Commute** grant (JARC) is funding that focuses on transportation for low income individuals. An example of this fund recipient would be a new bus route on Saturdays that goes to a high employment area.

New Freedom funds are through the Utah Department of Human Services for people with disabilities. An example of a fund recipient is a plan to provide attendants for those with disabilities that require assistance in traveling on public transport.

A Mobility Management project has been granted funds to identify strategies and create projects that would assist these three groups of people. At present this project is in the process of recruiting a consultant to assist with this study which will cover the UTA service area. It is collaboration between UTA, WFRC and MAG.

At present UTA is spending \$15 million on specialized services for those with disabilities. They provide more service than what ADA requires. UTA would like to utilize and coordinate other transportation resources to provide better service than presently provided by UTA. Mr. English suggested utilizing UTA's dispatch center, or sharing their fleet designers. UTA has their own risk management department and could assist small agencies or providers with insurance. ADA requires that UTA provide a ¾ mile corridor on either side of a fixed bus route in which they will pick up those with disabilities. At present, UTA is traveling farther outside this corridor. Because of costs, they will need to return to required ¾ mile corridor requirement.

There were questions about regulations being tied to federal funding. It was stated that the Federal government is mandating that we coordinate our transportation services and then determine what changes in regulations need to be made.

WFRC Update – Chuck Chappell

Mr. Chappell, in an effort to involve the COG members earlier in the RTP and TIP amendment process, presented a schedule that would include the COG members after the Technical Advisory Committees have reviewed the RTP projects or amendments. The COGs would then send their recommendations to the WFRC staff who would then take them to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. He indicated this would reduce the amendment process timeline by about a month. Mayors were asked to encourage their city staff to be more actively involved in the Technical Advisory Committee meetings and relaying information back to their cities. As a result of this process change, COGs may have to spend more time on transportation issues.

Mayor Seghini made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Crane, to accept the new amendment process and WFRC schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Mayor Corroon spoke briefly about the Environment Protection Agency designating Box Elder, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Utah counties as one non attainment area with regards to Particulate Matter 2.5 regulations. Cities were encouraged to send letters opposing the suggestion. It was felt that air quality can be managed better in smaller areas by using transportation emissions rather than in one large area. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the EPA in opposition to the designation and would be signed by the Mayors present. That letter was prepared by Ann Ober, SL County, and those present signed the letter.

Mayor Seghini mentioned that monies for Homeland Security for the county was given to the Unified Fire Authority and she would like to make sure it was distributed fairly throughout the county, including the 4 cities involved in the Metro Fire Division. Four representatives of the metropolitan district should meet with the Unified Fire Authority to make plans regarding homeland security. Ryan Perry was asked to contact Councilman Jensen with regards to the grant to verify that all cities were involved in the planning and use of the Homeland Security funds.

President's Challenge – Mayor Corroon

The Mayors Challenge Cup trophy was awarded to Mayor Applegarth who was not present. Terri Sorry indicated she would take the trophy to the Riverton City Council and make the presentation to the mayor.

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Mayor Wall made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Crane to approve the minutes of September 4 with the addition of Jerry Rechtenbach as one of the council members present. The motion passed unanimously with a quorum in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Claudia Anderson (Exc)	Bluffdale	Michael Jensen (Exc)	SL County
Bryant Anderson (Exc)	Sandy	Mayor Kent Money (Exc)	South Jordan
Mayor William Applegarth (Exc)	Riverton	Mayor Dave Newton	West Jordan
Mayor Ralph Becker (Exc)	SLC	Mayor Dennis Nordfelt	West Valley City
Russ Brooks	WVC	Mayor Tom Pollard	Alta
Carlton Christensen	SLC	Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale
Mayor Peter Corroon	SL County	Mayor Darrell Smith (Exc)	Draper
Mayor Lynn Crane	Herriman	Mayor Dan Snarr	Murray
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore (Exc)	Ctnwd Hts	Mayor Russ Wall	Taylorsville
Mayor Tom Dolan (Exc)	Sandy	Mayor Dennis Webb (Exc)	Holladay
Mayor Bob Gray (Exc)	South Salt Lake	Jenny Wilson	SL County
Kathy Hilton	West Jordan	Barbara Thomas	Staff

ALSO PRESENT

Janice Jardine	SLC	John English	UTA
Michelle Baguley	UTA/Herriman	Mary Guy Sell	UDOT
John Hiskey	Sandy	Liane Stillman	Ctnwd Hts
Terri Sory	SLVHD	Gary Edwards	SLVHD
Chuck Chappell	WFRC	Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Doug Hattery	WFRC	Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ben McAdams	SLC	Jan Wells	Murray
Zachery Fountain	Murray		