

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES

April 1, 2010
SL County Complex
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WELCOME

Mayor Cullimore welcomed all to the meeting.

MINUTES

Mayor Seghini made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mayor Winder, that the minutes of March 4, 2010, be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Senator Bob Bennett spoke about the process of bills at the Federal level. He indicated that he serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee and Senator Hatch serves on the Finance Committee. Senators from the same state are not able to serve on the same committees. Sen. Bennett indicated that the health care bill impact to the State of Utah will include increased State Medicaid costs as well as S-CHIP as administered by the State and jointly funded with the Federal government. States are concerned these escalating costs may bankrupt their budgets (such as Nebraska) and some asked for opt- out options.

Some of the issues other than health care that will probably come to the forefront soon are financial regulation, patent reform and immigration. The Senator indicated that the cap and trade bill is a 'non-starter' in the Senate as there is no clear consensus. He addressed the complaint that many have stated that there are too many earmarks. Earmarked projects make up less than 1% of the budget.

In response to a question about supporting a balanced budget amendment, the Senator indicated the wording must be carefully crafted to not allow automatic tax increases. He also noted that if entitlement programs are taken out of the appropriation process and given over to the power of the party in charge, there is no need for congressional members to make decisions as the appropriations become automatic.

Concern was mentioned about the negative effects of deficit spending. The end effect is runaway inflation and money becomes worthless.

The Senator stated that the deficit is large because the economy is weak. Tax policies may delay the economic recovery and keep the large deficit. We need to cut costs, but also must have economic performance to generate taxes. President Reagan used tax cuts to bring back the economy in the '80s. Unemployment was higher in 1981 than it is now. The Senator stated that President Obama is planning tax increases.

PUBLIC WORKS

Corridor Preservation Application Policy

Councilman Christensen, as chair of the public works subcommittee, reported on the suggested revisions in the corridor preservation application process. He stated that there are more applications than there is money in the fund. In the past there have been sufficient funds for the projects submitted. The Public Works subcommittee decided that they would change the process for accepting applications. Corridor preservation applications will be accepted twice a year: April 30 and October 1. An appraisal is not necessary at the time of the application, but if the project is selected, an appraisal

would be required. The first appraisal will be paid for by the applicant. If there is a need for a second appraisal, the funds could come from the corridor preservation fund as part of the reimbursable costs of an approved project. If a project is selected the committee may determine the amount to be funded. The applicant may chose to accept those funds and resubmit in the next round, hoping to get the remaining amount, but realizing they are competing against all other submissions in that second round and that there is no guarantee of funding.

Once the projects have been selected from the April submission, the process begins again with new submissions for the October deadline.

Mayors Smith and Winder were excused from the meeting.

Because there was not a quorum present, a straw poll was taken to indicate approval of the proposed changes to the review process. Those present supported the changes. The process changes will be ratified in the May meeting when there is a quorum present. Anticipating approval of the changes, notifications need to be sent out to the cities now in order to keep with the time line of April 30.

STP/CMAQ Project Review

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, and Keith Ludwig, TAC Committee, reported on the process for reviewing the STP and CMAQ projects from the Technical Advisory Committees to the Councils of Governments. Mr. Ludwig stated there is \$6.975 million for STP projects and he reviewed the projects that were highlighted on the handout.

The Congestion Mitigation Air Quality recommendations were presented to the COG. Mr. Ludwig indicated there was nearly \$7 million available for projects.

The COG needs to provide input to the Transcom who makes recommendations to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Members were asked to forward any comments to Mr. Wuthrich. No formal action needed to take place.

RTP Goals and Performance Measures

Kip Billings, WFRC, indicated that the performance measures are used to help develop the RTP and provide analysis of the plan. He reviewed the 8 goals which were identified by WFRC in their 2009 retreat. SAFETEA-LU has planning factors which have to be considered in a regional transportation plan. Performance measures document how goals are being met. The performance measures help evaluate how effective the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is in looking at long range transportation needs.

Changes noted in the handouts were as follows:

4a was added which states: 'identifies and mitigates congested highway corridors and choke points'.

5b was added which now reads 'Reduce VMT growth by promoting increased automobile occupancy.

Mr. Billings stated that the WFRC must have COGs affirmative recommendation to the WFRC in order to receive Federal funds. There was a consensus of the group to accept the performance measures as presented, but this action will be put on the consent agenda at the May COG meeting.

Alternatives Development and Project Phasing Criteria

Greg Scott, WFRC, stated that in order to determine what goes on the RTP, transportation alternatives must be developed. The criteria proposed could be used to select projects and help put projects into the correct phasing on the RTP. The alternatives are used to develop the plan. The performance measures mentioned before are to measure the plan's effectiveness.

Because there was not a quorum, a consensus was obtained of those present in support of the proposed criteria and this action item will go on the May COG meeting consent agenda. If there are comments to be made, please contact Greg Scott.

Unified Planning Work Program and Budget

Chuck Chappell, WFRC, state that the Unified Planning Work Program describes the transportation planning activities to be undertaken by the Wasatch Front Regional Council, UTA and UDOT during the next two fiscal years. A summary has been sent to all COG members and must be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for the region in order to receive federal transportation planning dollars.

Work efforts included are completing the 2011-14 Regional Transportation Plan, developing a Transportation Improvement Program and creating planning tools for implementation of growth principles as well as SIP development and providing service to communities.

A draft budget was also presented which maintains the existing level of community contribution as the last 4-5 years. He indicated there is the potential of adding two staff members based on grant funding.

HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING

Mayor Seghini spoke about the Human Services Subcommittee which met with consumers and agency representatives to review and prioritize FTA grant applications for funds from the 5316 program known as JARC (Job Access and Reverse Commute), the 5317 program known as New Freedom, and the 5310 fund which provides for services to seniors and those with disabilities. These applications also provide an opportunity to plan with UTA with regards to providing transportation for those with disabilities. The applications were prioritized and will now be submitted for approval to the State Transportation Committee. She indicated that the Salt Lake County applications were prioritized as follows:

5310 Program for Seniors and those with disabilities
#1 UTA replacement vehicles (this application will compete statewide)

5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
#1 Mobility Manager
#2 UTA Route Deviation Plan

5317 New Freedom Funds
#1 Mobility Manager
#2 UTA Routes 203 and 114

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mayor Cullimore presented a draft of recommended changes for the SL COG Articles of Association. The Intergovernmental Subcommittee met and reviewed the existing articles against existing practice. Those changes were noted and will be reviewed by COG members for voting at the May COG meeting.

One of the primary changes is that a Mayor may appoint a delegate to attend in his/her behalf if named at the first of the year. If it is an elected official, they may vote and help meet quorum requirements. Likewise, council members from cities of the first class or the County Council may similarly appoint an alternate to attend for them. In either case, if the appointee is not an elected official they may not vote or count toward constituting a quorum. It was felt that the option to attend meetings telephonically should be used sparingly.

Mayor Cullimore reviewed the meeting scheduled this month as follows:

April 13: Lng Rng Plng Comm for Chronically Homeless, 12:30 pm Midvale

April 15: Trans Com, 2 pm, WFRC

April 22: Conference of Mayors, 11:30 am, South Jordan

In each packet this month was a flyer about drop off locations for unused over the counter and prescriptions medications. Mayor Seghini encouraged the cities' support of these drop off sites. She reported that Salt Lake, South Salt Lake, Murray and Midvale have the highest number of unattended deaths due to prescription drugs.

Based on attendance numbers, it was noted for the future that COG meetings should avoid the Thursday before Easter. Although, with the ability to send an alternate in the future, we should avoid similar situations in which we cannot take actions due to lack of a quorum present.

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

PRESENT

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| Bryant Anderson | Sandy | Corey Rushton (Exc) | WVC |
| Mayor William Applegarth | Riverton | Mayor JoAnn Seghini | Midvale |
| Mayor Ralph Becker (Exc) | SLC | Mayor Darrell Smith | Draper |
| Carlton Christensen | SLC | Mayor Dan Snarr | Murray |
| Mayor Peter Corroon (Exc) | SL County | Ben Southworth | WJ |
| Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore | Ctnwd Hts | Mayor Derk Timothy | Bluffdale |
| Mayor Tom Dolan (Exc) | Sandy | Mayor Russ Wall | Taylorville |
| Michael Jensen (Exc) | SL County | Mayor Dennis Webb (Exc) | Holladay |
| Mayor Melissa Johnson | WJ | Jenny Wilson (Exc) | SL County |
| Mayor Josh Mills | Herriman | Mayor Cherie Wood (Exc) | So SL |
| Mayor Kent Money (Exc) | South Jordan | Mayor Mike Winder | WVC |
| Mayor Tom Pollard (Exc) | Alta | Barbara Thomas | Staff |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Jan Wells | Murray | Gary Whatcot | SJ City |
| Mark Reid | Bluffdale | Keith Ludwig | TAC |
| Sally Jacobsen | Co Council | David Wilde | Co Council |
| Ben Wuthrich | WFRC | Chuck Chappell | WFRC |
| Kip Billings | WFRC | Ahmad Jaber | UDOT |
| Rita Lund | SL Co | Janice Jardine | SLC Council |
| Liane Stillman | Ctnwd Hts | Michelle Baguley | UTA |
| Randy Fits | Holladay | Nicole Martin | Herriman |
| Nichole Dunn | SL Co | Rob Jeppsen | SL Co Mayor |
| Parley Davis | Co Council | Wilf Sommerkorn | SLC |
| Jon Cox | Sen. Bennett | Larry Shepherd | Sen. Bennett |
| Greg Scott | WFRC | | |