

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

August 5, 2010

2 pm

County Government Center

MINUTES

WELCOME

Mayor Cullimore welcomed all to the meeting.

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Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Mills, to approve the minutes of May 6 and June 3, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jeff Graviat, Homeland Security, reviewed the planning integration project of the Homeland Security Grants Council. Their goal is to validate county and local jurisdictions' emergency operations plans, policies and procedures as well as the Area Coordination Center planning concept. They would like to carry out a table top training for elected officials in SL County. Jeff suggested October 13, October 27 and November 17. COG members were asked to indicate which days they could not attend.

Barbara was asked to send out an email asking for a consensus of a date that would work as well as find out who would attend if the mayor is unable to attend.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Jensen introduced Andrew Gruber, new Executive Director of Wasatch Front Regional Council. He moved to SL from New York, by way of Chicago, with a desire to raise his family here. He expressed appreciation for the cooperative efforts of local elected officials.

2040 RTP Transportation System Alternatives – Greg Scott, WFRC

Greg reviewed four alternatives to the transportation systems for the 2040 RTP.

Option 1 was a no build scenario; only build what is presently scheduled

Option 2 is the current RTP, including unfunded projects

Option 3 and Option 4 are suggestions made by two teams made up of WFRC, UDOT and UTA staff.

Greg stated that any project on these maps will be assessed for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan. If a project is not on the Regional Transportation Plan, it cannot be built if it is a regionally significant project. Air quality is now being added for consideration of projects. We are required, federally, to have an air quality plan. He also noted that amendments or changes to the adopted plan will not be as easily changed as they have been in the past.

When asked about constraints, he reported that funded, as well as unfunded projects, are evaluated and the fallout is considered unfunded. The RTP is revamped every four years.

Barbara was asked to send to the COG members a copy of the RTP systems criteria, by which projects are evaluated. Greg noted that under the Option 2 plan, projects will be given more weight for this round of project selection.

Air Quality Conformity – Doug Hattery, WFRC

Doug reported that Salt Lake County is considered a ‘non-attainment’ area with regards to air quality. We do not meet the federal guidelines of 2.5 PM. We must perform tests that will show future emissions are less than those in 2008. A technical memo to this effect is on WFRC’s website for comment. The plan will go to the RGC and then to WFRC for approval. At present, the WFRC area is in attainment for ozone emissions, but EPA will be tightening those regulations soon.

The ramifications to non-conformance are that we may be restricted on how the federal funds can be used and we wouldn’t be able to expand the RTP until the next update, which is in 4 years. Doug stated that he felt we would be able to make the attainment status. The conformity plan is in place. DAQ and DEQ take the lead in the implementation of standards.

Financial Assumption for the 2040 RTP – Doug Hattery, WFRC

Doug presented a summary sheet of revenue source assumptions for the 2011-2040 RTP. He indicated these are assumptions only because the WFRC is not a policy board. The financial plans must be reasonable and consider air quality over the next thirty years. He stated that with over 50% of the population in the state living in the Wasatch Front, we should have 50% of the funds that would be generated.

Doug reviewed the assumptions as follows: (Handout details are on file)

- Statewide auto related sales tax
- Statewide fuel tax or equivalent
- Statewide vehicle registration
- Local option sales tax
- Local option fuel tax or equivalent
- Local option vehicle registration

The question was asked: what is the total amount of money available if all the assumed funds came in? Doug indicated he would have Jory send that information to the COG members.

Mayor Cullimore emphasized to all present that these assumptions require significant legislative action that would not only reallocate monies from sales tax to transportation needs, but implement new taxes and fees on both the state and local level. He asked rhetorically how many present felt the chances of new taxes and fees, as shown, were realistic? The point made was that without these funding sources the chance of funding the transportation needs associated with the 2040 plan was very unrealistic. That needs to be kept in mind as we plan fiscally over the coming years.

TIP Review – Ben Wuthrich, WFRC

Ben reported on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), indicating that it is a 6 year program with projects funded for 4 years. During the last two years, the projects are considered ‘development projects’. We are presently in a public comment period on the TIP projects. A summary of the public comments will be made to the Regional Growth Committee. COG members were encouraged to look at the projects on the list and verify that the projects are what the municipalities want.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Green Infrastructure Initiative – LaNiece Davenport, WFRC

LaNiece reported that in 2008, a workshop of about 60 people began development of a plan to connect natural systems, such as watersheds, trails, etc. The plan will be a planning tool to be used by planning agencies and municipalities to incorporate green infrastructure planning into long range initiatives. It is presently about 2/3 done. Goals and objectives are:

1. Identify green infrastructure to promote healthy natural systems that can include watersheds, trails, scenic areas, farmland, nature reserves, etc.
2. A collaborative planning effort that brings together diverse interests; partners include federal, state and local agencies, organization and governments, farmers, landowners, environmental groups, etc.
3. Utilize a regional planning approach by removing jurisdictional boundaries in the Wasatch Front Region.
4. Utilize existing plans and studies to ensure consistency so related plan goals and missions are included, thus not ‘re-inventing the wheel’.
5. Quantify economic advantages through implementation strategies.
6. Identify implementation strategies to be used by jurisdictions and others when updating General Plans, transportation plans and open space plans.

This planning tool will help cities determine where to build and develop in their communities. The project should be completed in the next six months.

Information can be found at www.greeninfrastructuredesign.org/green-infrastructure. Barbara was asked to send the link to COG members.

HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

Urban Renewal/Economic Development Housing Study – Mike Gallegos, SL County

Mike introduced Bob Springmeyer, Bonneville Research, who reviewed the economic development housing study in Salt Lake County. This is an analysis of the financial implications of the Tax Increment supporting housing for all RDAs in the Salt Lake County. The analysis addresses the amount of 20% housing set aside, how the funds are being utilized, the examination of policies on the use of the funds, and the estimate of the economic impact to the housing to be supported by the housing set aside by the Redevelopment Agencies. (slides on file)

Steve Erickson, Bonneville Research, reported that redevelopment agencies have helped build and or rehabilitate 1,737 affordable housing units and 170 senior housing and 133 special needs units. 45 projects which specifically set aside 20% of TIF for moderate incoming housing, or which contributed TIF to housing project or a city housing fund was identified. Collectively, these project areas projected income dedicated to housing totaling \$163 million.

Recommendations for coordinated activities could include:

- Property rehabilitation programs
- Administering proposals from qualified developers to construct new mixed use affordable housing units
- Administering low interest loans and other incentives to help developers acquire, rehabilitate and build affordable housing
- Condo and mobile home conversion tenant assistance programs
- Homebuyers training programs
- Down payment/closing cost assistance programs
- First time homebuyer programs

Mr. Gallegos indicated that SL County could help cities with housing development research.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mayor Cullimore reviewed the calendar items on the agenda:

- Aug 19: RGC - 9:30 am, WFRC
- Aug 19: Air Quality Comm. - 11 am, WFRC
- Aug 19: Trans Com - 2 pm, WFRC
- Aug 20: Long Range Planning for Chronically Homeless - 12:30 pm, SSL
- Aug 26: Conference of Mayors – 11:30 am, Midvale
- Aug 26: WFRC - 2 pm, WFRC

Annually the COG meets with legislators from SL County for a luncheon and discussion of concerns for the upcoming legislative session. Discussion was held about a possible date. Barbara was asked to poll the group for a date that would work.

Mayor Seghini made the MOTION, seconded by Councilwoman Wilson, to adjourn. Unanimously, the motion passed.

PRESENT

Bryant Anderson	Sandy	Corey Rushton	WVC
Mayor William Applegarth (Exc)	Riverton	Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale
Mayor Ralph Becker (Exc)	SLC	Mayor Darrell Smith	Draper
Carlton Christensen	SLC	Jan Wells	Murray
Dep. Mayor Nichole Dunn	SL County	Lyle Summers	WJ
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore	Ctnwd Hts	Mayor Derk Timothy	Bluffdale
John Hiskey	Sandy	Mayor Russ Wall (Exc)	Taylorville
Michael Jensen	SL County	Mayor Dennis Webb	Holladay
Mayor Melissa Johnson (Exc)	WJ	Jenny Wilson	SL County
Mayor Josh Mills	Herriman	Casey Fitts	So SL
Mayor Kent Money	SJ	Mayor Mike Winder (Exc)	WVC
Mayor Tom Pollard	Alta	Barbara Thomas	Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Fitts	Holladay	Bob Springmeyer	Bonneville Rsrch
Nicole Martin	Herriman	Mark Reid	Bluffdale
Andrew Gruber	WFRC	Doug Hattery	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC	LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Greg Schultz	SL Co	Sally Jacobsen	SL Co Council
Rita Lund	SL Co	Jeff Graviet	SL Co
John Guldner	Alta	Mike Glenn	Ut Div Housing
Michael Gallegos	SL Co	Steve Erickson	Bonneville Rsrch