

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

October 7, 2010
SL County Government Center
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MINUTES

WELCOME

Mayor Cullimore welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Jani Iwamoto from the SL County Council who will serve as an alternate to County Councilmember Randy Horiuchi. Mr. Horiuchi is replacing Councilmember Jenny Wilson on the COG. Jeff Stenquist, city council member from Draper was introduced.

MINUTES

Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Dolan, to approve the minutes of September 2, 2010 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

MAYORAL REPORT

Lessons Learned from Herriman Fire - Mayor Mills

Mayor Mills reported that 1,650 homes had been evacuated with 5,000 citizens evacuated. This equates to ¼ of the city population. 3 homes were completely destroyed. He reported there were multiple cities and fire agencies who responded, from Payson to Garden City, and he stated his appreciation.

- The right people need to be in the right place to speed response (the volunteer line was longer than that of the evacuees)
- There was broad community support
- Used social networking with communication efforts

Mayor Mills expressed appreciation to those who have assisted since the fire broke out. One thing noted was that in the future he would like to see increased fire breaks in their area. The city now has to be concerned about the aftermath of the burned area, including run off.

Councilman Jensen, UFA Fire Chief, gave his thanks to all who assisted the fire fighters. Discussion was held about a future COG topic addressing urban interfacing with regards to costs and preparing for emergencies. Cities need to work with VECC in fleshing out the reverse 911 phone system. Individuals need to sign up to receive notification in order to receive the emergency notification calls. Mayors were asked to put VECC's link on their websites and encourage their citizens to register their cell phones also. Mayor Wall indicated he would have VECC send the link to Barbara to distribute to all city managers. (Done)

WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

TIP Letters of Intent Reminder – Ben Wuthrich, WFRC

Ben reported that cities have been asked to submit Letters of Intent for next year's TIP. He presented last year's list of TIP projects and asked cities to verify that their requested projects were on it. The Letter of Intent should be sent to WFRC staff.

Draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan – Ned Hacker, WFRC

Every four years the Regional Transportation Plan must be updated. Ned spoke of the WFRC visioning process which has taken place during the past two years of this updating process.

Staff must consider air quality, water, open spaces, sustainable growth and the cost of infrastructure for the next thirty years. Planners, engineers, elected officials and residents of the Wasatch Front have been involved in a public input process. Employment growth and population changes also are considered in the plan.

There have been 4 alternatives to the RTP presented for discussion and input over the last months:

1. TIP projects with money allocated for them would be built in the next 5-7 years
2. Use the current RTP
3. Alternative from Team A (made up of staff from UTA, UDOT, WFRC)
4. Alternative from Team B (“ “ “ “ “ ”)

From the input received and the modeling completed, a draft 2040 RTP has been developed and is being presented to the COGs in Salt Lake, Tooele, Weber, Davis and Morgan Counties. Mayors were asked for comments, also to take the draft to their staffs for comments on the project list. The Wasatch Front Regional Council will decide on 3 ten year phases. Presented to the COG members were comments already received from cities, UDOT, UTA and the technical advisory committees which includes planners and engineers from these counties.

Highway and transit projects are both included in the project lists handed out. Ned stated that challenges include balancing local and regional needs as well as balancing different modes of transportation. Explanations were given on the legends:

- BRT: lane designated for buses
- Enhanced bus: include ability to queue jump or have signal priority
- Transit: placeholders
- Transit centers: location to bring buses and transit together

Amending the RTP in the future will be somewhat more difficult because of the Air Quality Program. MOVES will have more information on the transportation corridors.

When making comments on the RTP, please submit them in a written format. Mayors were asked to consider the undeveloped areas in within their boundaries and, if in some time in the future, there will be a project that needs to be on the RTP.

PUBLIC WORKS – Carlton Christensen

Stream Function Index Report – Kathlyn Collins, SL Co Public Works

Kathlyn reported the Watershed Quality Project has been monitoring stream conditions as part of their requirements. She presented a 'Stream Function Index Report' to the COG members. This program requires updating every six years. She reviewed the history of the program and a binder was given to each city which showed all streams and rivers listed within each municipal boundary. Assessments are made for the urban areas. She asked for projects from cities that can be coordinated with county and funding. Members were reminded to consider flood control areas as well as water quality.

Barbara was asked to compile a list of city contacts for Kathlyn so she can request or provide assistance to cities. (Done)

UTA's Front Line 2015 Update – Ben Southworth/Michael Allegra, UTA Gen Mgr.

Ben introduced Andrea Packer, Justin Jones and Mike Allegra of UTA to present an update on the Front Line 2015 project.

Mike Allegra reported that UTA is soliciting public input now by going to the individual cities that are impacted by the transit system. They will be listening, developing scenarios and using feedback as they meet with those local governments. Focus groups will be formed for discussion and recommendations. Open houses will be held in November asking for feedback on ways to improve bus service. The question was raised as to whether feedback from bus users is different from that of non-users.

He also reported that the opening date for the Mid Jordan and West Valley Trax lines will be August 7, 2011. This is about 6 months earlier than anticipated.

UTA has spent \$2.3 billion on 67 or 70 miles of rail line now under construction. Financial cuts have been taken in administration and service, although they are still creating construction jobs. They estimate that every \$1 spent by UTA creates \$6 in the community. The loss of revenue as a result of the economy has been equal to the last tax increase given.

They have negotiated their bonds at 3.74% which is the lowest they have ever been. Mike also reported that UTA has achieved 800 days of safety on the Mid Jordan line. With the opening of the west side Trax lines, UTA will need to re-evaluate their bus service routes. They are considering rate and fare structures. UTA just announced a gas surcharge fee reduction of 25 cents and are looking at differential fares.

Public Works Subcommittee Schedule

It was decided that the Subcommittee would meet on Monday, October 25th at 4:30, just prior to the General Assembly meeting at the Cottonwood Heights City Hall.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Mayor Cullimore

Discussion was held about topics for the General Assembly meeting;

- Reverse 911 information
- Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- UTA Frontline Update – Ralph Jackson presentation from RGC
- Herriman/Cottonwood Heights reports on 'lessons learned'

Meeting dates were reviewed by Mayor Cullimore:

- October 21: RGC, 9:30 am, WFRC
- October 21: Air Quality, 11a.m., WFRC
- October 25: COG General Assembly, 6:30 pm
- October 27: Mayors Homeland Security Table Top Training, 11-1 pm
- October 28: Conference of Mayors, 11:30 am, Murray City
- October 28: Wasatch Front Regional Council, 2 pm, WFRC

Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Snarr, to adjourn at 3:45 PM.

PRESENT

Bryant Anderson (Exc)	Sandy	Corey Rushton	WVC
Mayor William Applegarth	Riverton	Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale
Mayor Ralph Becker	SLC	Jeff Stenquist	Draper
Carlton Christensen	SLC	Mayor Dan Snarr	Murray
Dep. Mayor Nichole Dunn	SL County	Ben Southworth	WJ
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore	Ctnwd Hts	Mayor Derk Timothy	Bluffdale
Mayor Tom Dolan	Sandy	Mayor Russ Wall	Taylorville
Michael Jensen	SL County	Mayor Dennis Webb (Exc)	Holladay
Mayor Melissa Johnson	WJ	Jani Iwamoto	SL County
Mayor Josh Mills	Herriman	Mayor Cherie Wood (Exc)	So SL
Mayor Kent Money (Exc)	SJ	Mayor Mike Winder (Exc)	WVC
Mayor Tom Pollard (Exc)	Alta	Barbara Thomas	Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Rose	UDOT	Gay Whatcott	SJ City
Justin Jones	UTA	Andrea Packer	UTA
Janice Jardine	SLC Cncl	Rita Lund	SL Co
Liane Stillman	CH	Ben McAdams	SLC
Mike Allegra	UTA	Sam Klemm	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC	Dan Drumiler	SL Co
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC	Jan Wells	Murray
Nichole Martin	Herriman	Raquel DeLuca	Herriman
Ann Ober	SL Co	Heather Mastakis	SL Co Cncl
Kara Trevino	SL Co	Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Scott Baird	SL Co	Marian Hubbard	SL Co
Kathlyn Collins	SL Co	Rob Jeppsen	SL Co
Gordon Thomas	CH	Randy Fitts	Holladay
Jory Johner	WFRC	Ned Hacker	WFRC
Greg Schulz	SL Co	Ryan Parry	SL Co