

# SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## MINUTES

April 7, 2011

2 pm

County Government Center

### **WELCOME**

Mayor Wall welcomed all to the meeting.

### **MINUTES**

Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Timothy, to approve the minutes as written. The voting was unanimous, with Councilmember Jones abstaining.

### **CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

### **WFRC**

#### Wasatch Choice for 2040 – Sustainability Grant Update

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director of WFRC, made a brief presentation on the Wasatch 2040 Sustainability Grant. He explained that the grant was one of two allocated by HUD to regional areas in the country. Salt Lake received the highest award point wise and received the full \$5 million grant to study sustainable development in the region..

The study has been named the Wasatch Choice for 2040 by the partners involved: Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, UDOT, UTA, U of U, WFRC and Envision Utah.

Strategies have been developed to develop housing on town centers, mixed housing, recreation areas and employment. The keystones of the 2040 Vision are to accommodate growth in town centers, near regional transportation systems and transit stations. Three keystones mentioned were:

- Accommodate growth in town centers, near regional transportation systems and transit stations

- Coordinate freeways, rail lines, rapid bus ways and key boulevards with town centers and transit stations
- Safeguard natural resources, working farms, parks and trails, and encourage infill and redevelopment

Past development patterns that continue will adversely affect transportation, air quality and development and infrastructure based on the following:

- Miles driven will increase from 49 million miles per day in 2009 to over 90 million in 2040.
- Increased driving will degrade air quality and threaten our health and economic prosperity. Sprawling growth patterns exacerbate these effects.
- By 2040 300 square miles of additional land will be converted into development. About 100 square miles will be agricultural land converted to residential use.

Benefits of implementing the Wasatch Choice for 2040 are:

- Housing and transportation choices reduce region wide traffic congestion, thus benefiting businesses through improved worker productivity and enhanced movement of goods and services.
- Enhanced economic development saves money in infrastructure, housing and transportation costs. Enhances our ability to recruit and retain jobs and highly skilled workers
- Cleaner air for health and economic growth and reduced use of limited water resources. Helps to preserve farms and open space.
- Safe and beautiful neighborhoods maintained by accommodating new growth in town centers near regional transportation systems. Creates more active neighborhoods.

Kevin Fayles, Envision Utah, reported there are six catalyst sites in the Valley that will act as ‘laboratories’ for these strategies: Sandy, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City Central, Magna BRT, South Salt Lake on 39<sup>th</sup> St and the Salt Lake Streetcar. He asked that cities be actively involved in development in these sites. There will be more information available as the projects grow. .

This plan is the land use and transportation vision of Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties to improve our quality of life during dramatic growth. There are 4 programs used to advance this vision:

1. Develop an analytical tool of evaluating the long term impacts of land use and transportation decisions.

2. Overcome barriers and facilitate vibrant neighborhood development projects at key centers noted above. There will be close collaboration with local governments to tailor the plan to the needs of each community.
3. Create a regional housing plan to provide choices and opportunities for all residents.
4. Compile the tools, approaches and lessons learned into a 'Toolbox' and working with local communities to aid them in implementing the vision within their own communities.

There will be a kickoff meeting about the Plan on Wednesday, May 11 at the Capital. There will also be quarterly newsletters and open houses to keep the public involved and informed.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Mayor Wall**

### US Census Update - Pam Perlich, BEBR, U of U

Pam gave a very fast paced and informative presentation on population and demographic changes in Utah and specifically in Salt Lake County. In SL County there was growth of 131,000 people, while Utah County grew by 140,000.

Some of the highlighted pieces of information are as follows: 30% of the mortgages in the state are underwater. Jobs lost in the last 10-12 years will not be recovered because technology has moved on and those jobs are gone. Women now have the majority in the workplace. The majority of births are minorities.

Drivers of change are 1) economy 2) technology 3) demography

Cities must be able to manage and analyze information, recognizing there is a new definition of Information Technology.

We were a mining and agriculturally based area, but now are urban based. Investments will shape the long term future; i.e., libraries and transit.

Demographic changes: immigration, people are young, motivated and having children. Utah is a net in-migration state. From 1990 to 2000 there were .5 million immigrants in Utah. Now 1 in 5 residents is an immigrant.

Why are we a gateway? Jobs, policy changes for receiving of refugees, universities and missionaries who promote Utah as an inviting place to live and work.

The west side of the county is young and minority majority. The population is aging quickly. We need to recognize the older generation and the complexity of technology and global competition.

When planning for the future, consider education and transportation.

Pam reported that the information given in the presentation will be printed in booklet form soon and disseminated to everyone. She indicated she would be glad to speak to city councils upon request.

## **HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING – Mayor Seghini**

### Legislative Impact on SLVHD- Gary Edwards, Exec Director, SLVHD

Gary invited all cities to utilize the health departments available to them. He briefly reviewed some of the bills acted upon during the Legislature and the impacts on the health department.

- Environmental health services funding was restored at \$785,000
- A bill passed allowing teen mothers to consent to their own immunization
- HB 23 banned items such as spice and crystals under controlled substance modifications
- HB 97 Combining of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources was opposed by SLVHD and it did not come out of Committee.
- HB 102 for electronic scrap recycling did not pass. The health department has been concerned about removing heavy metals out of the landfills. They are hoping SB1894 will accomplish the same thing. They are encouraging the electronic industry to come forward, meanwhile the County will continue with their household hazard recycling.
- HB 170 A bill banning tobacco and nicotine products did not pass. This refers to flavored nicotine products. They will continue to work on this bill.
- HB 201 Tobacco licensing amendments. The health department does licensing checks on establishments that sell tobacco. If there are 4 infringements in 12 months, the business loses its license.
- HB 204 A bill requiring protection of athletes with head injuries. The program will provide information to young athletes regarding head injuries. They can't play till a doctor clears the child for athletic activity.
- HB 258 was defeated. This was to restrain children in booster seats even if driving under 45 mph.
- HB 336 In an emergency, the health department can dispense medication, but cannot distribute medication to pharmacies. This bill would allow the health department to do so in emergency situations.

- SJR 3: Adult Immunization Awareness month

### Minority Youth Representation in the Criminal System – Rebecca Sanchez

Rebecca reported that in the County Mayor's office of Diversity Affairs there is a Law Enforcement Subcommittee which has been comparing minority youth and white youth in the justice system. They have found that 2.5 times more minority youth are referred to juvenile court than white. African-American youth are referred to juvenile court 3 times more than white youth. (handouts on file)

Cuong Nguyen reviewed data showing minority arrests continue to increase. They are asking for involvement from the cities to set Disproportionate Minority Contacts (DMC) as a priority; collaborate by allowing principal researches access to case file data; provide agency information such as policies, procedures and regulations; provide personnel to participate in interviews, review findings and suggest solutions.

Mr. Nguyen indicated they would like to have a final report in March, 2012.

### **PHYSICAL RESOURCES** - Mayor Dolan

Keith Ludwig, chair of the Technical Advisory Committee, and Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, made a presentation on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) committee recommendations for CMAQ//STP projects. (handouts on file) The comment was made the CMAQ prioritization seems to benefit UTA more than the cities. Discussion was about the TAC recognizing the disparity between UDOT/UTA and the cities and make allowances for it in the future. UDOT and UTA have other funds available to them whereas cities may only have CMAQ funds.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, indicated they will look at a different weighting in the criteria going forward. There are also federal criteria that must be met with the awarding of CMAQ funded projects.

Mayor Cullimore made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Dolan, that the COG encourage WFRC and the Technical Advisory Committee to recognize the scoring disparity between UDOT and UTA projects and local municipal projects under the CMAQ program and that disparity should be taken into account and balanced when projects are prioritized in the future.

After some discussion about the goals of air quality and projects that promote clean air, the motion passed unanimously.

## OTHER

Handouts were given about the Lead Safe Housing program in the County. English and Spanish versions can be posted on city websites or in public locations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 12: Long Rng Plng Comm for Chronically Homeless, SL Co Housing  
April 21: Trans Com, 2 pm, WFRC  
April 28: Conference of Mayors, 11:30 am, UTA's service cntr, old ZCMA bldg  
April 30: Local Transportation Corridor Preservation Applications due to Barbara  
May 16: Water Suppliers Meeting, 1-3 pm, WFRC

Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Iwamoto, made the MOTION to adjourn.

## PRESENT

Bryant Anderson	Sandy	Corey Rushton	WVC
Mayor William Applegarth	Riverton	Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale
Mayor Ralph Becker (Exc)	SLC	Mayor Darrel Smith	Draper
Carlton Christensen (Exc)	SLC	Mayor Dan Snarr (Exc)	Murray
Mayor Peter Corroon (Exc)	SL County	Ben Southworth (Exc)	WJ
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore	Ctnwd Hts	Mayor Derk Timothy	Bluffdale
Mayor Tom Dolan	Sandy	Mayor Russ Wall	Taylorville
Michael Jensen	SL County	Councilwoman Sabrina Peterson	Holladay
Mayor Melissa Johnson	WJ	Councilwoman Jani Iwamoto	SL County
Mayor Josh Mills	Herriman	Irwin Jones	So SL
Mayor Kent Money	SJ	Mayor Mike Winder	WVC
Mayor Tom Pollard	Alta	Barbara Thomas	Staff

## OTHERS PRESENT

Nichole Christensen	Rep. Matheson	John Hiskey	Sandy
Gary Whatcott	South Jordan	Jan Wells	Murray
Randy Fitts	Holladay	Kevin Fayles	Envision Utah
Michael Gallegos	SL County	David D. White	SL Co
Liane Stillman	Ctnwd Hts	Dave Decker	Draper
Kip Billings	WFRC	G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Doug Hattery	WFRC	Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Keith Ludwig	SL TAC	Gary Edwards	SLVHD
Rob Jeppsen	SL Co	Rita Lund	SL Co
Chad Mullins	Co Bike Advisory	Bart Barker	SL Co