

# SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

March 6, 2014

2 pm

Salt Lake County Government Center

## DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Timothy and introductions were made.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Dolan made the MOTION, seconded by Councilman Jensen, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2014 as written. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### CITIZEN COMMENT

Jamie Clark from Car Share stood and introduced herself and said she would like to present her program in a future meeting. Mayor Timothy suggested she contact the COG Intergovernmental Coordinator, Sam Klemm who can put her on an upcoming agenda.

### UTA—Mike Allegra

Mike Allegra, UTA General Manager, introduced the 2020 Strategic Plan for UTA. He noted that UTA won the award for the best construction project with reference to the Frontlines rail construction project for TRAX and FrontRunner.

General Manger Allegra then introduced the 2020 Strategic Plan for UTA which has been developed over the past year. He noted that under the Plan, the agency has shifted from expansion to operational excellence. He emphasized that UTA has expanded dramatically over the past 30 years from 68 buses to over 600, added TRAX and FrontRunner, gone through 14 public referendums, and now has the highest ridership ever. He noted that in the 1960's 80% of riders did not own a car and today 80% do own a car and are riders by choice. Also, most FrontRunner and TRAX trains and many buses are running full during peak hour, peak direction runs.

General Manager Allegra also showcased several UTA successes such as 95% reliability to schedule, a top ISO rating on all three international ratings, the only transit agency in the United States to do so, and a drop in fatalities due to accidents by 44% over the past few years.

Some goals for the future include a doubling of ridership, an increase in frequency and time (earlier and later) of routes, especially for buses and expanding service such that 90% of the population lives with one mile of a transit stop. UTA also has the financial resources necessary

to run what they now have and look toward growing the service as outlined. House Bill 388 was noted in this regard in that it would help fund much of the expansion discussed.

Mayor Walker, a sitting member of the UTA Board of Trustees, said that they have worked hard to involve the public in the development of the 2020 Plan and emphasized that we are unique in the country in that we can sit around a table, discuss our differences and come together on a Plan. He emphasized that all this planning by UTA and WFRC is now paying off with dramatically increased service.

Lastly, UTA will be hosting a transit academy for newly elected public officials. They will let us know more as it is scheduled.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE—Emergency Dispatch Integration—John Inch Morgan**

Mr. Morgan noted that the draft RFP was sent to the mayors and a similar RFP had been requested by the VECC Board.

House Bill 155 sponsored by House Majority Leader Brad Dee would require consolidation of many 911 functions. A county of the first class can choose its own computer aided dispatch (CAD) system, but it must be one system. It need not be the same system as that run by the State or other counties. There will be a funding source for this integration which could be used for other purposes later.

The Salt Lake City Emergency Dispatch Committee and the VECC Board have met together to discuss this issue. Councilman Jensen noted that the next order of business is to draft an interlocal agreement which will specify the next steps including the hiring of a consultant to assist in this effort and the issuance of the RFP. There was considerable discussion on this point.

The selection of the consultant will probably be around July 1<sup>st</sup> when the funding comes available under House Bill 155. Mayor Applegarth wondered where the funding stream would be coming from. The answer is the \$.07 poison control fee on telephone bills that would be redirected to this purpose. The Poison Control Center would be made whole through funding from the higher education appropriation.

Mayor Seghini asked if the RFP would address the issue of 'stacking.' John Morgan replied that it would.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—Corridor Preservation—Carlton Christensen**

Mr. Christensen passed out the District Attorney's opinion on the expansion of the use of corridor preservation funds to include transit and active transportation (mostly bicycle lanes). The opinion states that such uses are legal under the State Constitution and current State code. Mr. Christensen noted that there is not enough funding to cover all of the road needs. These have historically been mostly to the southwest portion of the County. But, they are now being used in other areas of the County now as well.

Mayor Timothy asked if a bus lane would need to be part of a road widening project in order to receive corridor preservation funding. Mr. Christensen and Councilman Jensen answered in the affirmative. Mr. Allegra noted that this would be similar to the 3500 South MAX project.

Mayor Dolan suggested that this will offer us flexibility in the use of the funds. But, any request for funds will still have to go through the approval process.

Motion – Mike Jensen made the motion that the COG approve the broadening of the corridor preservation project criteria to allow applications from transit and active transportation as noted in the County Attorney’s opinion.

Second – Mayor Dolan seconded the motion.

Vote – All in favor.

#### **LEGISLATION—COUNCILMAN KYLE LAMALFA**

Salt Lake City Councilman Kyle LaMalfa presented a draft letter that he asked be adopted by the COG and sent to the Salt Lake County members of the State Legislature. The letter expressed support for:

1. Increased funding for transit and House Bill 388 in that regard
2. Making Tier 3 gasoline available and House Joint Resolution 23
3. Changing state law to allow the adoption of stricter standards than those adopted by EPA and House Bill 121
4. Making the cost of gasoline reflect the true cost of driving and maintaining the roads and Senate Bill 60.
5. Changing state building codes to require the construction of more energy efficient buildings.

Mayor Seghini noted that the introduction of Tier 3 gasoline (based on new EPA regulations) may not occur due to averaging from other, much larger refineries in other parts of the country. Mayor Becker commented that the cost would be between \$.03 and \$.08 per gallon. House Bill 121 would allow Utah to require that all gasoline sold in Utah meet Tier 3 standards. Mayor Timothy noted that there is cost to go to Tier 3 gasoline and a cost for not going as well.

Mayor Becker stated, relative to item 5 in the letter regarding energy efficient building codes, that we have not been keeping up with other states. Building codes in force elsewhere call for buildings that are 30% more energy efficient.

Councilman Jensen mentioned that he will need to abstain from voting on item 1 (House Bill 388) because he may be asked to vote to put it on the ballot.

Item 1 as noted above. Chairman Timothy called for a vote on support for HB 388.

Vote – All in favor except Councilmen Jensen and Rushton and Mayors Alvord and Bigelow who abstained.

Item 2 as noted above. Chairman Timothy called for a vote.

Vote – All in favor with Councilman Bracken abstaining.

Item 3 as noted above. Chairman Timothy called for a vote.

Vote – All in favor except Mayor Bigelow who was opposed.

At this point Mayor Applegarth wondered whether two letters would be better. Mayor Becker commented that it would be better to focus on the three bills in question, House Bills 121 and 388 and House Joint Resolution 23. There was general agreement on this point.

Item 4 – Senate Bill 60 only. Chairman Timothy called for a vote.

Vote – All in favor.

Item 5 as noted above. Chairman Timothy called for a vote.

Vote – All opposed except Mayors Becker, McAdams and Seghini and Councilman LaMalfa.

Mayor Dolan noted that this letter will be similar to other communications sent by the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Salt Lake Conference of Mayors.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE—HOMELESS COORDINATING COM.—KERRY STEADMAN**

Kerry Steadman told the COG that the Homeless Coordinating Committee had met and made their rankings of projects requesting funding. The recommendation will now be given to Mayor McAdams.

Mr. Steadman also reminded the mayors of the Committee's annual request for funding from each city.

Mayor Applegarth suggested that each of the cities be sent a reminder in order to get the request into the individual city budgets.

#### **OTHER**

Former COG Intergovernmental Coordinator Barbara Thomas was recognized for her years of service. She received a standing ovation from the COG members.

Mayor Becker was also recognized for his chairmanship of the COG during 2013.

The meeting adjourned with reminder to look at the announcements on the agenda.

**COG MEMBERS PRESENT**

Alta	Mayor Pollard (Exc)	SL County	Councilman Jensen
Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy	SL County	Mayor McAdams
Cottonwood Hts.	Councilman Bracken	Sandy	Councilmember Nicholl
Draper	Mayor Walker	Sandy	Mayor Dolan (Exc)
Herriman	Mayor Freeman	South Jordan	Mayor Alvord (Exc)
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	South Salt Lake	Councilman Jones
Midvale	Mayor Seghini	Taylorsville	Mayor Johnson
Murray	Mayor Eyre	West Jordan	Mayor Rolfe
Riverton	Mayor Applegarth	West Valley	Mayor Bigelow
Salt Lake City	Mayor Becker (Exc)	West Valley	Councilman Rushton
Salt Lake City	Councilman LaMalfa	Staff	Sam Klemm

**OTHER PERSONS PRESENT**

Michael Anderson	SL County	Ryan Derosier	Cong. Stewarts' office
Kane Loader	Midvale	Elden Bingham	UDOT Planning
Brett Wood	Herriman	Barbara Thomas	
Randy Fitts	Holladay	David Dobbins	Draper
Steve Rushton		Chris Dern	UPD
John Monson	VECC	John Taylor	Taylorville
Carlton Christensen	SL Co	John Park	Cottonwood Heights
Jeff Mangon	VECC	Janet Towers	Murray
Brett Wood	Herriman	David Dobbins	Draper City
Gary Whatcott	SJ City	Tyler Jensen	Spillman Corp.
John Morgan	VECC	Cathie Griffiths	UTA
Chuck Gates	UTA/ULCT	Mike Allegra	UTA
Dave Goeres	UTA	Scott Carver	UPD
Jeff Andrus	Spillman Corp.	Leslie Reberg	Councilman Granato
Rita Lund	SL Co. Townships	Jennifer Scott	Cong. Chaffetz
John Guldner	Alta	Robert Axson	Sen. Lee