

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

May 1, 2014

2 pm

Salt Lake County Government Center

DRAFT MINUTES

Chairman Timothy called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Jensen made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 3rd COG meeting. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Timothy opened the meeting for public comment. There was no comment from the members of the public

PUBLIC WORKS—MAYOR CULLIMORE

Chairman Timothy recommended to the COG that Mayor Cullimore be appointed as the Chairman for the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Jensen made a motion to approve the above recommendation. Mayor Seghini seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Cullimore introduced Nathan Lee, UDOT Region II Director who was on the agenda for the purpose of presenting current UDOT projects.

UDOT Projects—Nathan Lee

Director Lee noted that UDOT currently has six areas of emphasis including:

1. Integrated transportation—How to best meet the needs of motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and freight.
2. Collaboration with other agencies and local governments.
3. STEM education to provide for future engineers and other professionals.
4. Transparency in decision making and finances.
5. Quality product and processes for the benefit of the users.
6. Operational excellence by setting the 'gold standard' for government best practices

Director Lee then reviewed several upcoming UDOT projects that will be started over the next few years including:

1. 9000 South and Bangerter Highway intersection upgrade to a freeway style interchange.
2. The addition of auxiliary lanes on I-15 from SR-201 to 9000 South.
3. I-215, westside, will be resurfaced in 2016.

4. The 'Point Project' will add a lane each direction over the Point of the Mountain beginning this year.
5. The Mountain View Corridor will be extended northward to 4100 South beginning in 2016. No funding has been identified to extend it further as yet.
6. A study of the I-80 interchange at State Street.

Director Lee also mentioned that UDOT is emphasizing collaboration with local governments and transparency in decision making. He then introduced some apps that UDOT is providing including the Commuterlink traffic app for current traffic conditions and the 'Click-It and Fix-It' app to inform UDOT of needed pavement repairs.

Mayor Cullimore asked if UDOT was able to forward Fix-IT comments to the cities for local roads.

Answer—Director Lee: The App tells the user if the road they are commenting on is a State Road or not so the user will know if UDOT will be responding. Also, comments on non-UDOT facilities will be recorded.

In closing, Director Lee emphasized the importance of wearing seatbelts and noted that an individual is 40 times more likely to be killed in an accident when not wearing a seatbelt.

Corridor Preservation

Mayor Cullimore passed out the Corridor Preservation Fund summary and noted that the COG receives 30% of the \$10 vehicle registration fees collected within the County. Mayor Cullimore briefly reviewed the Public Works Committee meeting proceedings and noted that the demand for funds exceeded the supply. He then introduced the Public Works Committee's recommendation in the attached matrix (figure 1) with the approved recommendations highlighted. He noted that the Committee recommended the highlighted requests from West Valley City and Riverton for full funding. Herriman will receive half of their request and Bluffdale will receive all remaining funds less \$200,000 that needs to stay in the Fund to satisfy an approved but not yet completed disbursement for West Valley City. He then stated that the vote in the Committee in favor of the requests discussed above was unanimous.

Mayor Eyre noted that West Valley City and Riverton received full funding for their requests and Herriman and Bluffdale took less. He then asked whether they will receive full funding next time.

Answer—Mayor Cullimore: It will be a consideration for the next time. It not necessarily a guarantee because all new proposals will be considered and ranked together.

Councilman Jensen motioned for approval of the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaMalfa. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Cullimore noted that the Public Works Committee did vote to make Mayor Dahle Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Mayor Cullimore stated that the next disbursement of corridor preservation funds will include a prioritization process and be moved up in time ahead of the October COG meeting so as to allow staff additional time to review the applications.

HUMAN SERVICES—MAYOR SEGHINI

Mayor Seghini gave a brief summary of the news conference on funding for the homeless that preceded the COG meeting.

Mayor Seghini also noted that because of the work done by the Committee to End Homelessness, the number of chronically homeless men has been significantly reduced and, to some degree, the number of homeless women. The most pressing challenge now is the number of homeless families, many of which are served in the Midvale shelter. Of the 305 people currently in the Midvale shelter, only 90 are adults.

Councilman Jensen asked whether we have that many more homeless families or if we just have better data.

Answer—Mayor Seghini: It is a mixture of both.

Mayor Freeman asked whether or not those living in transitional housing and are employed simply do not have enough money for housing.

Answer—Mayor Seghini: Yes for some of them. Most do not make enough to cover both housing and transportation costs. Also, we still need case management for those with substance abuse and mental health issues or the problem will continue to fester.

Mayor Seghini then called up Kerry Steadman to discuss the COG funded programs for the homeless.

Mr. Steadman noted that the COG committee reviewed the applications for the COG funding committed and selected three proposals, the Fourth Street Clinic, the Volunteers of America and the Road Home. Through these three programs, the COG funds will add five new street outreach personnel who will be on board in the next two weeks. He will send out a reminder to the cities that have committed funding to include a line item in their individual budgets for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Steadman mentioned that Utah has about 15,000 homeless individuals with roughly 10,000 of those living in Salt Lake County. This number has been fairly steady. However, the number of chronically homeless is down quite a bit due to the efforts of the Committee to End Homelessness.

Mayor Cullimore noted that this shows good progress because the chronically homeless use such a high proportion of the services. He then asked if there are any other transitional housing projects on the drawing board.

Answer—Kerry Steadman: No. More efforts are being put toward multiple use housing. Bud Bailey Construction is working on such a facility now.

Mayor Eyre commented on the importance of education and noted that a very high proportion of the homeless have limited educations.

CONCLUSION—MAYOR TIMOTHY

Mayor Timothy mentioned that if there are any issues that the members of COG wish to discuss, to please let the COG staff know.

He also reminded the members of COG to not forget the line item for COG in their 2015 budgets.

Mayor Seghini requested that the list of which cities had contributed to the COG Homeless Fund be resent.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

COG MEMBERS PRESENT

Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy	Salt Lake County	Councilman Jensen
Cottonwood Hts.	Mayor Cullimore	Salt Lake County	Mayor McAdams
Draper	Mayor Walker	Sandy	John Hiskey
Herriman	Mayor Freeman	South Salt Lake	Councilman Jones
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	Taylorsville	Mayor Johnson
Midvale	Mayor Seghini	West Jordan	Councilman Stoker
Murray	Mayor Eyre	West Valley	Mayor Bigelow
Salt Lake City	Councilman LaMalfa	Staff	Sam Klemm

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Kerri Nakamura	Salt Lake County	David Dobbins	Draper City
John Park	Cottonwood Heights	Adan Carillo	UDOT
Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City	David Schwartz	UDOT
Hannah Lockhart	Sen. Lee's Office	Brett Wood	Herriman City
Lynn Pace	Salt Lake City	Kerry Steadman	Salt Lake County
Valarie Waln	Salt Lake County	Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake County
Lynn Cresswell	South Salt Lake City		