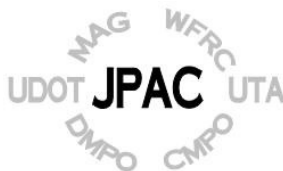


Joint Policy Advisory Committee

MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Joint Policy Advisory Committee

3600 South 700 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

Thursday, January 6, 2011
11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Attending:

Andrew Gruber, Chair	WFRC
Michael Allegra	UTA
Carlos Braceras	UDOT
Mayor Peter Corroon	Salt Lake County
Mayor John Curtis	Provo
Commissioner Jim Eardley	Washington County
Commissioner Larry Ellertson	Utah County
Commissioner Kerry Gibson	Weber County
Jeff Gilbert	CMPO
Andrew Jackson	MAG
Mayor Heather Jackson	Eagle Mountain
Commissioner Bret Millburn	Davis County
Kent Millington	Transportation Commission
John Njord	UDOT
Commissioner John Petroff	Davis County
Kenneth Sizemore	Five County AOG
Mayor Darrell Smith	Draper
Mayor Russ Wall	Taylorsville
Mayor Mike Winder	West Valley City

Others Attending:

Jim Barker	UTA
Mick Crandall	UTA
Chad Eccles	MAG
Mike Fazio	UDOT
Shawn Eliot	Mountainland
Doug Hattery	WFRC
Jeff Holt	Chair, Transportation Commission
Linda Hull	UDOT
Rob Jeppsen	Salt Lake County
Hugh Johnson	UTA
Justin Jones	UTA
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Andrea Packer	UTA
Cory Pope	UDOT
Craig Roberts	UTA

Shawn Seager
Matt Sibul
Lorin Simpson
John Thomas

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Excused:

Mayor Jerry Washburn

Andrew Gruber welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 11:50 a.m. with introductions.

Approve November 4, 2010, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bret Millburn moved to approve the November 4, 2010 meeting minutes. Mayor Russ Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2040 Draft Regional / Long Range Transportation Plan Updates

Shawn Seager, MAG, explained the development of their Long Range Transportation Plan and briefly discussed the following:

- Population in Utah County in 30 years is projected to be 1.1 million people
- Countywide Vision Corridors – East and West Side Freeways
- Freeway Preferred Scenario
- Trail, Bike and Pedestrian Plan
- Transit and Highway Plans

John Thomas, UDOT, said that UDOT's Draft Rural Long Range Plan is in final form. Mr. Thomas demonstrated how to use their UPlan website. This site includes information on projects that address the transportation needs for 2011-2040. It can also show how projects will impact a variety of factors. The Plan includes roadway improvements and other transportation needs such as improvements for congestion relief, safety, bike and pedestrian trails, etc. Mr. Thomas noted that the Plan would be released for a thirty day comment period to receive input from the public prior to final adoption.

Jeff Gilbert, Cache MPO, briefly discussed some of their transportation issues. He said that Cache County has about 115,000 in population currently, and they are expecting to almost double that by 2040. Logan is the chokepoint. The challenge with improving mobility and capacity as the area is constrained on the east by the mountains and on the west by some sensitive wetlands. He noted that they have no freeways, so their principal arterials are critical in getting in and out of the valley. Other issues that are important and that they are addressing are land use, corridor preservation, and the concept of bus rapid transit.

Ken Sizemore, Dixie MPO, reported the following for Utah's Dixie:

- Opening of the new airport. Skywest will be providing service four times per day into St. George.
- A new I-15 Interchange is being constructed to facilitate traffic flow from the west side of St. George.
- Southern Parkway – two phases are completed and the design is continuing on four other phases. This will eventually connect to SR-9 and provide a base for a beltway around urbanizing areas of St. George
- Other corridors included in the Long Range Plan are a western corridor and northern corridor and eventually a belt route that would surround the urbanized area.
- A Transportation Expo will be held on March 8 at the Dixie Center. The Long Range Plan will be ready for public involvement and comment at that time.

2011 TRAX Opening Pubic Involvement Report

Justin Jones, UTA, reported that the Mid-Jordan and West Valley TRAX lines are scheduled to open on the same day – August 7, 2011. The Frontlines 2015 program is a \$2.8 billion program and will build 70 miles of rail in seven years, including four light rail lines: Mid Jordan, West Valley, Airport and Draper; and one FrontRunner extension from Salt Lake to Provo. Construction is more than 60% complete, is ahead of schedule and under budget.

Mr. Jones noted that there are transit system changes on the way with the opening of the two new rail lines in 2011. There will be an increase in overall service, but rail service will increase and bus service will decrease. Bus and rail service will be less than originally planned due to the economic downturn and lower sales tax revenues.

UTA has implemented a pro-active, multi-phase public outreach effort as they make these changes:

- Phase 1: Scoping – Concluded in early December 2010
- Phase 2: Scenario Development – Data from the scoping phase is being collected and analyzed.
- Phase 3: Present Scenarios – Proposed service plans will be completed and presented to the public in February-March 2011. UTA will announce the final service plan in April 2011.

Legislative Session Issues

Linda Hull, UDOT, reported on the following legislative issues from Washington that affect transportation:

- Representative Mica from Florida is now chair of the Transportation Committee in the House
- Probably won't get a new transportation authorization bill this year
- No gas tax increase is likely
- There will be a lot less earmarks and will be more straight funding
- Less emphasis on Transit

Sam Klemm, WFRC, reported briefly on Utah State Legislative transportation issues:

- The budget is the main concern this year
- There is a \$313 million budget deficit
- No gas tax increase is likely at the State level either

Other Business

There was no other business

Next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2011. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.