

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

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669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Thursday, March 6, 2014
11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Attending:

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| Andrew Gruber, Chair | WFRC |
| Michael Allegra | UTA |
| Mayor Bill Applegarth | Riverton City |
| Commissioner Jim Eardley | Washington County |
| Mayor Carmen Freeman | Herriman City |
| Jeff Gilbert | Cache MPO |
| Andrew Jackson | MAG |
| Myron Lee | Dixie MPO |
| Commissioner Bret Millburn | Davis County |
| Commissioner Kent Millington | Utah Transportation Commission |
| Commissioner John Petroff | Davis County |
| Mayor JoAnn Seghini | Midvale City |
| Commissioner Jan Zogmaister | Weber County |

Others Attending:

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| Steven Call | FHWA |
| Carlton Christensen | Salt Lake County |
| Liz Cramer | FHWA |
| Rebecca Cruz | UTA |
| Chuck Gates | ULCT / UTA |
| Cathie Griffiths | UTA |
| Ned Hacker | WFRC |
| Jeff Harris | UDOT |
| Bruce Jones | UTA |
| David Kallas | UTA |
| Arlene Kocher | FHWA |
| Jory Johner | WFRC |
| Pam Jorgensen | WFRC |
| Sam Klemm | WFRC |
| Steve Meyer | UTA |
| Cory Pope | UDOT |
| Ron Phillips | Phillips Associates |
| Shawn Seager | MAG |
| Matt Sibul | UTA |
| Ron Whitehead | Washington County |

Excused:

Commissioner Larry Ellertson

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

Approve October 4 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner John Petroff moved to approve the January 9, 2014 meeting minutes. Mayor Carmen Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

State Legislative Report

The legislative report included discussion on the following transportation and air quality related bills still being considered in the House and Senate:

- HB 55 – Authorizes a state income tax credit for the purchase of a transit pass
- HB 388 – Authorizes counties to go to referendum for an additional 0.25% for transit, “quarter for clean air”.
- SB 60 – Reduces the gas tax to 14 cents and replaces the 10.5 cent reduction with a percentage-based fee on fuel; revenue neutral initially, but mitigates decline in buying power of per-gallon tax.
- SB 243 – Creates a \$1 check-off on utility bills for air quality purposes, with an opt-out provision for low income persons.

Other legislation discussed:

- SB 51 – Increases the number of TODs UTA may participate in from five to ten.
- SB 249 – Would allow the use of eminent domain for trails and bicycle lanes within or adjacent to existing highway rights-of-way.

Development of Unified Transportation Plan and long-range transportation plans

Andrew Gruber reported that the update to the next Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan is a continual process. The Unified Plan reflects Utah’s approach to providing transportation choices to its residents, responding to the anticipated population and job growth, and maintaining and preserving the systems that are in place. Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan summarizes the transportation plans for Cache MPO, Dixie MPO, Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT).

Each agency provided a brief report on progress in their transportation planning process and where they are in meeting the Unified Plan timeline – including: Jory Johner, WFRC, Jeff Gilbert, Cache MPO, Myron Lee, Dixie MPO, Jeff Harris, UDOT, and Shawn Seager, MAG. The next steps for transportation plans are:

- Summer 2014 – Financially constrained phased plan
- Fall 2014 – Input on phased plan
- Spring 2015 – RTP adoption
- Summer/Fall 2015 – Publication of the 2015 Unified Plan

UTA 2020 Strategic Plan

Michael Allegra, UTA General Manager, report included UTA “Transit To-Date” accomplishments. He noted that safety is a key focus for UTA with fatalities for all modes reduced by 44% since 2011 and that since 2007 five rail projects have been completed: 1) Front Runner South, 2) Mid-Jordan TRAX, 3) West Valley TRAX, 4) Airport TRAX, and 5) Draper TRAX.

Mr. Allegra then discussed UTA’s 2020 Strategic Plan that was developed with extensive input from key stakeholder groups, local elected officials, business leaders, rider advocates, and UTA employees. He outlined each of the areas in the Plan that includes the following:

- Customer Focus – UTA will work to understand what its customers want and need, and respond accordingly.

- Ridership and Service – UTA will provide high quality, cost-efficient transit service to the communities it serves.
- Sustainability – UTA will strengthen its commitment to sustainability as a core value.
- Finances/Funding – UTA will make responsible and strategic financial decisions.
- Transit-Oriented Development – UTA will pursue an ambitious transit-oriented development program.
- Economic Development – UTA supports and participates in economic development initiatives throughout the region.
- Accountability – UTA will maintain an open and transparent dialogue with its stakeholders.

Mr. Allegra distributed an invitation to the upcoming Transit Academy being held on May 2, 2014 from 7:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at the Jordan River Rail Service Center. This half-day event will broaden your transit horizons and help you better understand how UTA and transit functions regionally along the Wasatch Front and locally in the communities you represent. Academy attendees will have the opportunity to listen to presenters on a variety of topics including a keynote address by Pamela Perlich, from the University of Utah as well as a tour of the Jordan River facility, glance behind the curtain at UTA's operations center and even pilot a TRAX train.

Other Business

There was no other business

Next Meeting will be held Friday, May 9 – Weber County Tour

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.