

Meeting Minutes/Summary
Active Transportation Committee
Meeting of August 28, 2013

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Mike Caldwell, ATC Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Caldwell welcomed committee members and guests and reported that Commissioner Downs had asked that he Chair the meeting today.

ATC Members and Staff Present:

Louenda Downs, Chair	Commissioner, Davis County
Mike Caldwell, Vice-Chair	Mayor, Ogden City
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Scott Lyttle	Bike Utah
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Cory Pope	UDOT
Jim Price	MAG
Robert Scott	Weber County Planning
Matt Sibul	UTA
Todd Stevenson	Mayor, Fruit Heights City
Evenlyn Tuddenham	UDOT

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present:

Will Becker	Salt Lake County Planning
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Ben Bolte	Salt Lake City Bike Share
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves Coalition
Martin Buchert	U of U – Dept. of City & Metro Planning
Shaunna Burbidge	Active Planning
Deborah Burney-Sigman	Breathe Utah
Steve Call	FHWA
Grant Crowell	City of Bluffdale
Marcy DeMillion	National Park Service
Fred Doehring	UDOT
Janet Frick	SL Co. Aging Services
Jesse O. Glidden	UDOT – Region 1
Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineers & Green Bike
Jeffery Harris	UDOT - Planning Director
Dave Iltis	Cycling Utah / MBAC
Johanna Jamison	UTA
Josh Jones	Ogden City / Bicycle Collective
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC

Jon Larsen	WFRC
Vincent Liu	UDOT Region 2
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Erin Mendenhall	Breathe Utah
Andrea Moser	Bio-West
Elliott Mott	Wasatch Mountain Club
Chad Mullins	SL County Bicycle Advisory Committee
Ali Oliver	WFRC
Helen Peters	JUB
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates
Marjorie Rasmussen	UDOT Region 2
Greg Scott	WFRC
Shawn Seager	MAG
Roland Stanger	FHWA
Brent Turley	TranspoGroup
Eric Vance	UTA
Maria Vyas	Fehr & Peers
Jamie White	UTA
Rena Widdison	Utahans for Better Transportation

Members excused: Commissioner Larry Ellertson

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Tina Kelley** and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Elliott Mott, Wasatch Mountain Club, comments included concerns for bicyclists at the intersection on the North Temple viaduct between Fourth and Fifth West. He encouraged those involved to take a look at some paint striping noting that cyclists are asked to make some awkward movements on that road between going east and west but particularly west. He felt that the issue could be alleviated by keeping the bike lane striping fresh.

Mr. Mott also suggested that as the Point of the Mountain project is coming up that he would like to see active transportation engaged in that project. He noted that the frontage roads are heavily trafficked with trucks, precast product and assorted commercial activities and is a bottleneck for cyclists.

Mr. Mott then invited members to their upcoming activities saying that this is a wonderful time of year to hike and be in the back country. He provided information and extended an invitation to all who would like to participate to the Wasatch Mountain Club planned activities beginning on Monday, September 2, Labor Day, with a bicycle ride from Salt Lake to Tomato Days in Hooper. He noted other bicycle, hiking, camping activities and said that details may be found on the Wasatch Mountain Club website – www.wasatchmountainclub.org.

Marcy DeMillion, National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program, said that she has been working with Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT and Jennifer McGrath, UTA, to identify small gaps and connections need to connect the Jordan River Trail, the Murdock Canal Trail systems and the FrontRunner and TRAX system. She said that they

are doing this to eliminate the hurdles for commuting and have been told that if the gaps are eliminated by constructing connections there could be an increase in ridership on FrontRunner and TRAX. She noted the gaps in the system including one at Gardner Village, one at the Draper FrontRunner Station, and two in Davis County. Ms. DeMillion asked members to contact her with other known "gaps" they are aware of and would like included on the map that is being put together. The information is being gathered to help municipalities partner with UDOT, UTA and others to make the TRAX and FrontRunner Stations more accessible.

Chair Report

Chair report included discussion on the following:

- Mayor Mike Caldwell asked whether the Committee would like to schedule future trips such as the trips to Minneapolis, Minnesota and Boulder, Colorado that several members of the committee participated in about a year ago. Quality Bike Products, a local vendor, has offered to do another tour to bring people together on an annual basis. It was determined that such trips are beneficial as they help participants catch the vision for what is possible and can be accomplished with active transportation.

It was also suggested that there are some out-of-state places to visit but that there are also some in-state locations such as the Murdock Canal Trail. The more people that participate in tours the more active transportation will be included in their thought processes. It was suggested that including people from the government sector as well as the business sector on tours would have an influence in making active transportation a reality.

Erin Mendenhall, Breathe Utah, suggested a coordinated bike ride to the October 9 ATC meeting.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, announced that WFRC is considering relocating offices to be more accessible to bike, pedestrian, and transit.

- Mayor Caldwell discussed the upcoming legislative session and preparations to continue the Eminent Domain discussion. He said that if the Committee is focused on how we are going to present the topic we will be a lot more effective. Suggestions included getting a small contingency of people to meet and have discussions with the Farm Bureau to alleviate the concerns they have. It is important to create partnerships with others involved.

It was also suggested to educate and make sure those involved understand what we are really talking about. Many people see the words "eminent domain" and don't really understand what it means.

It was also suggested that the inclusion of horses (equestrian) be considered in recreation corridors.

Information: Utah Collaborative Active Transportation Study (UCATS) – Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT, reported that a year ago work began on the Utah Collaborative Active Transportation Study (UCATS). She said this has been a highly collaborative study – a lot of work has been accomplished through this collaboration. She introduced Maria Vyas, Fehr and Peers to present and discuss the top 25 project areas.

Maria Vyas, Fehr and Peers, reported that this will not be the final report to the Active Transportation Committee. They will return in October with the final report and the next steps. Ms. Vyas discussed the top 25 project area details that included:

- Project details for the top 25 project areas should be developed further in next phases of UCATS.
- Cost estimates are planning-level and will be refined in future phases of UCATS.
- Costs estimates include a 25% contingency.
- Cost estimates were based on UDOT “unit bid costs”, and represent average costs for each item.
- Additional details of project treatments require further refinement.
- UPlan provided a general assessment of the types of environmental issues that may need to be addressed in future environmental document.
- The top 25 projects include both bicycle and pedestrian; feasibility study; and bicycle only type projects

Ms. Vyas then thoroughly discussed each of the 25 projects in UDOT Regions included in the study. Some highlighted projects include the following: The complete list may be found on the UCATS website at www.ucatsplan.com

- UDOT Region 1 (Weber and Davis Counties) including: Connect Downtown Ogden to Ogden Transit Station- both bicycle and pedestrian; feasibility study-Roy/Ogden; and bicycle only-Davis County-bike lanes on Gentile Street, Fort Lane, Main Street, and Lagoon Frontage Road;
- UDOT Region 2 (Salt Lake County) including: Salt Lake Central Station-bicycle and pedestrian; feasibility study-Porter Rockwell Trail Extension; and bicycle only-Sego Lily Drive/10000 South.
- UDOT Region 3 (Utah County) including: Orem Central Station-both bicycle and pedestrian; Historic Utah Southern Rail Trail-feasibility study; and bicycle only-State Street-Pleasant Grove Boulevard to 800 North in Orem.

Comments on the projects were noted by the UCATS team and will be addressed.

Following the discussion of the each of the projects Ms. Vyas said that the costs noted in the presentation are “draft” costs. The UCATS team is still making refinements and when they are complete, the cut sheet for each project that includes all the information discussed and additional details will be circulated to the Committee.

Next Steps – UDOT, UTA, WFRC, and MAG: Andrew Gruber said that one of the objectives of this Committee as discussed with Commissioner Downs (ATC Chair) and Mayor Caldwell (ATC Vice Chair) is to help us come together as a region geographically at many different levels. He said this is something we want to focus on: “how do we better incorporate active transportation into the overall transportation and land use planning processes at the very beginning as we go forward”. He then turned the time to each of the agencies to talk about some of the things they are thinking about and have been doing to incorporate active transportation planning into all stages of project development.

Cory Pope, UDOT, reported that UDOT has had a lot of successes in incorporating active transportation into new projects and re-construction of existing roads but have encountered some challenges with the built environment. He thanked those involved in UCATS for bringing focus on some critical areas of the built environment so that UDOT can coordinate with projects in the future.

Mr. Pope said that currently UDOT is in the process of developing a draft Statewide policy that encompass all of their programs with some starting points. The document will be circulated in the near future to a broad group of stakeholders to receive comment, input and suggestions. He said that the intent of the policy is to be fairly high level – not a lot of detail but something that would help the entire department and get all departments thinking in the same way. He noted that this policy will bring a focus to maintenance and construction operations and make sure those areas are being addressed.

Mr. Pope said that as the final process is developed with a broad base of stakeholders the intent is to look at specific processes within the Department and review and adjust them as needed. He noted that there are some programs within the Department that the process will not likely be adjusted, such as the Orange Book Program.

Matt Sibul, UTA, reported that UTA also is appreciative of the work the UCATS project has given UTA in simple things such as the “Year of the Bike”. He discussed how UTA was thinking about how to retrofit TRAX trains to be able to hang bikes and to have a policy that all new buses have bike racks that hold three bicycles. He also said UTA is working to find a balance of procedure, design, and guideline perspective on a standard drawing where at a transit facility such things as a bike rack should be located.

Mr. Sibul said UTA is working on their website as well to improve the trip planner to include bicycle and transit. He noted that UTA is working with the cities in stationary planning which is a critical piece on the planning perspective. He asked for input and comments and noted that being able to work together to realize and apply regional funding sources for these types of projects. He said there is an endless supply of these types of projects (such as those in the UCATS project) that people want to see but it all comes down to the struggle of not having enough resources to do them.

Jory Johner, WFRC, reported that the UCATS study has been critical in the WFRC planning and that it has fit in perfectly. He said WFRC worked with the county committees to develop a priority network backbone, and that WFRC will continue to work with the cities and counties to update the base map which includes all the city master plans.

Mr. Johner reported that the Regional Transportation (priority plan) will be updated using the UCATS information. He said staff will also be looking into performance measures related to active transportation similar to what is used for highway and transit projects. In the Regional Transportation Plan, those projects include a multi-modal component they will receive a higher score when they are evaluated.

Mr. Johner said that on the short range side WFRC is committed to review the evaluation criteria for the Transportation Improvement Program and the amount of money being spent on active transportation. He said that other activities on the horizon are to obtain some bicycle count data to know where people are using bikes and to identify bike trends. Also WFRC, in partnership with UTA, is currently doing a study to identify the staffing needs at the regional level.

Jim Price, MAG, reported that their policy moving forward is consistent with ideas and concepts mentioned by UTA, UDOT, and WFRC. He briefly touched on three items: 1) UCATS has been a big win for MAG as well as the entire Wasatch Front. MAG’s basic policy of integrating the regional planning efforts with UDOT will continue to go forward. 2) MAG’s basic policy is to remove silos. He said that any of the funds, including STP, TAP, CMAQ, B & C Road, and quarter cent sales tax funds, can be used to build different types of projects depending on the

local and regional priorities. 3) Over the last few years MAG has helped their local cities do comprehensive bicycle-pedestrian plans. Six of the community plans will be completed by next year and they are working on two more. MAG's policy has been and will continue to be to help the cities implement projects as soon as they can and to incorporate the UCATS projects in the cities plans and the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Price said that planning and funding are key and they will continue to do what has been done successfully into the future.

Information: Active Transportation Health Summit Update – Johanna Jamison, UTA, provided information on the upcoming Active Transportation Health Summit. She reported that the event is planned for Friday, September 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. The theme is “Energizing the discussion of active transportation as it relates to health, economics, and policy”. Ms. Jamison said that the Health Summit is being presented by several agencies including Utah Transit Authority (UTA), Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), National Park Service, Salt Lake County, Mountainland Associations of Governments (MAG), Utah Department of Health (UDOH), and others. She noted that they are excited to also be partnering with the Utah League of Cities and Towns on the final day of their annual conference. Ms. Jamison said that programming will include workshops, a keynote address by Mr. Mark Fenton, an advocate for non-motorized transportation, a frequent consultant on bicycle and pedestrian community plans, and a recognized authority on public health issues.

Members were invited to attend the Health Summit and to register by following the link on the flier or the live link included in the email they previously received.

Other Business

- Save the Date for the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Consortium being held on Tuesday, October 29 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Next meeting

October 9, 2013 – 8:30-10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.