

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of March 15, 2007

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, March 15, 2007, in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Bruce Burrows, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Mayor Burrows welcomed committee members and guests. The following were in attendance:

Members, Representatives & Alternates Present:

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| Elden Bingham | UDOT |
| Bruce Burrows | Mayor, Riverdale City |
| Peter Corroon | Mayor, Salt Lake County |
| Mick Crandall | UTA |
| J. Lynn Crane | Mayor, Herriman City |
| Louenda Downs | Commissioner, Davis County |
| Russell Fox | Kennecott Land Company |
| Joe Gertge | Mayor, South Weber City |
| Jeff Hawker | for Mayor Applegarth, Riverton City |
| Jim Horrocks | Air Quality Board |
| Sherri Lindstrom | Centerville City Council |
| Kelly Lund | FHWA |
| Alan Matheson | Envision Utah |
| Kent Money | Mayor, South Jordan City |
| Daniel Snarr | Mayor, Murray City |
| Robert Spendlove | GOPB |
| John Thomas | UDOT |
| Lynn E. Vinzant | Clinton City |
| Jan Zogmaister | Commissioner, Weber County |

Non-Members Present:

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| Donald Adams | Taylorsville City |
| Loveit Baumgardner | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| D. J. Baxter | Salt Lake City |
| Wayne Bennion | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Roger Borgenicht | Future Moves |
| Chuck Chappell | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| LaNiece Dustman | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Shane Greenwood | South Jordan City |
| Ned Hacker | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Val John Halford | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Doug Hattery | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Marc Heilesen | Sierra Club |
| Pam Jorgensen | Wasatch Front Regional Council |

Sam Klemm
Jory Johner
Dave Miles
Joseph Moore
Wayne Parker
George Ramjoue'
Brian Tucker
Robert Wall

Wasatch Front Regional Council
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Property Reserve Inc.
SLCOG / West Valley City
for Lewis Billings, Mayor, Provo City
Wasatch Front Regional Council
Midvale City
South Jordan City

Members / Representatives excused: Commissioner Ken Bischoff, Mayor Joe Johnson, and Commissioner Jan Wells.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Peter Corroon moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held January 18, 2007, be approved as written. **Commissioner Jan Zogmaister** seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Hawker, representing Mayor Bill Applegarth, Riverton City, was recognized. Mr. Hawker stated that Riverton City has some concerns regarding the Long Range Plan with respect to the freeway connections between the Mountain View Corridor and the Bangerter Highway. More specifically, the concern today is where Mountain View terminates at 12600 South. He stated that Riverton City has a strong interest in having the Mountain View Corridor terminate in the first phase at 13400 South rather than at 12600 South.

Dave Miles, Property Reserve Inc., was recognized. Mr. Miles expressed his company's interest, as a major property owner, in the area of the MVC, Bangerter, 12600 and 13400, in having the MVC terminate at 13400 South rather than 12600 South. He said that, it is very important to Property Reserve, Inc. to have ready access to it's property. Because the property is potentially surrounded on three sides by highways, it is extremely important to them that MVC terminate at 13400 South in the first phase.

Mayor Lynn Crane, Herriman City, was acknowledged. Mayor Crane stated he also had concerns related to the termination point of the Mountain View Corridor but would make comment during the discussion portion of the Regional Transportation Plan.

4. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECTS AND PROJECT PHASING

Val John Halford, WFRC, distributed an updated (and slightly different) version of the maps and lists for the Regional Transportation Plan, from that which they received in their packets. Mr. Halford reminded members that in January, the WFRC staff presented to the RGC a series of draft 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (2030 RTP) highway and transit project lists and corresponding maps. Briefings on the 2030 RTP projects have since been presented to the Regional Growth Technical Advisory

Committees, the Trans Com Technical Advisory Committees, the Davis, Weber, and Salt Lake County Councils of Governments, individual city planners and engineers and the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

Mr. Halford said that since the January RGC meeting and subsequent meetings with other groups, staff members have focused on phasing individual projects. The four phases, as indicated on the maps, are:

- Phase 1 – 2007 – 2015 (Red)
- Phase 2 – 2016 – 2025 (Blue)
- Phase 3 – 2026 – 2030 (Green)
- Unfunded Needs (Yellow)

Mr. Halford further commented that highway and transit projects were evaluated and analyzed using the quantitative process previously presented and adopted by the Regional Growth Committee. A series of “modeling runs” helped staff determine which projects met these criteria for the highest priority phasing. Finally, the Plan anticipates an increase in the local option sales tax totaling one percent as part of the funding assumptions of the 2030 RTP. Recommendations from the Weber, Davis, and Salt Lake County Councils of Governments have helped staff understand how this future revenue source should be divided between highway and transit projects. The development of the RTP will continue through March, in preparation for a 30-day public review and comment period beginning on April 6 and continuing through May 7.

Mr. Halford stated that releasing the draft updated Regional Transportation Plan for public review and comment requires a formal vote from the Regional Growth Committee to recommend to the Regional Council that it take action to adopt the Plan.

Mr. Halford noted that beginning April 7, 2007 the Draft 2030 RTP Highway and Transit Phasing Maps and Lists can be viewed on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org. A “hard copy” can be obtained by contacting a member of the WFRC staff at 801-363-4250.

Greg Scott, WFRC, discussed the changes to the WFRC RTP Transit Project Phasing as indicated in the documentation distributed at the beginning of the presentation.

Jory Johner, WFRC, further reviewed changes to the highway projects in the updated plan. He also discussed the new funding assumptions in the Regional Transportation Plan.

Sam Klemm, WFRC, distributed and further discussed the comments and suggestions received during reviews of the “draft project proposal phase” of the RTP. Documentation given to members states the comment, who made the comment, where it was received and the WFRC staff response.

Concerns and comments during this meeting centered on:

1. The termination point in the first phase of the Mountain View Corridor at 13400 South rather than at 12600 South.
2. Increasing funding for projects early rather than later.

3. The population explosion in the southwest quadrant of Salt Lake County and making sure there is adequate access to that area.
4. Preserving rights of way in all counties.
5. The widening of 5600 West for trucking between I-80 and SR 201.
6. Make sure that the Regional Transportation Plan addresses air quality.

ACTION #1: Commissioner Louenda Downs moved to approve the Draft Regional Transportation Plan project list and project phasing scheme; and to recommend the project list and phasing to the Regional Council for its consideration with a recommendation that they be released for public review; and with the caveat that the Plan, project list, and phasing scheme may be further amended and refined as a result of local government actions and the public comments that will hopefully be received. **Lynn Vinzant** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION #2: Mayor Kent Money moved to recommend to the Regional Council that the financial assumptions the WFRC staff had been using for the Plan be modified to include an increase in the sales tax by .20 cent starting in 2026, to a total of one and one-quarter penny (1.25 cents) for each dollar of affected purchases, so that more transportation projects could be funded in the third phase of the Plan, which would include Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber Counties. He further recommended in his motion that 75 percent of the increase be used for transit, with the final determination to be made by the councils of governments of the respective counties. **Mayor Joseph Gertge** seconded the motion. The motion passed with **Commissioner Jan Zogmaister** voting in opposition.

5. ECONOMIC REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR: 2007

Robert Spendlove, Manager, Demographic and Economic Analysis from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, distributed copies of the **Economic Summary – Notes on the Economy 2007** to RGC members and others. He then briefly reviewed the contents, highlighting the following information:

- **Population** - Utah continues to be one of the fastest growing states in the U.S. As of July 1, 2006 population was estimated to be 2.6 million, an increase of 2.7% from 2005. Although this rate was lower than the previous year, it was still the third-highest rate in ten years. The State's population is projected to be 2.8 million in 2010 and will reach 5.4 million by 2050.
- **Economic Outlook** - Utah's economy continues to accelerate and is expected to experience strong growth in 2007. Utah's job growth for 2006 was 4.8% with near record low unemployment of 3.3%. Utah's economy continues to look robust with strong growth in construction, professional and business services, and the energy industry.
- **Industry Focus** - Construction, natural resources and mining, professional and business services, and financial activity all experienced job growth higher than the state average of 5.2%. All other sectors also experienced positive job growth.

Mr. Spendlove concluded his comments by saying that he is available to provide additional presentations on Utah's economy. He stated that groups and agencies seeking further information on Utah's economy, or desirous of scheduling a presentation can do so by visiting the website at www.governor.utah.gov/dea.

6. DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM: FY2008 AND BUDGET

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, noted that the **Draft UPWP** describes the transportation planning activities to be undertaken by the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Utah Transit Authority, and the Utah Department of Transportation during the next fiscal year. Copies of a summary of the Draft FY08 Unified Planning Work Program were included in the information packet distributed with the meeting agenda.

Mr. Bennion said the Summary includes a description of work efforts needed to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), distribute the new 2030 Regional Transportation Plan and associated brochures, develop processes to support local funding options as requested, and provide other service as requested to local communities. He added that WFRC staff would actively participate in several studies including the:

- North Legacy Supplemental Corridor Study;
- South Davis Transit EIS;
- Foothill Drive Corridor Study

Mr. Bennion noted that the Draft Unified Planning Work Program was jointly developed by the Wasatch Front Regional Council, Utah Transit Authority, and Utah Department of Transportation and must be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for their review.

Mr. Bennion also distributed to members and others present, for review and comment, a copy of the Draft WFRC Budget for FY08. He stated that the draft budget is based upon best estimates of available revenue, as well as anticipated strategic and operational goals.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

George Ramjoue', WFRC, stated that there were several bills concerning transportation issues considered during this legislative session. He distributed a copy of a document titled **Legislative Update, March 1, 2007** prepared by Sam Klemm, WFRC, and also a copy of the **Utah APA Summary of Bills of Interest 2007 Utah Legislative Session**. Mr. Ramjoue' briefly discussed the two documents noting that several important bills dealing with transportation and local planning were adopted during the session. He said that some of those listed are for "information only" while others will dramatically affect the metropolitan area. Mr. Ramjoue' encouraged those present to take the time to review the information and to consider how the new statutes will impact local areas and communities

8. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for **THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007,** at **9:30 a.m.** in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

9. OTHER BUSINESS: No other business was considered.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.