

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of March 18, 2010

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Bruce Burrows, 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:

Michael Allegra	UTA
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Bruce Burrows	Mayor, Riverdale City
Steve Call	FHWA
Erik Craythorn	Mayor, West Point City
Ahmad Jaber	UDOT
Alan Matheson	Envision Utah
Daniel Snarr	Mayor, Murray City
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Jan Zogmaister	Weber County Commission

Non-Members Present:

Bill Baranowski	West Jordan City
John Baza	West Bountiful City
Chris Chesnut	UTA
Evan Curtis	GOPB
Rob Jeppsen	Salt Lake County
Kelly Lund	FHWA
Terry Marasco	Citizen
Steve Pastorik	West Valley City
Debbie Sigman	Breathe Utah
Kathy Van Dame	Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
Kip Billings	WFRC
Chuck Chappell	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Doug Hattery	WFRC
Spencer Hymas	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC

Members / Representatives excused: Justin Allen, Mayor Ralph Becker, Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Peter Matson and Commissioner Dannie McConkie.

1. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jan Zogmaister moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held January 21, 2010 be approved as written. **Mayor Erik Craythorne** seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

Terry Marasco, a concerned citizen working with numerous groups in the area addressed air quality issues. Mr. Marasco stated that the group sees that there are four main challenges to air quality that they would like to see addressed: 1) development in the northwest quadrant in Salt Lake City; 2) the proposed Utah Lake bridge crossing and development in southwest; 3) expansion of the Kennecott mine which would add pollutants in the air; and, 4) **HB 228** that would allow tax credits for burning municipal waste for energy. Mr. Marasco stated that this isn't a suggestion that growth should not happen – it's about being out of attainment if the issues aren't addressed.

3a. Information – Wasatch Choice for 2040 Visioning Update

Ned Hacker, WFRC, reported that the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision was released for formal public comment February 18, 2010 through March 18, 2010. The Vision graphic was also available on WFRC's website at www.wfrc.org.

Mr. Hacker said that the RGC Technical Committees reviewed and commented on the draft Vision and their comments as well as comments from the elected officials and those received from the public have been addressed in the Vision graphic. He also noted that the staff continues to solicit input from local planners and officials.

A final draft will be presented to the RGC Technical Committees for approval in April. WFRC staff will also seek approval from the Davis COG in April and the Salt Lake and Weber COGs in May. Mr. Hacker stated that any needed changes will be incorporated into the map with anticipated adoption of the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision map by both the Regional Growth Committee and the Wasatch Front Regional Council in May.

3b. Information – RTP Socioeconomic Data Update

Scott Festin, WFRC, informed that with each update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), new socioeconomic forecasts are developed. These forecasts are used to determine transportation needs within the region and to develop the RTP.

Mr. Festin noted that the forecasts were included in the read ahead packet. He also said that they were distributed to all the city and county planning staffs for review and further comment. Elected officials at each city and county were also provided forecasts and asked for their comments. He said that all comments received from cities, counties and elected officials were addressed by WFRC staff and are reflected in the 2040 Socioeconomic Forecast. He noted that the socioeconomic forecast is consistent with the land use Vision previously presented and that we are moving forward in an effort to keep the two items connected.

The RGC Technical Committees have approved the 2040 Socioeconomic Forecasts. WFRC staff will seek approval of the Forecasts from the Davis COG in April and the Salt Lake and Weber COGs in May. Adoption of the 2040 Socioeconomic Forecasts will be requested from the Regional Growth Committee and the Wasatch Front Regional Council in May.

3c. Action – RTP Goals and Performance Measures

Kip Billings, WFRC, distributed a revision of the Goals that were included in the read ahead packet. The revision is the result of discussions to clarify what we are trying to accomplish. The Goals are the outcome of the 2009 Regional Council retreat and Federal Highways SAFETEA-LU planning factors.

There are eight Goals and each Goal has specific actionable objectives. The objectives are supported with measurable performance indicators that will be applied in two ways: 1) to provide quantified documentation of how effectively the RTP supports the goals; and 2) to provide a format for ongoing monitoring and Council reports of the goals.

Mr. Billings said that after some history of tracking these performance measures, WFRC staff would recommend specific targets for improvement to the Council for consideration and approval.

ACTION: Mayor Daniel Snarr moved the RGC recommend to the Regional Council that the RTP Goals and Performance Measures be approved as presented to guide the Regional Transportation Plan process with the intent to achieve an improved transportation system. The motion was seconded by **Mayor Derk Timothy** and passed unanimously.

3d. Action – RTP Alternatives Development and Project Phasing Criteria

Greg Scott, WFRC, discussed the criteria that the WFRC Staff is proposing to use in developing the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These criteria and considerations will guide the staff both in the selection of a transportation system of projects for the RTP and in identifying the proper phase of the Plan for each project in the selected system.

Mr. Scott noted that in January Staff presented, as an information item, the criteria by which they are proposing the system of projects is selected. While no changes have been suggested or made for these system criteria, WFRC Staff proposes including project refinement and phasing considerations and criteria.

There was a brief discussion regarding other modes of transportation such as, bicycles and trails and if the rating and ranking process included them. Mr. Scott indicated that this criteria would be incorporated into the project and system evaluation criteria.

ACTION: Commissioner Jan Zogmaister moved to recommend that the RTP Alternatives Development and Project Phasing Criteria be adopted pending the review and recommendations by the COGs. **Mayor Erik Craythorne** seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Information – Life on State-Our Street-Our Vision Study-Final Report

Val John Halford, WFRC, reported that the “Life On State – Our Street, Our Vision”, a collaborative planning effort initiated by the Wasatch Front Regional Council is nearing completion. The Life On State (LOS) study explored various means of enhancing State Street and its adjoining properties, allowing good planning and market forces to help develop a more livable corridor over time. The LOS project had several important goals, including: 1) a vision for the future of State Street; 2) a toolbox to aid in vision implementation; and 3) a focused planning effort on three or four defined areas where Growth Principles can be applied directly to improve the overall quality of this important regional corridor. Life On State partners included: WFRC, UDOT, UTA, Salt Lake Chamber, Downtown Alliance, Salt Lake County, and the cities of Salt Lake, South Salt Lake, Murray, Midvale, Sandy, and Draper.

Mr. Halford, presented an overview of the five general concepts or principles that came from this study as follows: 1) Cultivate State Streets identity; 2) Fit solutions to State Streets desired contexts; 3) Create a thriving State Street streetcar; 4) Balance retail with consumer demand; and 5) Develop State Street complete communities.

Mr. Halford stated that a high profile press conference to roll out the “Life On State-Our Street, Our Vision” is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Fourth South and State Street on the City and County property. Mayor Peter Corroon will be there to introduce the Life On State Street document along with other mayors who have participated in the study and any others who would like to attend.

5. Information – Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget for FY2011-2012

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, informed that one of the requirements to be eligible for federal funds is to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He said we are now preparing this plan at two year intervals rather than one year in order to be ready to obligate available funding as soon as it becomes available and also to reduce paperwork. The draft UPWP has been jointly developed by the WFRC, UTA and UDOT and must be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for the region to receive federal transportation planning dollars.

Mr. Bennion said that a Summary of the draft UPWP was included in the read ahead packet. He reviewed the following from the Summary draft UPWP: Included are work efforts to complete the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), develop a Transportation Improvement Program, create planning tools for implementation of growth principles, working with Division of Air Quality in preparing the State Implementation Plan to address new standards that have been released for air quality, conduct a major travel survey, and provide service to communities. WFRC staff will lead or actively participate in several studies, such as the Southwest Salt Lake County Transit Feasibility Study, the West Davis Corridor EIS and the Ogden / Weber State Transit ESR.

Mr. Bennion distributed copies of the draft budget for FY2011 and FY2012 and reviewed and discussed each by Source of Funds, Expenditure by Function, Expenditure by Program and Local Contributions. He noted that there is no change anticipated in local contributions. Mr. Bennion asked that RGC members feel free to contact him with any comments or questions they may have regarding the draft UPWP and the proposed FY2011 and FY2012 Budget.

6. Information – Legislative Update

Sam Klemm, WFRC, reported that this has been rather light year in terms of transportation. He reviewed and discussed the following Bills:

- **HB 210 – Representative Frank** – Would have required entities exercising eminent domain to pay attorney's fees if they lost a lawsuit challenging the value of the property taken – Status: Never assigned to a committee. A similar bill, SB 81 Sub 2, did pass (see below)
- **HB 351 – Representative Harper** - Allocates additional ¼ of the ¼ money to Salt Lake County highway projects through bonding – Status: A companion bill, SB 215 (noted below) passed in lieu of this bill
- **HB 416 – Representative Edwards** – Adds board members to the Air Quality Board including a representative from the transportation sector – Status: Passed the House but held in the Senate pending further action from a study on board appointees to be done this summer.
- **HB 438 – Representative Lockhart** – Reduces the portion of sales tax given to UDOT from 8.3% to 1.93% of all sales tax collected for fiscal year 2011 only – Status: Passed
- **SB 30 – Senator Niederhauser** – Recodification of existing sales tax law relative to transportation repeals the ability of a county legislative body to impose the third quarter cent sales tax in lieu of a vote of the public – Status: Passed
- **SB 38 – Senator Morgan** – Would have allowed general use of HOV lanes during non-peak hours. Watered down to only require a report on the status of HOV lane usage – Status: Passed
- **SB 81 2nd Sub – Senator Hillyard** – Requires entities exercising eminent domain to pay attorney's fees in some cases if they lose a lawsuit challenging the value of the property taken – Status: Passed
- **SB 215 – Senator Neiderhauser** – Allocates additional ¼ of the ¼ money to Salt Lake County highway projects through bonding – Status: Passed
- **SB 272 – Senator Stevenson** – Allows UTA to own transit oriented developments and makes minor changes in Board membership eligibility – Status: Passed

7. Other Business

Ned Hacker noted that the Air Quality Committee would be meeting immediately following RGC.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held at **9:30 a.m. on THURSDAY, May 20, 2010** in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.