

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of May 20, 2010

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, May 20, 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 9:30 a.m. Mayor Burrows welcomed committee members and guests. The following were in attendance:

Members, Representatives & Alternates Present:

Michael Allegra	UTA
Michelle Baguley	UTA Board of Trustees
Bruce Burrows	Mayor, Riverdale City
Carlton Christensen	SLC Council
Peter Corroon	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Mick Crandall	UTA
Erik Craythorn	Mayor, West Point City
Melissa Johnson	Mayor, West Jordan
Bill Lawrence (for Ahmad Jaber)	UDOT
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Alan Matheson	Envision Utah
Dan McConkie	Utah Transportation Commission
John Petroff	Davis County Commission
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Jan Zogmaister	Weber County Commission

Non-Members Present:

Jory Howell	Herriman City
Rob Jeppsen	Salt Lake County
Max Johnson	Salt Lake County
Josh Mills	Mayor, Herriman City
Steve Pastorik	West Valley City
Troy Peterson	UDOT
Kathy Van Dame	Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City
Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC
Chuck Chappell	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Eric Hart	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC

Members / Representatives excused: Justin Allen, Councilman Sid Creager, Ahmad Jaber, Peter Matson, Mayor Daniel Snarr, Keith Squires, Gary Uresk

1. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held March 18, 2010 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by **Mayor Derk Timothy** and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments

3. Action – Regional Transportation Plan (2030) Amendment

Ned Hacker, WFRC, reported that the City of Herriman requested the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) be amended to move the 5600 West project (from Herriman Parkway to 11800 South) from Phase 3 to Phase 1 and the Utah Department of Transportation requested the RTP be amended to move the 5400 South project (from I-15 to Mountain View Corridor) from Phase 2 to Phase 1.

Mr. Hacker noted that both of the proposed projects are financially feasible because new funding has been identified for each project. Herriman City secured local funds to further their existing 5600 South project, and Utah State Legislature HB 215 identified funding to construct UDOT's 5400 South project.

ACTION: Mayor Peter Corroon moved the RGC recommend to the Regional Council that the 5600 West and 5400 South projects be amended into Phase 1 of the RTP. **Commissioner Jan Zogmaister** seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4a. Action – Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision

Ned Hacker, WFRC, informed that after considerable review and feedback from the public and jurisdictions throughout the region, the final Draft Vision graphic was created. Mr. Hacker noted that staff was having some difficulties putting the green space on the graphic and getting the layering to match up perfectly. He said that RGC Technical Committees and the Davis, Salt Lake and Weber COGs had reviewed and recommended approval of the final Draft Vision graphic pending the inclusion of the green space.

There are many of the canals with service roads that could be potential trails to connect adjacent communities. There was a brief discussion regarding the use of canals / canal corridors as trails because of the liability and safety issues.

ACTION: Mayor JoAnn Seghini moved to recommend to the Regional Council that the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision be adopted pending the inclusion of additional green space. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner John Petroff** and passed unanimously

4b. Action – Socioeconomic Forecasts

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

that the forecasts had been presented to the Technical Committees and to the COGs several times. Mr. Festin said that all comments received from cities, counties and elected officials were addressed by WFRC staff and are reflected in the final 2040 Socioeconomic Forecast. He also noted that this particular data set will not be affected by the 2010 Census.

ACTION: Mayor JoAnn Seghini moved to recommend to the Regional Council that the 2040 Socioeconomic Forecasts be approved as presented. Commissioner Jan Zogmaister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Action – Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Budget for FY 2011-FY2012

Loveit Baumgardner, WFRC, reported that the final draft budget is based upon best estimates of available revenue as well as anticipated strategic and operational goals. The only significant change from the March 2010 draft is the addition of \$233,000 for a United We Ride grant. Most of the monies will go to pay a consultant to set up a call center for serving transportation dispatching for disadvantaged populations.

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, informed that there were no significant changes to the Final Draft Summary of the Unified Planning Work Program.

ACTION: Mayor Brent Marshall moved the RGC recommend to the Regional Council that the final draft UPWP and budget for FY 2011 and FY 2012 be approved as presented. Mayor Peter Corroon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion – Unified Plan Financial Assumptions

Jory Johner, WFRC, informed that the Wasatch Front Regional Council staff has been working with the Unified Plan Finance Working Group (the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Cache MPO, Dixie MPO, Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), Cache Valley Transit District (CVTA), and the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)) since 2009 to update the statewide and local revenue projections to be used in the WFRC 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires the RTP be a financially constrained transportation plan using reasonable assumptions.

Listed below are the Unified Finance Working Groups recommended future statewide funding assumptions and the WFRC staff recommendations for future local option (Weber, Davis and Salt Lake Counties) funding assumptions for the WFRC 2040 RTP:

- 100% of auto related sales tax by 2017
- 75% of auto related sales tax total by 2015
- Five cent statewide fuel tax or equivalent increase every 10 years starting in 3014 (30% to B&C funds)
- Statewide vehicle registration - \$10 per vehicle in 2018 every 10 years
- Total of 1.25 cent local option sales tax (one cent for transit and ¼ cent for roads)
- Five cent local option fuel tax or equivalent every seven years starting in 2016
- Local option vehicle registration - \$5 per vehicle in 2018 every 10 years
- Innovative (impact fees / tolls)

Other equivalent funding sources that may be implemented include: indexing the fuel tax, sales tax on fuel, a vehicle mileage based tax, sales tax on services, public private partnerships (PPP), property taxes, and / or impact fees.

The funding assumptions were discussed as well as the other equivalent funding sources. Commissioner Zogmaister recommended that "property tax" not be touched. Councilman Carlton Christensen suggested that a chart / graph be put together that shows past – present – future and what the increases and proposed increases really are and include inflation, etc. He felt that this would help people understand the scope of the increases over time.

Mr. Johner also explained that the Funding Assumptions would be presented to the COGs in June for review and comment and a final staff recommendation would be presented to the RGC in August for their recommendation for Regional Council adoption.

7. Other Business

Mayor Burrows noted that there is an Air Quality Committee 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, August 19, 2010** in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.