

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of January 20, 2011

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 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:

Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Michelle Facer Baguley	UTA Board
Bruce Burrows	Mayor, Riverdale City
Steve Call	Federal Highway Administration
Carlton Christensen	SLC Council
Alan Matheson	Envision Utah
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Corey Norman (for John Curtis)	Provo City
Dan McConkie	Utah Transportation Commission
Cory Pope	UDOT
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Matt Sibul	UTA
Daniel Snarr	Mayor, Murray City
Wilf Sommerkorn	Utah Association of Counties
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

Non-Members Present:

Bill Baranowski	West Jordan City
John Baza	West Bountiful City
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves
Chris Chesnut	UTA
Russell Fox	Draper City
Austin Fredrickson	UBET
Kelly Lund	FHWA
Dave Millheim	Farmington City
Lynn Vinzant	Clinton City
Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Doug Hattery	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC

Members / Representatives excused: Councilmember Tina Kelley, Gary Uresk

1. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Derk Timothy moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held October 21, 2010 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by **Mayor Brent Marshall** and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments

3. Action – Draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (2011-2040) Review Phasing and Recommendation to Release for Public Comment

Ned Hacker, WFRC, said the process for the RTP 2011-2040 began about two and half years ago and that about two years ago we began the refining of our Regional Vision with the assistance of Envision Utah, city planners and engineers and elected officials. The result was adoption of the Vision by the WFRC and is represented on the Regional Vision Poster. He said that the Transportation Plan is based on this Vision – all the highway and transit projects are based on the Vision that the communities in the Region assisted in developing.

Jory Johner, WFRC, reported that in March 2010, the RGC and the WFRC reviewed and approved specific evaluation criteria for the phasing of recommended projects. These criteria were used to objectively evaluate and rank each project and help identify their proper phase in the RTP. The criteria for highway projects included: 1) vehicle hours of delay, 2) safety data, 3) economic development, 4) complete streets, 5) benefit cost, and 6) project preparation.

Mr. Johner also discussed the project needs and financial constraints noting that project needs in Phase 1 of \$5.4 billion; Phase 2 of \$6.7 billion; and in Phase 3 of \$11.6 billion. The available revenue in Phase 1 of \$4.4 billion; in Phase 2 of \$5.9 billion and in Phase 3 of \$10.1 billion. He said the 2040 RTP maintenance costs have been accounted for.

Mr. Johner briefly reviewed the maps included in member packets noting that the red lines indicate Phase 1; blue indicates Phase 2; green indicates Phase 3; and yellow indicates unfunded needs. He said there are approximately 200 projects on the list.

Greg Scott, WFRC, reported that in addition to much of the information provided by Mr. Johner that the transit projects evaluation criteria also took into consideration: 1) current ridership, 2) forecasted ridership, and 3) travel time reduction.

Other important phasing considerations for both highway and transit projects included: 1) whether or not the project is part of the current 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program, 2) the 2007-2030 Regional Transportation Plan, and 3) input from local officials, UDOT and UTA representatives and Technical Advisory Committee Members.

Mr. Scott reviewed the major capital costs for the transit projects in Phase 1 - \$1.1 billion, Phase 2 - \$1.8 billion and Phase 3 - \$6.0 billion. He said the 2040 RTP operating and maintenance costs have been accounted for.

Mr. Scott then discussed each of the transit maps that were included in member packets: Transit Project Type, Transit Projects Funded 2011-2020, Transit Projects Funded 2011-2030, and Transit Projects Funded 2011- 2040 and Projects Without Funding.

Val John Halford, WFRC, reported that the highway and transit project lists and maps are the “heart and soul” of the Plan and that there are also other important aspects:

- There is a more robust connection between the Wasatch Front Regional Council 2040 RTP and the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Regional Vision.
- Performance Measures have been developed that will look at how well the Plan performs over the next few years.
- A section has been added on Sustainability from a transportation investment standpoint and updated chapters on freight movement through the region and air transportation.
- New means of evaluating environmental impacts of both highway and transit projects that will provide a better picture of environmental costs and benefits for each of the projects.

Mr. Halford reviewed the following proposed schedule for the next few months:

- February 16th through March 16th-17th – Draft 2040 RTP would be released for 30-Day Public Comment period with Public Open Houses in Weber, Davis, and Salt Lake Counties
- May 2011
 - Review of Draft 2040 RTP – County Council of Governments
 - Recommendation for Approval of Draft 2040 RTP – Regional Growth Committee
 - Approval of Draft 2040 RTP – Wasatch Front Regional Council

ACTION: Commissioner Jan Zogmaister moved to recommend to the Wasatch Front Regional Council that the Draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan be released for public comment. **Mayor Derk Timothy** seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

4. Information – Legislative Update

Sam Klemm, WFRC, reported that budget issues would prevail this year. He said that the Legislature has been using one-time money, mostly from the Federal Government and the State’s rainy day fund to cover ongoing expenses. That flow of one-time money has now ended. The shortfall along with the need to meet the growth in the student population in the public schools, growth in state retirement needs, Medicaid and in the prison population leaves a structural deficit of slightly more than \$653 million. The anticipated revenue growth for fiscal 2012 totals \$216 million leaving a budget hole of approximately \$437 million.

Mr. Klemm reported on the following transportation related issues:

- **HB 34** – Representative Julie Fisher – **Department of Transportation Settlement Agreement Amendments** – Restricts the ability of UDOT to settle claims above \$100,000 to approval by the Governor, above \$500,000 to approval by the Governor and the Transportation Commission, and above \$1 million to approval by the Governor, the Transportation Commission and the Legislative Management

Committee.

- **Un-numbered – Transit Act Amendments** – A boxcar under Senator Bramble's name. He has not shared its purpose as yet.
- Representative Fisher has discussed a bill to create a mobility council for the transportation disadvantaged. It would basically formalize the existing United We Ride work group. Discussions and drafting are ongoing on this bill.

5. Information – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Update

LaNiece Davenport, WFRC, gave an update on the CDBG Program and discussed the following:

- Eligible Cities and Counties for the CDBG Small Cities Program –
 - Includes cities with a population less than 50,000 and the counties with a population less than 200,000. In the Wasatch Front this excludes Salt Lake County and its cities; Ogden City; and new this year is Davis County and its member cities.
 - Davis County is now an “entitlement county” which means they will receive money directly from HUD. We now have three eligible counties (Weber, Tooele, Morgan) and 22 eligible cities.
- Regional Review Committee Membership –
 - Purpose of the RRC is to provide a structured method for reviewing, rating and ranking CDBG applications.
 - Committee is made up of six members. Each of the County COGs nominates one staff person and one elected official. Current Members include: Tooele County – Mrs. Cindy Coombs, Chairman and Commissioner Jerry Hurst; Morgan County – Mr. Grant Crowell and Mayor Jim Egbert; Weber County – Mr. Rob Scott and Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, Vice Chair.
- Funding –
 - The state's small cities program is losing Davis and also Utah County so the funding levels will be considerably reduced.
 - Our region received about \$2 million last year – this year we are expecting about half or \$1 million.
 - The budget is tight and the State has asked that each regional AOG cut their administration and planning budgets. We are identifying ways to deal with the cuts.
- 2011 CDBG Applicants
 - Awaiting HUD appropriation but have moved forward with the application process.
 - RRC met and reviewed the 14 CDBG applications – four from Tooele, 10 from Weber, none from Morgan. Application requests totaled more than available funding (\$2.7 million).
 - Once the Federal appropriation is received the RRC will recommend those projects with the highest scores from the rating and ranking process for funding.

6. Other Business

- Air Quality Committee Meeting immediately following RGC at 11:00 a.m.

- WFRC Schedule for 2011 was distributed
- Andrew Gruber acknowledged and thanked Mayor Bruce Burrows for his excellent service as the Regional Growth Committee Chair for the last two years.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held at **9:30 a.m. on THURSDAY, March 17, 2011** in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.