

Minutes
Regional Growth Committee
Meeting of May 17, 2012

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, RGC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Commissioner Zogmaister welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

RGC Members and Alternates Present:

Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
Peter Donner	GOPB
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Dan McConkie	Utah Transportation Commission
Jon Osier	Kennecott Land Co.
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Matt Sibul	UTA
Daniel Snarr	Mayor, Murray
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Walt Steinvorth (for Cory Pope)	UDOT
Gary Uresk	ULCT / Woods Cross City
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

RGC Representatives and Others Present:

Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves
Louenda Downs	Commissioner, Davis County
Kevin Fayles	Envision Utah
John Janson	Utah Chapter of American Planning Assoc.
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters–Salt Lake
Lee Logston	West Valley City
Chad Mullins	SL County Bicycle Advisory Committee
David Petersen	Farmington City
Deborah Burney-Sigman	Breathe Utah
Lynn Vinzant	Clinton City
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Doug Hattery	WFRC

Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC

Members / Representatives excused: Mayor Peter Corroon and Mayor Jeff Monroe

1. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held March 15, 2012 be approved as written. **Mayor Derk Timothy** seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments

3. Information – Regional Transportation Plan Process Update

Val John Halford, WFRC, reported that since the adoption of the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan in May of 2011, staff has worked to outline a process for developing the 2015-2040 RTP. The proposed process has been reviewed with representatives from the Utah Transit Authority, the University of Utah, the Mountainland Associations of Governments, the Utah Department of Transportation, and local planners at the Regional Growth Committee's Technical Advisory Committees.

The objective of the revised transportation planning process is to better integrate the 2015 RTP with both the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision and the Growth Principles. The primary means of accomplishing this goal is the development, modeling, and analysis of four combined land use and transportations scenarios. Mr. Halford discussed the "*Proposed High Level Process for 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan*" information sheet that was included in member packets.

During the discussion, the following information was presented:

- 2040 planning horizon for the 2015 RTP remains the same.
- Four scenarios will consist of a "business as usual" or "non-Vision" scenario and three "Vision" scenarios each with different levels of development intensities and distinct transportation improvements.
- Both the new Envision Tomorrow Plus (ET+) modeling tool and our regional travel model will be used to analyze each of the four 2015 RTP scenarios.
- The three growth or "Vision" scenarios will be based on identified regional needs and will not be constrained financially.
- A series of performance measures will help to determine which of the three growth scenarios best meets the needs of our region.
- The four scenarios and their performance measures will be provided to all interested city and county representatives, elected officials, and the general public in a series of open houses.

4. Information – Active Transportation Sub Committee

Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, invited Commissioner Louenda Downs, Chair of the newly formed Active Transportation Subcommittee, to report on the recent activities of the Committee.

Commissioner Downs, reported that with the increased interest in active transportation and providing multiple transportation options, and with encouragement from communities, the Regional Growth Committee is organizing an Active Transportation Policy Committee as a subcommittee to the RGC. Partners in the committee include: Cities, Counties, Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, Utah Department of Health, Non-profits, Wasatch Regional Coordination Council, MPO Staff, and others. She also said that Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) is participating with staff members and elected official.

The Active Transportation Subcommittee will focus on areas in their initial discussion that include: Funding/Financing – identify new and existing sources; Policy – priority network plans and design guidelines/best practices; and Structure – elected officials, technical, external stakeholders, MPO and county staffing.

Commissioner Downs said that the Subcommittee has met “informally” on several occasions but would like to now move forward and encouraged anyone who is interested in “active transportation” to participate and become involved in the meetings so all ideas and suggestions may be considered. It was also noted that the Subcommittee would be working with and involved with the Complete Streets effort.

5. Action – RTP 2011 Amendments Released for Public Comment

Mr. Ned Hacker, WFRC, reported that every four years the Wasatch Front Regional Council is required to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan. WFRC adopted the current RTP in May 2011. He said that although the RTP receives considerable review before being adopted, the identification of new funding sources or the rapid development of certain projects may warrant a change to the RTP. He noted that the RTP is a living document and as such we are allowed to amend it to include additional projects

Mr. Hacker said that during the 2011-2012 legislative session the Utah State Legislature adopted House Bill 173. These funds are considered new (not previously anticipated) to the RTP. Several projects have received funding from HB 173 as well as previously adopted funding legislation from Senate Bill 229 and House Bill 242.

Mr. Hacker reviewed the requests from UDOT, Murray City and Sandy City for projects in Weber, Davis, and Salt Lake County to be amended to the 2011-2040 RTP. The information on each project was included in member packets and is available upon request in the WFRC offices. Mr. Hacker also noted that the project information had been presented and discussed at the RGC Technical Advisory Committee meetings and also presented and reviewed by the Weber, Davis and Salt Lake County Council of Governments (COGs).

ACTION: Mayor Brent Marshall made a motion to recommend to the Regional Council that the 2011-2040 RTP Amendments be released for public comment. Mayor Dan Snarr seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Reid Ewing noting his opposition.

6. Information – WFRC Urbanized Area Boundary Changes

Mr. Scott Festin, WFRC, reported that on March 26, 2012 the Census Bureau released their revised urbanized area boundaries from the 2010 Census. He said that census designations of urbanized areas have been done every ten years since the 1880 Census. Changes to the Urbanized Area boundaries include: 1) the inclusion of part of Box Elder County, including Brigham City – in the Ogden-Layton Urbanized Area; and 2) changing the name of the Salt Lake City Urbanized Area to the Salt Lake City-West Valley City Urbanized Area.

Mr. Festin provided the following information on how the urbanized areas are defined:

- Comprise a densely settled core of census tracts and/or census blocks – must have a population of at least 50,000 and a population density of more than 1,000 persons per square mile.
- Airport with an annual enplanement of at least 2,500 passengers.
- Inclusion of groups of census blocks with a high degree of impervious surface.

Mr. Festin said that the Box Elder County area has a population of almost 34,000 people, 11,000 households, and 19.5 square miles follows the US-89 corridor all east of I-15 up to and including most of Brigham City. The Draper section is less than a half square mile, 1,000 people, 300 households and does cross into the Utah County boundaries which is the area administered by Mountainland Association of Governments.

According to the guidance received from the Federal Highway Administration, the entire urbanized area must be represented by an MPO and must occur within four years or by the next RTP update – which would be in the 2015 RTP. Mr. Festin said that there is work to be done at the policy level with Box Elder County, Brigham City, Perry, Willard and/or Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG), as well as MAG and to make sure that these areas are represented by an MPO planning process.

7. Information – Wasatch Choice for 2040 Update

Mr. Ted Knowlton, WFRC, said that the Wasatch Choice for 2040 partnership that includes UTA, UDOT, the University of Utah, Envision Utah, WFRC are administering a generous grant from HUD that is enabling us to develop several tools and resources for local governments. He said that WFRC and the project sponsors are creating templates of an increasingly popular zoning technique known as *form-based codes*. He reported that Farr Associates out of Chicago has been selected to lead the development of these zoning templates under the direction of the Utah Chapter of The American Planning Association (UAPA). He then introduced Mr. John Janson of the UAPA to provide an overview of the Wasatch Choice 2040 form-based code work.

Mr. Janson briefly discussed traditional zoning and traditional zoning weaknesses and then included the following in his presentation on form-based codes:

- Form-based codes are intended to promote a vision
- Provide more clarity and a streamlined process
- Focus on the public space from building face to building face

- Emphasis on how a center functions as a place for people not so much on what the use is within a building.

Mr. Janson said that form-based codes focus on community design relative to a desired outcome. Form-based codes design and control the relationship of buildings (or lots) to their location utilizing build-to-lines, exterior treatment, window requirements, etc. Mr. Janson also discussed the community benefits, the developer benefits and the regional benefits of using form-based codes. He said that the Form Based Code Model and Manual being developed through WC 2040 is anticipated to be completed October 2012.

8. Other Business

- 9. The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.