

**Minutes**  
Regional Growth Committee  
Meeting of August 15, 2013

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, August 15, 2013 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 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Jan Zogmaister welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

**RGC Members and Alternates Present:**

Ari Burening (for Robert Grow)	Envision Utah
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Dan McConkie	Commissioner, Utah Transp. Commission
Matt Sibul	UTA
Dan Snarr	Mayor, Murray City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Gary Uresk	Utah League of Cities and Town
Don Wood	Mayor, Clearfield City
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

**RGC Representatives and Others Present:**

Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves
Russell Fox	Draper City
Jesse O. Glidden	UDOT Region 1
Steve Harris	Washington Terrace City
Linda Johnson	Utah League of Women Voters-Salt Lake
Steve Pastorik	West Valley City
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
Matt Rifkin	InterPlan
Rosemary Shkembi	Utahns for Better Transportation (UBET)
Renae Widdison	Utahns for Better Transportation (UBET)
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Michelle Caldwell	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Ali Oliver	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC

Mayor Len Arave, Mayor Melissa Johnson, Mayor, Brent Marshall, Commissioner Meghan Holbrook, Commissioner John Petroff, Councilman Carlton Christensen, and Keith Bartholomew were excused from the meeting.

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Derk Timothy moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held May 16, 2013 be approved as written. Reid Ewing seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **2. Opportunity for Public Comment**

No Public Comment

### **3. Information – 2015 Regional Transportation Plan – Scenarios Review**

Val John Halford, WFRC, discussed the four land use and transportation scenarios which are: 1) Less Growth in Centers; 2) Growth in centers consistent with the current Regional Transportation Plan; 3) Medium growth in centers; and 4) Most growth in centers. Each of the scenarios is a plausible future and reflects anticipated demographic shifts and explores the types of land use and transportation decisions that might be made over the next 30 years. Mr. Halford said that all scenarios maintained the same population control totals, the same number of jobs, and the same relative amount of money that was spent on regional transportation. This effort was educational as well as to point out some of the advantages of growth in centers.

Mr. Halford reported that staff received excellent feedback, comments, and direction from the eleven small area meetings that were held in the month of June. He noted that small area participants were polled on which scenario they felt was the “most likely to occur” between now and 2040, and which scenario they personally “preferred”. He briefly reviewed the polling results that were included in member packets.

Mr. Halford said that a number of important steps need to be completed in order to make the transition from the four scenarios to a single preferred land use and transportation alternative, which will form the basis of the draft 2015 RTP. He said that based on the keypad polling results Scenario 3 will be the starting point. WFRC staff will paint the land use layer, jobs and employment in accordance with Scenario 3 but with the important caveat that staff will make reference to local comprehensive plans and take into account all of the comments received from local governments. Mr. Halford said that staff will review all relative land use and transportation and special studies that are available to date and make sure they are reflected in the land use layer. The preferred land use layer will be finalized using the ET+ tool.

Mr. Halford outlined the following RTP schedule: September 2013—along with WFRC planning partners, UDOT, UTA and MAG, staff will develop draft transportation networks and begin to model those and make adjustments to meet the needs of the region. October 2013—WFRC staff will review results and receive input from the Regional Growth Committee and the Regional Council in their regularly scheduled October meetings. December 2013—A preferred draft scenario will be developed. January-February 2014 a second round of small area meetings will take place.

#### **4. Information – Wasatch Choice for 2040 Update and Development of Local Planning Resource Program**

Ted Knowlton reported that the Wasatch Choice for 2040 is our region's shared vision for coordinating local land use and regional transportation to provide better accessibility to destinations and improved mobility. As discussed in previous meetings, the idea of having a planning assistance program is to help local governments. The Local Planning Resource Program (LPR) goals are to: 1) Serve our members in helping meet local community developments goals; 2) Assist in the integration of development with transportation, to improve mobility and accessibility; and 3) Provide assistance in utilizing the WC2040 Toolbox – that includes Envision Tomorrow Plus, Implementing Centers, Housing Analysis, and Form Based Code.

Mr. Knowlton said that the Local Planning Resource Program (LPR) is a program that would be funded as a pilot program through Surface Transportation Program funds (STP). As a Pilot Program for 2014, the desire is to have flexibility, help many communities, and stretch the dollars. The \$400,000 proposed budget would be divided with \$250,000 allocated to staff and consultant assistance and \$150,000 used as direct financial assistance to communities.

The types of projects being contemplated include:

1. Multi-jurisdictional projects, such as a corridor plan
2. Capacity building
3. Technical assistance
4. Comprehensive plans, either in whole or in part
5. Implementing previously adopted plans, such as new zoning
6. Public participation activities
7. Studies such as housing or market studies

The aim is to try to help many communities and that not all assistance is project based. The general selection considerations are: Would the project ...

- Coordinate land use and transportation?
- Reduce single-occupant vehicle travel?
- Be feasible?
- Have a local match?
- Result in tangible outcomes?
- Involve the public
- Utilize Wasatch Choice for 2040 tools?
- Accomplish Regional Growth Principles?

Mr. Knowlton said that the next steps, pending Council approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on August 22, is to announce the LPR at the upcoming October 29, 2013 WC2040 Consortium Meeting being held at the Salt Palace Convention Center from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. --- all are invited to RSVP and attend the meeting.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, in answer to a comment regarding direct financial assistance as opposed to technical assistance through the MPO, said that staff wanted to get the program set up and then add more resources if it was popular and productive and the Council decided we could do more the direct financial assistance side could grow.

## 5. Action – 2011 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

Ned Hacker, WFRC, reported that every four years the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) is required to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). WFRC adopted the current RTP in May 2011. He said while 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. A process has been adopted by WFRC to consider such revisions.

Mr. Hacker said the WFRC received several requests to amend the RTP earlier this year. The WFRC staff reviewed these requests and made them available for public review during July, and the Technical Advisory Committees to the Regional Growth Committee, recommended they be adopted. Dr. Reid Ewing made a motion to vote on each of the four projects individually rather than as a collective group. Commissioner Dan McConkie seconded the motion. Mr. Hacker reviewed the proposed amendments as follows:

### Weber County

Pioneer Road – SR126 to 4700 – Marriott-Slaterville has requested this project be amended into Phase 1 of the RTP. Marriott-Slaterville has identified operational improvements regarding this section of the facility. Funding: Potential for Weber County Corridor Preservation Funds and County one-quarter cent Local Option Tax. RTP Amendment: Include the project in Phase 1 of the RTP. (This project is not currently in the RTP).

**ACTION:** Commissioner Dan McConkie moved to recommend to the Regional Council that the Pioneer Road project in Weber County, as presented, be amended into the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Gary Uresk seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Reid Ewing noting his opposition.

Adams Avenue – US-89 Washington Blvd. to Washington Terrace City Limits – Washington Terrace has requested this project be amended into Phase 1 of the RTP. This project will convert the facility from two to four lanes to accommodate increasing demand. Funding: STP Funds already programmed for reconstruction (\$4.3M). RTP Amendment: Move the project from Phase 2 to Phase 1.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Dan McConkie moved to recommend to the Regional Council that the Adams Avenue project in Weber County, as presented, be amended into the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Mayor Derk Timothy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4000 South (SR-37) – 5100 West to 1900 West (SR-126) – UDOT has requested this project be amended into Phase 1 of the RTP. This project will convert the facility from two to four lanes to accommodate increasing demand. Funding: House Bill 377 adopted in the 2012-2013 Legislative session approved \$15 million for this project, and Weber County has programmed \$10 million for this project.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Dan McConkie moved to recommend to the Regional Council that the 4000 South (SR-37) – 5100 West to 1900 West (SR-126) project, as presented, be amended into the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Councilmember Tina Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Salt Lake County

Bangerter Highway and Redwood Road Interchange – UDOT has requested this project be amended into Phase 1 of the RTP. This project would construct a grade separated interchange, improving traffic flow on Bangerter and Redwood Road. Environmental analysis would be conducted in 2013 with anticipated construction in 2014. Funding: House Bill 377 adopted in the 2012-2013 Legislative session included \$42 million for this project. RTP Amendment: Move the project from Phase 3 to Phase 1.

**ACTION:** Mayor Derk Timothy moved to recommend to the Regional Council that the Bangerter Highway and Redwood Road Interchange project, as presented, be amended into the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Mayor Dan Snarr seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Reid Ewing noting his opposition.

## **6. Action – Self-Certification of Planning Process**

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reported that each year the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) certify to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that the transportation planning process is addressing the major transportation management issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Mr. Wuthrich said that metropolitan transportation planning is the process of examining travel and transportation issues and needs in metropolitan areas. It includes a demographic analysis of the communities, as well as an examination of travel patterns and trends. The planning process includes an analysis of alternatives to meet projected future demands and for providing a safe and efficient transportation system that meets mobility while not creating adverse impacts to the environment.

**ACTION:** Mayor Derk Timothy made a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Regional Council certifying the transportation planning process. Commissioner Dan McConkie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **7. Other Business**

- Matt Sibul, UTA, reminded the group about the opening of UTA's final TRAX line at the Draper Town Center Station on Friday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. and noted that the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, would be in attendance.

- 8. The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.****

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.