

## **TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of Meeting held November 8, 2007**

Chairman Ken Bischoff called Trans Com to order at 2:05 p.m. at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Members:**

Ken Bischoff, Chair	Commissioner, Weber County
Lynn Crane, Vice-Chair	Mayor, Herriman City
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
Ron Russell	Mayor, Centerville City
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper City
Tim Wheelwright	Mayor, Pleasant View City
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
Jim Horrocks	Utah Air Quality Board
Meghan Holbrook	Utah Transportation Commission

##### **Others:**

Claudia Anderson	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Ben Horsley	Representative Bishop's office
Michael Packard	Private citizen
Ahmad Jaber	Utah Department of Transportation
Jason Davis	Utah Department of Transportation
Cory Pope	Utah Department of Transportation
Mick Crandall	Utah Transit Authority
Stan DeJong	Utah Transit Authority
Justin Jones	Utah Transit Authority
Chuck Chappell	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ned Hacker	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Renaë Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

#### **MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Mayor Ron Russell moved that the minutes of the August 9, 2007, Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Mayor Lynn Crane seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Packard distributed handouts to Trans Com members and asked to make comments about transit. He stated he feels freeways should be built before transit. He stated his opposition to the West Valley, Airport, and Draper light rail projects. He also said that in a catastrophe, freeways would be needed more than transit.

Commissioner Bischoff thanked him for his comments.

## **REVIEW OF UTA'S DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2008**

Mick Crandall said that UTA's draft budget for 2008 is out for public comment now and he thanked Trans Com for the opportunity to come and talk about the budget and answer any questions. He referred members to copies of the draft operating budget and discussed the figures in the following table:

	<b>Actual 2006</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Projected 2007</b>	<b>Tentative budget for 2008</b>
<b>Total revenues</b>	207,283,284	239,391,257	263,178,000	299,439,000
<b>Net Operating Expenses</b>	135,492,867	151,746,266	146,746,284	176,113,000

Some items Mr. Crandall highlighted were:

- The operating budget is projected to come \$5 million under budget this year despite high diesel fuel costs that typically occur at the end of the year.
- The operating expenses will increase in 2008 due to commuter rail coming online. The average trip length is projected to be 23 miles and operating cost per passenger mile will be under 45 cents the first year of operation. Mr. Crandall emphasized that commuter rail is an efficient way to carry people in a congested corridor.
- The cost per passenger on transit has gone from \$2 per passenger in 1996, to above \$3 per passenger in 2002, and now back down in the past few years. Light rail can carry passengers for less operating cost than busses.
- Bonding for the Transit 2015 Program will begin late in 2007 or early 2008.
- The decrease in rideshare/vanpool funds from \$651,600 in 2007 to a projected \$371,000 in 2008 is not from lack of riders. More people continue to sign up so the overall costs go down. The rideshare program is supported by CMAQ funds that are approved by Trans Com and the Regional Council each year. The rideshare program is very efficient and there is a continuing waiting list for vans.

Stan DeJong reported on UTA's draft capital budget for 2008. He discussed the following estimated figures for revenue service vehicles to be purchased in 2008.

<b>Revenue Service Vehicles</b>	
Replacement buses and equipment	47
Replacement paratransit vans	52
Additional and replacement rideshare vans	55
Police vehicles	19
Support vehicles	14
<i>Total Vehicles</i>	<i>187</i>
<b>2008 Expenditures</b>	
Repair components	\$1 million
<i>Total dollars</i>	<i>\$26, 073,054</i>

Mr. DeJong also reported that the following Information / Communication / ITS projects are proposed for 2008.

<b>Information / Communication / ITS</b>	<b>2008 Expenditures</b>
Technology Strategic Plan	\$ 2,500,000
Electronic fare collection	\$ 8,000,000
Pool items	\$ 388,670
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$10,888.670</i>

Mr. DeJong explained that the Technology Strategic Plan is a 5 year program of related projects with the eventual goal to provide information to customers along the Wasatch Front so they can make necessary transportation decisions. Some of the projects include fleet-wide communication to central dispatch, on-board computing capability, automated vehicle locating, real-time bus arrival, trip planners, automated voice response assistance, and information displays on-board, at stops and on rail platforms.

Mr. DeJong also reported that currently ski buses are being used to test a Smart Card base system. This allows riders to use their debit, credit, student and employee identification cards as a method for fare payment.

Commissioner Bischoff thanked Mr. Crandall and Mr. DeJong for their reports. The Committee agreed that it would be worthwhile for UTA to make similar reports on their draft budgets in future years.

### **REPORT OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES IN 2007**

Mr. Hattery reported on the many public involvement activities the Wasatch Front Regional Council staff has participated in over the past year. He said that Sam Klemm, WFRC's public involvement officer, does a good job in getting information out to the public and elected officials. Some of the public involvement activities Mr. Hattery highlighted were:

- Open houses on the Regional Transportation Plan and other transportation programs
- Working with UDOT and UTA on their open houses
- Transportation Fairs
- Reports on television and in newspapers
- Newsletter on the Regional Transportation Plan
- Talking to Chambers of Commerce
- Quarterly newsletters

Mr. Hattery encouraged Trans Com members to attend UDOT's public hearings the following week on the Mountain View Corridor.

### **REPORT ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2008-2013 TIP**

Mr. Wuthrich reported on Staff Modifications that have occurred since Trans Com last met which included a few recreational trail projects and UDOT's program Concept Development projects (in years 2012 and 2013) using Federal Aid funds and other State funds. All of these projects were

listed in the members' packets. These requests were approved by the Regional Council at its October 2007 meeting.

Mr. Wuthrich also reported on the following urban and state projects on the 2008-2013 TIP that the WFRC had received requests for additional funding.

<b>County / Sponsor</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Recommended Additional Funding</b>
Davis / Bountiful	Roundabout at 1500 So / 5 Points	Intersection Improvement	CMAQ	\$248,617
Weber / Washington Terrace	5000 South; Washington Blvd to 500 West	Road – Asphalt Reconstruction	Ogden/Layton STP funds	\$1.56 million
Salt Lake / Herriman	Main Street; 6200 West to 5600 West	Road – Asphalt Reconstruction	Salt Lake STP funds	\$1.28 million
Weber / UDOT	I-84; Weber Canyon	Pavement Rehabilitation	State Construction & National Highway System Funds	\$4.3 million
Weber / UDOT	US-89; 36 <sup>th</sup> Street to 26 <sup>th</sup> Street	Pavement Reconstruction	State Construction & National Highway System Funds	\$1.4 million
Salt Lake / UDOT	Mountain View Corridor	Environmental Study	Critical Highway Needs Fund	\$3 million
Salt Lake / UDOT	SR-201; I-80 to SR-202	Widen to 5 lanes	National Highway System Funds	\$2.165 million

Mr. Wuthrich said that WFRC became aware of two additional projects that needed modification on the TIP that were not included in member's packets.

<b>County / Sponsor</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Recommended Additional Funding</b>
Salt Lake / UTA	3500 South	Bus Rapid Transit implementation	CMAQ	Advance Funds of \$56,012
Salt Lake / UTA	3300 South; I-215	Bridge replacement	State General Fund and Construction Fund	\$1.5 million

Because information on the two projects listed above were not included in the member's packets, voting action could not be taken. Mr. Wuthrich said WFRC wanted Trans Com members to be aware of these projects. Chairman Bischoff asked if anyone had any objections to the two projects, even though an official vote could not be taken. He said the Transportation Commission would be informed that there were no questions or informal objections to these projects.

## **DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES FOR 2009-2014 TIP INPUT TO WFRC STAFF AND UDOT**

Mr. Wuthrich reported that in September the WFRC staff requested "letters of intent" from all the cities and counties for projects to be considered for funding with Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds or Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. He distributed a list of all the "letters of intent" that have been received so far. Cities and counties who sent in "letters of intent" now need to complete Concept Reports forms and return them to the WFRC staff by Friday, January 11, 2008.

Mr. Wuthrich said that UDOT will hold STIP workshops in January. He invited Cory Pope from UDOT Region 1 and Jason Davis from UDOT Region 2 to discuss projects in their regions.

Mr. Pope said that at UDOT's STIP workshop in January, projects will be recommended to be added to Concept Development and projects will also be recommended to move from Concept Development into funded years of the TIP. He said that as in the past few years, most of the funds received will go to rehabilitation projects. He highlighted the following corridors in Region 1 where rehabilitation work is needed:

- I-15 from Layton to 31st Street in Ogden
- US 89 from Fruit Heights to I-84
- Wall Avenue in Ogden

Mr. Pope also said that in Region 1 they are requesting funds to begin an EIS on SR-107 (300 North) in Clearfield, West Point, and Syracuse. He concluded by saying that he would welcome any comments, concerns, or recommendations of projects in Davis and Weber counties.

Mr. Davis said that Region 2's main emphasis will also be on pavement rehabilitation projects. He said that concrete is very durable and lasts a long time, but when it is time to replace it, it is costly. He highlighted the following projects in Region 2:

- I-215 projects (which will be expensive because they are concrete replacements)
- 500 and 600 South (which are asphalt projects)
- Restriping of I-15

Mr. Davis said if anyone had any questions or comments about projects in Salt Lake County to please contact him.

## **CONCLUSION**

Commissioner Bischoff announced that the next Trans Com meeting will be held on February 14. The possibility of meeting at the Legislature for that meeting was mentioned since the Legislature will be in session at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Next meeting: February 14, 2008