

# **TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of Meeting held June 18, 2009**

Commissioner Bischoff called Trans Com to order at 2:10 p.m. at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah. Commissioner Millburn arrived shortly thereafter and took over chairing the meeting.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Members:**

Bret Millburn (Chair)	Commissioner, Davis County
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Mitch Adams	Mayor, Clinton City
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper City
Jay Jenkins	Mayor, Plain City
William Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
David Newton	Mayor, West Jordan
Steve Call	Federal Highway Administration
Terry Diehl	UTA Board of Trustees

#### **Others:**

Kirk Schmalz	Davis County Public Works
Mike Bouwhuis	Layton City / Davis COG
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Jon Cox	Senator Bennett's Office
Robin Hutcheson	Fehr & Peers
Matt Riffkin	InterPlan
Darrell Cook	Mountainland Association of Governments
Brent Morgan	Nolte Associates
Jon Sebba	Nolte Associates
Mitch Shaw	Standard Examiner
Ahmad Jaber	Utah Department of Transportation
Carlos Braceras	Utah Department of Transportation
Jason Davis	Utah Department of Transportation
Bill Lawrence	Utah Department of Transportation
Lisa Wilson	Utah Department of Transportation
Michael Allegra	Utah Transit Authority
Mick Crandall	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
Sam Klemm	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Barbara Thomas	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Renae Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

## 1. **MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Bischoff moved that the minutes of the April 9, 2009, Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Mayor Adams seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

## 2. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## 3. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

### a. **Status of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects (ARRA)**

Bill Lawrence, UDOT, gave a brief overview of the status of ARRA projects. He said that on March 2, 2009 the State received its portion of ARRA funds. At least 50 percent of the ARRA funding going to UDOT needed to be programmed for projects that could be under construction or ready for bid in 120 days (by June 30). Because of the great relationship between UDOT and the MPOs, ARRA funded projects were able to move quickly. Currently, 99.7 percent of the ARRA funds have been obligated.

Councilman Christensen asked if the bids have been finalized. Mr. Lawrence responded many had, and because of the good values coming in on bids, ARRA funds have been able to be used on additional projects.

Commissioner Millburn said that UDOT and the MPOs should be applauded for being prepared to advance projects on such a short timeframe with the stimulus funds.

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reviewed a list of projects that had been recommended and prioritized by Trans Com to receive the ARRA funds for which the MPO is responsible. He said all of the recommended projects in the Wasatch Front region are moving forward very well.

Councilman Jensen asked if all the ARRA projects in the Wasatch Front area will begin in the scheduled timeframe. Mr. Wuthrich responded that all the projects should have no problem staying on schedule. MPO ARRA projects have a one year timeframe to be started, rather than the 120 day timeframe UDOT has.

Updated ARRA status reports can be viewed at any time on the UDOT website: [www.udot.utah.gov](http://www.udot.utah.gov).

### b. **ACTION to approve Draft 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Public Comment**

Mr. Wuthrich said that Trans Com, as delegated by the Wasatch Front Regional Council, needs to review and recommend the Draft 2010-2015 TIP to go out for Public Comment in July. Mr. Wuthrich briefly reviewed the following lists of projects:

- Draft 2010-2015 Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality (CMAQ) and Urban Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects

- Draft 2010-2015 other Federal Aid projects
- Draft 2010-2015 State funded projects
- Draft 2010-2015 Locally Funded Projects
- Salt Lake and Ogden/ Layton Urbanized Area Federal Transit Administration projects.

Please contact Ben Wuthrich, [bwuthrich@wfr.org](mailto:bwuthrich@wfr.org), if you have any questions or comments about the Draft 2010-2015 TIP. Project lists can be found on UDOT's website [www.udot.utah.gov](http://www.udot.utah.gov) or WFRC's website [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org).

**ACTION: Councilman Jensen moved that Trans Com approve putting the Draft 2010-2015 TIP out for public review in July which will allow a final 2010-2015 TIP to be approved by the Regional Council in August. Mayor Dolan seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

**c. Concept Reports received for additional STP and CMAQ projects**

Mr. Wuthrich said that because of the ARRA stimulus funds, last February Trans Com recommended that the process to identify new projects be reinitiated. Since then, prospective sponsors have submitted "Letters of Intent" to apply for available STP and CMAQ funds. The letters were then reviewed by Trans Com, the technical advisory committees and the COGs.

Mr. Wuthrich asked Trans Com members to review the list of Project Evaluation Concept Reports that had been received from prospective sponsors and discuss the projects with their staffs. This will enable the projects to be further reviewed at the next technical advisory committee and COG meetings.

Mr. Wuthrich said that at the next Trans Com meeting on August 20th, recommendations from the technical committees and the COGs will be discussed. Trans Com will then recommend to the Regional Council which projects be amended into the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

Councilman Christensen asked if projects could still be added to the list to be considered. Mr. Wuthrich responded that if the projects are completely new, the normal process to include projects on the 2011-2016 TIP will begin in the fall.

**4. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT STUDY UPDATE**

Barbara Thomas, WFRC, said that WFRC, MAG, UDOT and UTA are jointly conducting a mobility management study to identify strategies to improve transportation services for three groups: seniors, persons with disabilities and persons with low income. Agencies who provide services for the three groups can apply for Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 funds issued by the Federal Transit Administration through the State. One of the requirements to receive these funds is that agencies need to coordinate with each other. Consultants from Nelson/Nygaard and Ross Peterson from WCEC Engineers were hired to develop business plans where various agencies could coordinate.

Ms. Thomas gave a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the following points of the Mobility Management Study:

- Timeframe is from January 2009 thru December 2009.
- Includes Box Elder, Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Utah Counties.
- Takes inventory of:
  - Transportation services currently available
  - Areas where the three groups live and where they need to travel to.
  - Service redundancy and needs
- Illustrates key demographics of three groups
- Overviews UTA's services and other available transportation services for general public and paratransit
- Has found community transportation providers have service limitations on:
  - Providing specific client needs
  - Providing service on evenings and weekends
  - Coordinating with other transportation providers
- 16 organizations provide service in Box Elder, Weber and Davis Counties
- 21 organizations provide service in Salt Lake and Tooele Counties

Doug Hattery, WFRC, continued the PowerPoint presentation and highlighted:

- Existing coordination efforts
  - Cost sharing
  - Purchasing service from other agencies
  - User-side subsidy vouchers
  - Planning and information sharing
  - Funding coordination
- Areas with greatest needs
- Possible trip destinations
  - Retail centers
  - Colleges and universities
  - Employment centers
  - Hospitals and medical centers
  - Senior centers and adult day centers
  - Other human service agencies
  - Employment training sites
  - Medical clinics
- Summary of key findings
  - Limited span of service in most areas
  - Constrained geographic coverage
  - Limited capacity
  - Limited client/program eligibility
  - Unaffordable service

Mr. Hattery also talked about workshops and open houses that have been held recently where transportation providers, other agencies, and citizens have helped update information on resources available and needs, expressed concerns, and shared ideas. He said that information on the Mobility Management Study can be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org). In two weeks, focus groups will be held where seniors, persons with disabilities and persons with low income can further meet to express concerns and offer suggestions.

Mr. Hattery asked Trans Com members to give any comments to the WFRC staff if they know of any transportation needs in their communities for these three groups. Commissioner Millburn said that the food bank on Highway 193 in Layton is in need of improved transit

access. Mr. Hattery said that JARC funds were used to add bus service to a Workforce Services office in West Valley City.

## 5. UTA UPDATE

Mick Crandall, UTA, updated Trans Com on UTA's "next tier" of projects through a PowerPoint presentation. He said all of UTA's transit projects tie back to WFRC's Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Crandall began by highlighting the following items on Phase 1 projects:

- Annual Boardings (36 million in 2005; projected to be 93 million in 2030)
- Local Option Sales Tax in Weber, Davis and Salt Lake Counties
- Financial Status of Phase 1 – 2007-2015

	RTP	Currently Projected
Revenues	\$6,219 million	\$4,675 million
Expenses	\$5,614 million	\$4,645 million

Mr. Crandall briefly highlighted the status of the following projects:

- **South Davis Transit EIR** – Locally preferred alternative is low cost rail between Salt Lake City and Parrish Lane in Centerville with bus service between Parrish Lane and Farmington. Mayor Newton commented that he felt additional rail service was not needed in the South Davis area because of FrontRunner. Mr. Crandall and Commissioner Millburn responded that there is not convenient access to FrontRunner for citizens in much of South Davis County.
- **Taylorville/ Murray Transit Alternatives Analysis** – Locally preferred alternative is Bus Rapid Transit to serve connections from TRAX and commuter rail stations at 5300 South to Salt Lake Community College.
- **Sugar House Streetcar Financial Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment** – The locally preferred alternative's desired characteristics as defined by the cities are: slow speeds, frequent stops, standardized pedestrian crossings, urban trail, creative funding, broad community support, and integration with transportation system.

Councilman Christensen asked if shorter lines are locally funded or if there is a potential for federal funds. Mr. Crandall said that there is a potential in the future for federal funds for shorter line projects. Shorter line projects also allow for more creative funding options.

## 6. NORTH LEGACY UPDATE

Ben Wuthrich introduced Matt Riffkin of InterPlan as the project consultant hired to help with the North Legacy corridor preservation study in Weber County. Mr. Riffkin briefly reviewed the following points in a PowerPoint presentation:

- History of north section of Legacy Highway through Weber County
  - **2001** – WFRC adopts Long Range Transportation Plan with North Legacy Corridor.
  - **2007** – InterPlan was hired as consultant over North Legacy supplemental study in Weber County. WFRC adopts Regional Transportation Plan which includes North Legacy Corridor.

- **2007-2009** – Public Open Houses on North Legacy Corridor held. Public impressions of North Legacy have greatly improved over past three years.
  - **End of 2009** – Final North Legacy Study report will be presented to cities and county.
  - **2010-2015** – Cities and county will have opportunity to adopt the alignment into their master transportation plans.
  - **2011** – WFRC updates Regional Transportation Plan and will consider demand for North Legacy
- Timeline of North Legacy from Project Concept (2001) to Construction (2029)
  - Continuing changes in several alternatives from 2001 to present

Mr. Riffkin said that UDOT is also going out to bid soon for an environmental study of extending Legacy Highway in Farmington further north. He asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Christensen asked if there are existing houses in the current preferred alignment. Mr. Riffkin responded that there are some existing houses, mainly in Hooper City. Recommending a corridor now will provide property owners with opportunities to prepare, and will minimize impacts to communities in the future.

Mr. Riffkin invited anyone with additional comments or questions to contact him at 801-307-3400 or [matt@interplanco.com](mailto:matt@interplanco.com).

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no responses to Commissioner Millburn's call for other items to be discussed.

The meeting ended at 3:40 p.m.

Next meeting: August 20, 2009