

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held August 20, 2009

Commissioner Millburn 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:

Bret Millburn (Chair)	Commissioner, Davis County
Mitch Adams	Mayor, Clinton City
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper City
J. Lynn Crane	Mayor, Herriman City
William Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Robert Hunter	UTA Board of Trustees
Stuart Adams	Commissioner, Utah Transportation Commission
Jeff Holt	Commissioner, Utah Transportation Commission

Others:

Doug Hill	Murray City
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Ben White	West Bountiful City
Jon Osier	Rio Tinto / Kennecott Land
Kelly Lund	Federal Highway Administration
Ahmad Jaber	Utah Department of Transportation
Carlos Braceras	Utah Department of Transportation
Jason Davis	Utah Department of Transportation
Bill Lawrence	Utah Department of Transportation
Tim Rose	Utah Department of Transportation
Mick Crandall	Utah Transit Authority
Chuck Chappell	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Renae Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Mayor Crane moved that the minutes of the June 18, 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 (ARRA) Projects

Bill Lawrence, UDOT, gave a brief overview of the status of ARRA projects. He reported that:

- Currently statewide, there are 101 ARRA projects of which 98 have funding obligated. (Redwood Road at I-215 and 6200 South should be ready to proceed in the next few weeks.) Of the 98 obligated projects:
 - 95 are under contract
 - 88 have been given notice to proceed
 - 3 are substantially complete.
- UDOT has primary responsibility for 82 of the 98 obligated projects for a total of \$153 million. Of those:
 - 79 are under contract
 - 74 have been given a notice to proceed.
 - 3 are substantially complete.
- MAG has 5 obligated projects
 - All 5 are under contract and have been given notice to proceed.
- WFRC has 11 obligated projects
 - 10 are under contract
 - 9 have been given notice to proceed.

In response to a question from Councilman Christensen, Mr. Lawrence said the bids coming in have been low which might result in other projects being able to move forward with ARRA funds.

Updated ARRA status reports can be viewed on the UDOT website: www.udot.utah.gov.

Mick Crandall, UTA, briefly reviewed the following UTA projects that have received ARRA funding:

Jordan River Service Center Yard	\$24,500,000
Preventative Maintenance	\$15,000,000
Buses and Equipment	\$ 7,900,000
Security Equipment	\$ 800,000
Mid-Jordan Light Rail Line	\$90,900,000

Mr. Hunter said that one of the purposes of the ARRA funding is to create jobs. He asked if anyone is doing studies to see how many jobs the projects using ARRA funds have created. Mr. Crandall responded that UTA will be doing analysis of that. Mr. Lawrence said that UDOT is keeping track of the number of employees on ARRA projects, how many hours are worked, and payroll.

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, said that ATMS projects in the WFRC area have come back with very favorable bids. The ATMS projects in the Ogden/Layton area came back \$410,000 under budget. After reviewing other ATMS projects in the Ogden/Layton area, Mr.

Wuthrich said that staff proposes that \$60,000 be used for the signal interconnect on US 89 and \$350,000 be used on the signal interconnects through Layton City.

Mr. Wuthrich also said that two ATMS projects in the Salt Lake area came back \$55,000 and \$440,000 under budget. After reviewing other ATMS projects in the Salt Lake area, Mr. Wuthrich said that staff proposes to use \$55,000 to extend fiber optics all the way to the Traffic Operations Center, rather than stopping at SR 201. Staff also proposes that \$440,000 be used in Phase Two of the downtown Variable Message Sign (VMS) project which will install two additional hybrid travel time signs (one at westbound North Temple near 300 West and the other on southbound 300 West near 300 South) displaying travel time difference for I-15 vs. Legacy. The project will also install four surface street VMS – one on westbound 400 South prior to the I-15 northbound entrance and three VMS (one for I-80 eastbound, one for I-15 southbound, and one for I-80 westbound) on 500 South prior to the freeway entrance.

Mr. Wuthrich said that all of these ATMS projects are ready to go and could utilize funds immediately.

ACTION: Mayor Nordfelt moved that Trans Com recommend to the Regional Council that the proposed ATMS projects in the Ogden/Layton and Salt Lake areas be approved. Mayor Crane seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

b. ACTION to recommend approval of the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

A table of the draft 2010-2015 TIP prepared by WFRC staff and UDOT was included in members' packets. Mr. Wuthrich explained to Trans Com how to read the table by reviewing a few of the projects. He said that two well-attended public open houses were held during the public comment period from July 4 through August 15, 2009. Two comments were received: (1) a suggestion that 5600 West in Salt Lake County be extended further south from 7000 South to 7800 South and (2) an opposition to the Ogden street car proposal which is on the illustrative portion of the TIP.

Mr. Wuthrich said the 2010-2015 TIP conforms to the state air quality plans.

ACTION: Councilman Jensen moved that Trans Com recommend to the Regional Council the adoption of the resolution approving the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the conformity finding for the 2010-2015 TIP. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

c. ACTION to recommend approval of Board Modifications to the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Wuthrich said that last fall, the WFRC staff requested that potential project sponsors submit "Letters of Intent" applying for the available STP and CMAQ funds. At the end of last year, Trans Com recommended that the potential new projects be put on hold due to the uncertainty of funding. As stimulus funds became available in February 2009, Trans Com gave the recommendation to move forward with the process of adding new projects.

The potential projects were reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committees (TACs). The Councils of Government (COGs) endorsed the recommendations made by the TACs. A list of proposed 2010-2015 STP and CMAQ projects to consider was included in members' packets for their review with recommended projects identified.

In response to a question from Commissioner Holt, Mr. Wuthrich explained that if a sponsor had submitted more than one project, the sponsor would rank their own projects in order of priority to be completed. All of the projects were evaluated by a set of weighted criteria.

Mr. Wuthrich said that in addition to the STP and CMAQ projects, the following two projects (not included in the Resolution in members' packets) were requested to be added to the TIP.

- (1) By combining two projects, UDOT Region 1 had over \$5 million available for another project. UDOT requests using that money for a pavement rehabilitation project on 12th Street between Washington Boulevard and Harrison Boulevard.
- (2) UTA requests that \$252,000 in Transportation Enhancement funds be used on a trail along the D&RG line from Farmington to the Legacy Parkway.

ACTION: Councilman Jensen moved that Trans Com recommend to the Regional Council the adoption of the resolution to modify the 2010-2015 TIP to include the recommended STP, CMAQ, and other projects. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

4. ACTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SELF-CERTIFICATION OF PLANNING PROCESS

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, said that in order to receive federal funds, the Regional Council, along with UDOT, needs to certify that the transportation planning process meets all federal planning requirements. He briefly reviewed the Certification Determination included in members' packets.

ACTION: Councilman Jensen moved that Trans Com recommend to the Regional Council the approval of the resolution certifying the transportation planning process. Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

5. UDOT ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT

Tim Rose, UDOT's Director for Asset Management, said that pavement management is one of the biggest challenges that all transportation agencies are facing now. He gave a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the following:

- UDOT's four strategic Goals are (1) take care of what we have; (2) make the system work better; (3) improve safety; and (4) increase capacity.

- In 2005, a serious drop in pavement conditions began. Also, UDOT does not have funding to meet all their pavement preservation needs. Therefore, eighteen months ago, a Pavement Management Quality Improvement Team (QIT) was organized and divided into six areas to focus on: (1) current STIP recommendations; (2) materials / pavement design; (3) research and innovation; (4) targets / pavement condition index; (5) construction / maintenance; and (6) route prioritization / hierarchy.
- The QIT came up with several recommendations. Some of the recommendations approved by the UDOT leadership and the Transportation Commission are:
 - Group highways into three categories based on AADT and truck traffic: (1) Interstate; (2) Level 1 (AADT is greater than 2,000); and (3) Level 2 (AADT is less than 2,000).
 - Re-examine pavement treatments for all road systems
 - Concentrate resources on highest functioning classifications
 - Work on new targets and goals
 - Provide flexibility in programming rehabilitation projects.

Mr. Rose also reported on the pavement funding needs (i.e. \$83 million has been programmed for pavement needs in 2010; however, \$213 million is needed).

Councilman Christensen asked if there are ever decreases in the projected costs. Mr. Rose said that labor costs stay relatively stable, but there could be adjustments made in the cost of materials. Mr. Jaber said that excellent bids have been coming in so those adjustments will be reflected next quarter.

Mr. Hunter asked if a shortage of good asphalt has had an effect on pavement management. Mr. Braceras said that there have been no shortages this year. Last year several projects had to be cancelled due to asphalt shortages. Mr. Braceras also said UDOT would like to see a higher percentage of concrete projects. Bids this year are coming in 15-20% below what was projected.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Hunter commented that he was impressed with the preparation and professionalism of those at Trans Com.

The meeting ended at 3:05 p.m.

Next meeting: November 19, 2009