

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held

April 21, 2011

Mayor Darrell Smith called Trans Com to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Darrell Smith, Chair	Mayor, Draper City
Jamie Nagle, Vice Chair	Mayor, Syracuse City
Mitch Adams	Mayor, Clinton City
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden City
Doug Clifford	Mayor, Pleasant View City
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
Terry Diehl	UTA Board of Trustees
Dan McConkie	Utah Transportation Commission

Others:

Carolyn Prickett	Draper City
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Michael Mathis	Syracuse City
Erik Craythorne	West Point City
Gary Hill	West Point City
Chad Mullins	Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee
Jim Horrocks	Horrocks Engineers
Steve Harris	Weber/Davis TAC
Jason Jones	JUB Engineers
Carlos Braceras	Utah Department of Transportation
Brad Humphreys	Utah Department of Transportation
Cory Pope	Utah Department of Transportation
Justin Jones	Utah Transit Authority
Andrew Gruber	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Kip Billings	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Renae Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Mayor Nagle moved that the minutes of the February 17, 2011, Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Commissioner McConkie seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chad Mullins, representing the Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee, requested that five of the projects being submitted for STP funding and one being submitted for CMAQ funding consider including bike facilities (see attachment #1).

STP projects:

- Sandy City; 9000 South 700 West
- South Jordan; 4800 West – 9800 South to 10200 South
- UDOT, SR-201 at 5600 West (5600 West is a priority bike lane route).
- South Salt Lake, 300 East; Helm Ave to 3900 S (300 East is a priority bike lane route.)
- West Jordan, 7000 South; Redwood Road to Bangerter Highway

CMAQ project:

- 2300 East at 6200 South (This is a junction and connector of several priority bike routes: 6200 South, 2300 East, and Holladay Blvd.)

3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

A. Report on WFRC Board Modifications to the 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ben Wuthrich said that since Trans Com's last meeting, the Wasatch Front Regional Council modified the 2011-2016 TIP at their meeting on March 24. UDOT requested that four new programs be added to the TIP: bridge load rating (\$4,400,000), bridge inspection (\$2,400,000), bridge scour inspection (\$1,500,000), and a statewide pavement marking contract (\$5,000,000).

UDOT also requested a change for the project to prepare an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for express lanes on I-15, from the Layton Hills Mall exit to I-84. UDOT will now be able to do a Documented Categorical Exclusion Study (CAT-X) for this project and extend the limits to include the section of I-15 from Farmington to I-215.

Salt Lake City received funding for a Downtown Salt Lake City Streetcar Alternatives Analysis (AA) from 500 East to 600 West and from South Temple to 900 South (\$470,000; SLC will contribute \$126,457 matching funds). The City requested that this project be added to the TIP.

Because these modifications were approved at the Regional Council meeting, this item was for Trans Com's information only. No action needed to be taken.

B. ACTION on Board Modifications to the 2011-2016 TIP

Mr. Wuthich said UDOT Region Two requested that two projects on eastbound and westbound I-215 from 300 East to Redwood Road be advertised as one project. If they were advertised as two projects, they would each cost about \$2.5 million. However, if advertised as one project, it is estimated that there will be a savings of more than \$700,000 resulting in a total cost of \$4.3 million.

Region Two also requested that the project to construct climbing lanes on I-80 from Lambs Canyon to Parley's Summit include a pavement preservation project on I-80 from Lambs Canyon to Kimball Junction. Combining two projects will lessen the disruption of traffic through the Canyon and result in a cost savings. The additional \$1 million necessary to advance the pavement preservation portion will come from Interstate Maintenance funds obtained through good bids and construction efficiencies and will not take from another project.

Mr. Wuthrich said that due to rapid deterioration over the winter, UDOT Region One requested that I-84 from Mountain Green to Morgan be escalated from a possible preservation repair to a major rehabilitation project. It is recommended that the existing asphalt be removed and a thicker pavement be placed to support traffic loads for at least 20 years. To fund this project, \$8 million will come from Interstate Maintenance funds saved on other Region One projects and \$22 million from advancing State dollars that will be reimbursed with federal FY 2013 funds.

These three modifications will not negatively impact any projects currently on the TIP.

ACTION: Mayor Adams moved that Trans Com approve the Resolution to modify the 2011-2016 TIP as presented. Mayor Seghini seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

C. Review of fiscal year 2010 obligation of federal highway and transit funds

Mr. Wuthrich said that SAFETEA-LU requires each metropolitan planning organization (MPO), State, and public transportation operator to cooperate in preparing a report of federal funds obligated during the immediately preceding year. WFRC staff with the help of UDOT and UTA prepared a report of obligated federal funding during fiscal year 2010 (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010).

Mr. Wuthrich distributed charts (see attachment #2) that illustrated federal funds by type of work and explained the funds obligated. Trans Com members were informed that a more detailed report is available that lists all of the projects with federal funds obligated.

D. ACTION on draft 2012-2017 Surface Transportation Program (STP)

Mr. Wuthrich noted that WFRC is responsible for programming STP funds. It is projected that the annual STP apportionments through the year 2017 will be \$16,500,000 and \$7,800,000 respectively in the Salt Lake and Ogden/Layton Areas. Because of conservative programming and project cost savings in prior years, there are an estimated \$37,000,000 available for the year 2017 in the Salt Lake Area to program and \$22,350,000 available in the Ogden/Layton Area to program.

Mr. Wuthrich said that since the fall of 2010, project sponsors have submitted letters of intent to apply for the available STP and CMAQ funds and have prepared project concept reports providing further detail. WFRC and the Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) used approved ranking criteria as a tool to evaluate each of the submitted projects. In

addition, staff from WFRC, UDOT and FHWA met with project sponsors at on-site field reviews.

On March 30th, the Trans Com TACs reviewed the results of the evaluation process and developed a recommendation of projects to add to the 2012-2017 STP program. Mr. Wuthrich went over the lists of STP submitted projects included in member's packets and highlighted the projects recommended to be added to the 2012-2017 TIP in the Ogden/Layton Area:

Project Sponsor	Ogden/Layton Area STP Project Name	Federal Funds Recommended
North Salt Lake	1100 N; Redwood Road to 110 E – Reconstruction	\$2,512,000
South Ogden	40 th Street; Wash. Blvd to Gramercy Ave - Capacity	\$2,500,000
Ogden	Harrison Blvd; 7 th Street to 2 nd Street – Reconstr.	\$4,500,000
Pleasant View	Skyline Drive – Capacity	\$2,833,500
Woods Cross	1500 S; Redwood Road to 1450 W - Reconstr.	\$2,919,000
West Haven	4000 South; 3500 W to 3900 W – Reconstruction	\$3,551,000
West Point	3000 West; 300 N to 1300 N – Reconstruction	\$3,341,000
	Total	\$22,156,500

Mayor Nagle expressed concerns about Syracuse City's 1000 West reconstruction project not being recommended to receive funding and requested that the project receive further consideration by Trans Com. Mr. Wuthrich explained factors that resulted in the TAC's recommendations. Several Trans Com members talked about their past experiences in receiving funding for their own projects and expressed their opinions regarding the TAC's difficult responsibility to decide which projects receive funding.

Mr. Wuthrich highlighted the following STP projects recommended in the Salt Lake Area:

Project Sponsor	Salt Lake Area STP Project Name	Federal Funds Recommended
Sandy / UDOT	9000 South 700 West – Capacity	\$4,123,000
South Jordan	4800 West; 9800 So to 10200 So – Capacity	\$6,058,000
UDOT	Bangerter Hwy @ 13400 South – Intersection	\$3,780,000
West Valley	6200 S; Mtn. View Corr to SR 111 – Capacity	\$4,458,000
Draper	1300 E; 12400 S to 13200 S – Reconstruction	\$3,179,000
UDOT	SR-201 @ 5600 West – Intersection	\$4,006,000
West Jordan	5600 W; 7800 S to 8600 S – Capacity	\$4,916,000
South Salt Lake	300 E; Helm Ave to 3900 S – Reconstruction	\$3,417,000
Draper	Bangerter @ 13800 South – Capacity	\$2,926,000
West Jordan	7000 S; Bangerter Hwy to Redwood Rd – Study	\$183,000
	Total	\$37,046,000

ACTION: Mayor Seghini moved that Trans Com approve the projects recommended by the Technical Advisory Committees to be added to the 2012-2017 STP Program. Councilman Christensen seconded the motion.

Mayor Smith asked if there were any further comments. Trans Com members talked about the difficult decisions of deciding which projects to add to the TIP, their appreciation for the TACs in making these decisions, and expressed sympathy to those cities whose projects were not chosen this time.

Mayor Smith called for a vote. Ten out of eleven Trans Com members voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Nagle voted in opposition of the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

E. ACTION on draft 2012-2017 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

Mr. Wuthrich said that WFRC is responsible for programming CMAQ funds. It is projected that the annual CMAQ apportionments through the year 2017 in the Salt Lake Area will be \$7,000,000 and \$2,493,000 in the Ogden/Layton Area.

On March 30th, the Trans Com TACs reviewed the results of the evaluation process and developed a recommendation of projects to add to the 2012-2017 CMAQ program. Mr. Wuthrich reviewed the list of CMAQ projects included in member's packets and highlighted the following CMAQ projects recommended to be added to the 2012-2017 TIP in the Salt Lake Area:

Project Sponsor	Salt Lake Area CMAQ Project Name	Federal Funds Recommended
UTA	Vanpool Management	\$243,000
UTA	Rideshare	\$119,000
UDOT	TravelWise	\$425,000
UTA	Van Expansion	\$300,000
UTA	Key North Temple (multi-modal connections)	\$1,400,000
UDOT	ATMS Commuterlink	\$1,814,000
UTA	Mountain View Corridor Transit	\$1,800,000
Holladay	6200 South @ 2300 East - Intersection	\$938,000
	Total	\$7,039,000

Mr. Wuthrich then highlighted the following CMAQ projects recommended to be added to the 2012-2017 TIP in the Ogden/Layton Area:

Project Sponsor	Ogden/Layton Area CMAQ Project Name	Federal Funds Recommended
UTA	Vanpool Management	\$97,000
UTA	Rideshare	\$17,000
UDOT	TravelWise	\$200,000
UTA	Van Expansion	\$150,000
UTA	Fruit Heights Park and Ride Expansion	\$1,233,000
UDOT	ATMS Commuterlink Expansion	\$400,000
	Total	\$2,097,000

ACTION: Mayor Nagle moved that Trans Com approve the projects recommended by the Technical Advisory Committees to be added to the 2012-2017 CMAQ Program. Mayor Adams seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

4. UPDATE ON FEDERAL FUNDING DEVELOPMENTS

Andrew Gruber said that since the last Trans Com meeting in February, the federal transportation funding amounts for fiscal year 2011 were finalized. He said because our region does an excellent job of managing our transportation program by moving projects through the process very efficiently and effectively, we will not be facing any funding cuts through federal fiscal year 2011.

Mr. Gruber asked Cory Pope of UDOT and Justin Jones of UTA to provide an update on how the recently approved federal transportation funding will affect projects in Utah, and to briefly discuss future federal transportation funding.

Cory Pope said that there will not be an impact on highway projects in Utah with the recent cuts to the transportation budget. He said many states have some unfinished projects from previous years that will have the funding taken back. Because of the hard work and cooperation of the local governments, MPOs and UDOT, Utah does not have any unfinished projects using previously authorized funds.

Mr. Pope said the transportation budget passed last week includes an overall \$2.5 billion rescission across the nation in federal highway funding which will result in a cut of approximately \$22 million in Utah. Because Utah only programs about 92% of apportioned funds, the \$22 million cut will not affect any projects currently programmed.

Mr. Pope talked about possible scenarios regarding future authorization bills. It is difficult to plan long term when there are funding uncertainties. However, UDOT has a good program in place to make sure that projects are maintained. Whatever funding comes along will be put to good use.

Justin Jones said UTA is also excited that the continuing budget resolution that was signed by the President will not negatively affect Utah's transit projects. UTA will be able to maintain all funding levels throughout federal fiscal year 2011.

Mr. Jones said that UTA anticipates that funding for FrontRunner north and the Mid-Jordan TRAX line will be reimbursed and the funding agreements will be paid back. He appreciated the hard work of several individuals late Friday night that resulted in continued funding for the Sugar House Streetcar project.

Mr. Jones talked about federal funding uncertainties in fiscal year 2012. UTA hopes to continue making good investments with the updated Regional Transportation Plan.

5. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY UPDATE

Kip Billings said there has been a lot of media coverage recently about EPA issuing a SIP call in Utah regarding the existing PM₁₀ section of the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SIP call may impact federal transportation funding in the state. DAQ, EPA and other stakeholders are monitoring the situation.

Mr. Billings said that the conformity analysis for the proposed 2040 Regional Transportation Plan is in Air Quality Memorandum #27 posted on the WFRC website (www.wfrc.org). The Memorandum was included in the 2040 RTP public comment period and finds that the proposed 2040 RTP conforms to Utah State air quality goals and objectives and EPA interim conformity requirements for all designated non-attainment areas within the WFRC planning area.

Mr. Billings said that some minor revisions will be made to the draft based on some comments received during the public comment period. These revisions will not affect the conformity finding.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Andrew Gruber encouraged everyone to take some of the new brochures for the Wasatch Choice for 2040 and share them with their constituents.

The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m.

Next meeting date: June 16, 2011