

# TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

## Minutes of Meeting held

August 18, 2011

Mayor Darrell Smith 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. Mayor Smith welcomed Necia Christensen as a new member of Trans Com representing the Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

### ATTENDANCE

#### **Members:**

Darrell Smith, Chair	Mayor, Draper City
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden City
Doug Clifford	Mayor, Pleasant View City
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Mike Winder	Mayor, West Valley City
Carlos Braceras	Utah Department of Transportation
Necia Christensen	Utah Transit Authority
Jeff Holt	Utah Transportation Commission
Dan McConkie	Utah Transportation Commission

#### **Others:**

Mike Bouwhuis	Layton City Council
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Rob Jeppsen	Salt Lake County Mayor's Office
Jason Anderegg	Senator Mike Lee's Office
Jason Jones	J-U-B Engineers
Kris Peterson	Utah Department of Transportation
Jesse Glidden	Utah Department of Transportation – Region 1
Mick Crandall	Utah Transit Authority
Andrew Gruber	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ned Hacker	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Sam Klemm	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Rena Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

### 1. MINUTES

**ACTION:** Councilmember Kelley moved that the minutes of the June 16, 2011, Trans Com meeting be approved as written with the correction of the spelling of Ben Wuthrich's name on Page 2. Mayor Harris seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

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

There were no comments.

## **3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

### **A. ACTION on Board Modifications to the 2011-2016 TIP**

Mr. Wuthich reported on three considerations:

1. Request from Farmington City for an additional \$32,631 in Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the Farmington Station Park Access. This request does not require action by Trans Com because the additional funds do not exceed the established threshold.
2. Request from WFRC staff that Trans Com amend the resolution approved at its June meeting. The resolution project description said “the 6200 South and Redwood Road intersection project.” The resolution should be changed to say “the 6200 South reconstruction and widening project from 2700 West to 4000 West.”
3. Requests from UDOT (included in Trans Com packet):
  - (a) \$2 million in additional funds for a Diverging Diamond Interchange at Bangerter Highway and SR-201 and an auxiliary lane on east bound SR-201 from Bangerter Highway to I-215. Funds are available from region de-obligation funds resulting from low bids.
  - (b) \$800,000 in additional funds for the Thru-Turn Intersection at 12300 South and State Street in Draper. Funds are available from State Construction Funds not currently obligated as well as Region Two Contingency funds.
  - (c) \$2 million in additional funds for truck climbing lanes on I-80 from Lambs Canyon to Parleys Summit. Funds are available from the region de-obligation funds.
  - (d) \$700,000 in additional funds for a pavement maintenance “orange book” project on SR-36 from Stansbury to I-80. Funds are available from un-obligated orange book funds.

Other requests from UDOT include the following discretionary projects. (These were not included in Trans Com packet because they were requested within the last week):

- (e) \$1,741,800 in additional funds for “Safety Shoulders” on eastbound SR 210 at Snowbird.
- (f) \$500,000 in additional funds for “Safety Shoulders” on eastbound SR-190 in Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- (g) \$456,540 in additional funds for construction of a mid-block road from Laney Avenue to Murray-Holladay Road in Holladay.
- (h) \$150,000 in additional funds for replacement of functionally obsolete SR 39 bridge over Beaver Creek east of Huntsville.

**ACTION: Jeff Holt moved that Trans Com approve the Resolutions to modify the 2011-2016 TIP as presented. Mayor Applegarth seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

## **B. ACTION on the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Wuthrich said that the Wasatch Front Regional Council is responsible for developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on an annual basis. The TIP is a six-year program of highway and transit projects (funded by federal, state and local funds) that will implement highway and transit capacity projects that come from the first phase of the Regional Transportation Plan. These projects help meet the short range needs of the area, and provide for the maintenance of the existing transportation systems. WFRC staff works with UDOT, UTA, and local governments in the region to compile the list of projects for inclusion in the TIP.

Mr. Wuthrich referred Trans Com members to a complete copy of the Draft 2012-2017 TIP tables and Conformity Finding included in their packets. A public comment period was held from July 2 through August 6, 2011. Copies of the comments were included in the Trans Com packets.

Mr. Wuthrich said the TIP is financially constrained and conforms to the state air quality plans, using the latest planning assumptions and models. The Salt Lake and Ogden/Layton Area Technical Committees and the WFRC staff recommend that the 2012-2017 TIP be approved.

**ACTION: Mayor Winder moved that Trans Com recommend to the Regional Council the adoption of the Resolution approving the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and the conformity finding for the 2012-2017 TIP. Necia Christensen seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

Jeff Holt thanked the WFRC staff for all the work they do in completing the Transportation Improvement Program each year.

## **4. ACTION ON SELF-CERTIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

Mr. Wuthrich stated that each year the Regional Council and UDOT certify to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration 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.

Metropolitan transportation planning is the process of examining and preparing to address 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 to provide a safe and efficient transportation system that meets mobility needs while not creating adverse impacts to the environment.

Some of the supporting documentation that WFRC maintains to illustrate how their planning process meets the self-certification requirements are:

- Regional Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Unified Planning Work Program
- Air Quality Conformity
- Public Involvement

Mr. Wuthrich said WFRC, UDOT and UTA have worked together to evaluate how well the federal requirements are being met and prepared the documentation attached to the resolution included in the Trans Com packets. WFRC staff recommends that Trans Com recommend that the Regional Council approve the resolution certifying the transportation planning process.

Councilmember Kelley referred Trans Com members to page 7 of the draft Planning Process Certification where it states "The AQC [Air Quality Committee] .... includes representatives from each county in the WFRC area as well as directors from DAQ, UDOT and UTA." Councilmember Kelley pointed out that there is not a representative from Morgan County on the Air Quality Committee.

Mayor Smith referred Trans Com members to page 3 where it states "Forecasts of future population, households, and employment are also made by the WFRC with the cooperation of state and local governments. Forecasts are updated as needed to provide estimates for at least a 20 year planning horizon." Mayor Smith asked how forecasts are made. Wayne Bennion said that Census data as well as local population, employment and housing data are used as a base for future projections. Forecasts will fluctuate depending on the economy.

**ACTION: Mayor Seghini moved that Trans Com recommend to the Regional Council the approval of the Resolution certifying the transportation planning process. Mayor Winder seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

## **5. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT REPORT**

This item was postponed.

## **6. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Doug Hattery introduced Mary Guy-Sell as the Wasatch Mobility Manager at the Wasatch Front Regional Council. She is responsible for helping to establish coordination among agencies providing transportation options for the disadvantaged.

Mary Guy-Sell gave a PowerPoint presentation update on Mobility Management in the region. She said that in 2010, the Wasatch Regional Coordination Council for Community Transportation (RCC) was organized. The mission of the RCC is to foster, organize and guide local and regional coordination efforts that directly or indirectly improve access and mobility for seniors, persons with disabilities, and/or persons with low income. The RCC currently collaborates with over thirty human service agencies and transportation providers. Local mobility councils have been developed, or are in the process of being developed, in every county (Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele, Weber). Through a Memorandum of Agreement between WFRC and Mountainland Association of Governments, the Wasatch Mobility Management effort now includes Utah County.

The RCC has several community transportation partners including UTA, the Department of Veterans Administration, Salt Lake County Aging, Tooele County Aging, state Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) providers, Independent Living Centers, Valley Mental Health, and several private-for-profit transportation providers.

The RCC has developed an online transportation resource guide on the [WasatchRides.com](http://WasatchRides.com) website. Driver, passenger, vehicle, and administrative policies have been developed to support coordination between agencies and in preparation for a one stop shop. An environmental barriers checklist has been developed to increase awareness among the public, elected officials, and others. The RCC implemented a UTA Change Day pilot project using online GIS-based analytical tools to evaluate UTA's proposed scenarios. Through a collaborative effort, the team was able to analyze a significant amount of data. Key areas of concern were presented to UTA as part of their public input process. UTA responded by resolving the issues leading to a successful collaboration.

Ms. Guy-Sell asked if there were any questions. In response to Mayor Smith's question regarding curb accessibility, Carlos Braceras said that UDOT has been working for the past four years on addressing 8,000 curb cuts on the state system. UDOT's goal is that there be accessible curb cuts on every state road within ten years.

Trans Com members also discussed how private-for-profit transportation providers might be utilized by using vouchers, subsidies or grant monies.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 3 p.m.

Next meeting date: November 17, 2011