



TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com)

Minutes of Meeting held

August 16, 2012

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. Mayor Cullimore, Commissioner Millburn, and Mayor Seghini had asked to be excused. Get well wishes were extended to Mayor Seghini who had hip surgery the previous day. Mayor Smith reported that Mayor Nagle, vice chair of Trans Com, has a new job that prevents her from attending Trans Com and has stepped down from her Trans Com responsibilities. Next week at the Regional Council meeting on August 23, Mayor Steve Hiatt of Kaysville will be appointed as a new member of Trans Com and Mayor Mitch Adams will be appointed as the vice-chair of Trans Com.

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Mitch Adams	Mayor, Clinton City
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Josh Mills	Mayor, Herriman 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	Councilmember, Salt Lake City
Mike Winder	Mayor, West Valley City
Necia Christensen	Utah Transit Authority – Board of Trustees
Dan McConkie	Utah Transportation Commission
Jeffrey Holt	Utah Transportation Commission

Others:

Laurie Harvey	Midvale City
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Helen Peters	J-U-B Engineers
Andrea Pullos	Salt Lake County Engineering
Carlos Braceras	Utah Department of Transportation
Tim Rose	Utah Department of Transportation – Region Two
Jesse Glidden	Utah Department of Transportation – Region One
GJ LaBonty	Utah Transit Authority
Andrew Gruber	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Kip Billings	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ned Hacker	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	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: Mayor Clifford moved that the minutes of the June 21, 2012, Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Mayor Marshall 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 2012-2017 TIP

Ben Wuthrich reviewed requests that WFRC had received to modify the current 2012-2017 TIP:

- ***Salt Lake County – 2300 East; I-80 to 3900 South – additional funding request.*** \$7,000,000 in Urban STP funds, which the Regional Council is responsible for programming, are currently in the TIP. **An additional \$1,314,000 is requested.** In 2008 the initial project request was for \$13 million. However, at that time only \$7 million was available to program. Trans Com and the Regional Council approved the \$7 million with the understanding that more funds would be requested in the future. The project includes widening and reconstructing 2300 East with curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, and bike lanes. In addition, the project will construct a round-about which will mitigate issues at the I-80 ramps including decreasing the high speeds exiting into a residential neighborhood.
- ***UDOT – Redwood Road; California Avenue to I-80 – scope modification request.*** The scope of this project goes beyond the current pavement preservation project and becomes a major rehabilitation project. The project will reconstruct the road and add a drainage system with curb and gutter. The funding levels for this project do not change.
- ***UDOT – SR201; 5600 West to 9200 West – scope modification request.*** The request is to combine the SR-201 from 5600 West to 6000 West project and the SR-201 from 6000 West to 9200 West project into one project. The funding levels for this project do not change.
- ***West Jordan City – Jordan River Trail West Jordan Connection from 8600 South to 9000 South – new project request.*** \$110,000 is requested in Recreational Trail Program funds for construction of 4,012 feet of 10' wide paved trail, installation of one pedestrian trail bridge and one neighborhood trail access point.
- ***Salt Lake County Parks and Rec – Bonneville Shoreline Trail “Z” Trail to Neff’s Canyon – new project request.*** \$36,557 is requested in Recreational Trail

Program funds to construct a new two mile segment of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to continue into Neff's Canyon.

- ***Salt Lake County Parks and Rec – Jordan River Trail; 8300 South to 8600 South – new project request.*** \$100,000 is requested in Recreational Trail Program funds to build a paved asphalt trail tying into an existing paved trail allowing the sponsor to build a bridge. Once completed, it will provide 25.9 miles of continuous paved trail.
- ***Utah State Parks – new project request.*** \$130,570 is requested in Recreational Trail Program funds for use in the administration and management of the program.

Mr. Wuthrich said the requests do not require a new conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period.

ACTION: Mayor Winder moved that Trans Com recommend to the Regional Council that the resolution to modify the 2012-2017 TIP be approved as requested. Mayor Adams seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

B. ACTION to recommend approval of the Draft 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and air quality conformity determination

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 capacity projects that come from the first phase of the Regional Transportation Plan, 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 reviewed the Draft 2013-2018 TIP tables and Conformity Finding included in the Trans Com packets. He said if anyone has any questions regarding the tables to please contact him. A public comment period was held from June 30 through August 4, 2012. Open houses were held in Ogden and Salt Lake during this time. Wayne Bennion distributed copies of the public comments that were received and briefly reviewed them (see attachment #1).

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/ West Valley and Ogden/ Layton Area Technical Committees and the WFRC staff recommend that the 2013-2018 TIP be approved.

ACTION: Councilman Christensen moved that Trans Com recommend to the Regional Council the adoption of the Resolution approving the 2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and the conformity finding for the 2013-2018 TIP. Necia Christensen seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

4. ACTION ON SELF-CERTIFICATION OF 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 issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Mr. Wuthrich said the planning process examines travel and transportation issues and the needs in metropolitan areas. It includes a demographic analysis of the communities, an examination of travel patterns and trends, and an analysis of alternatives to meet projected future demands and to provide a safe and efficient transportation system while not creating adverse impacts to the environment.

Some of the key work products that WFRC develops are documented in the self-certification, including:

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Air Quality and 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 to the Regional Council that they approve the resolution certifying the transportation planning process.

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

5. AIR QUALITY REPORT – PM_{2.5} SIP DEVELOPMENT

Kip Billings said that WFRC is supporting the Division of Air Quality (DAQ) in their preparation of the PM_{2.5} (particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less) section of the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The deadline for submitting the final SIP to EPA is December 2012. The SIP will include Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for certain pollutants which, in effect, cap emissions from mobile sources. Projected emissions from mobile sources as described in the Regional Transportation Plan out to 2040 must not exceed the budgets for any year in the future. WFRC staff is conducting analysis to verify whether emissions will be below the budgets that will be set in the SIP.

Mr. Billings referred members to two charts in their packets that illustrate changes in mobile source emissions from 2008-2019. Significant reductions are shown for nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds. DAQ is completing their modeling to see whether those reductions are sufficient for the state to show that the standard for particulate matter pollution will be met in the year 2019.

The state is preparing a draft of the plan that will be presented to the Air Quality Board on September 5. They will request that the Air Quality Board approve the plan for public comment.

Mr. Billings asked if there were any questions. Jeff Holt asked if there were any air quality budgets that take into account the smoke and particulates from surrounding wildfires. Mr. Billings responded that wildfires certainly contribute to summer ozone pollution. Mobile sources are the only ones that are controlled using an emissions budget. Pollution from wildfires will be noted to the EPA by “flags” for any air quality impacts.

Andrew Gruber thanked Mr. Billings for his technical expertise on mobile source emissions that he is providing to DAQ. He highlighted items that were discussed at the Air Quality Committee meeting that morning.

- There is a dramatic reduction in emissions (close to 50%) from automobiles and trucks from 2008 projected out to 2019 that mainly comes from turnover to cleaner emission vehicles. More people using transit also helps to reduce the emission levels.
- There is a distinction between mandatory and voluntary actions that can help meet air quality requirements. WFRC’s Air Quality Committee is promoting several voluntary strategies, such as UDOT’s TravelWise program. Even though there is limited credit in the SIP process for voluntary strategies, they will result in favorable emissions reductions.
- In this year’s TIP, additional CMAQ funding was provided to UDOT’s TravelWise program with the intent of providing assistance to local communities that want to implement voluntary programs with their residents but do not have the expertise or needed resources.

Mayor Smith added that he is a member of the Air Quality Board and has seen obvious improvement in vehicle emissions. More attention is also shifting to stationary sources such as wood-burning stoves, boilers, emergency generators, and restaurant fumes.

6. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL UPDATE – MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY (MAP-21)

Mr. Gruber reported on the recently passed federal transportation bill: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). The previous federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, expired three years ago and was extended ten times. MAP-21 takes effect October 1, 2012 and authorizes federal surface transportation programs for federal fiscal years 2013 and 2014.

MAP-21 funds federal transportation programs at basically current levels plus inflation. Nationwide, MAP-21 funding will be \$50.8 billion per year for highway and transit programs. Utah’s share will be \$400 million annually. The bill maintains an approximate 80/20 highway/transit split.

Mr. Gruber discussed three points regarding MAP-21 funding:

- Fortunate to have MAP-21 pass through Congress in times of uncertainty. The bill gives stability for two years.

- Does not address long-term transportation funding challenges. Gas tax has not increased since 1990's and does not increase with inflation.
- Funds will be allocated by formula now rather than past earmarks and discretionary programs.

Mr. Gruber briefly discussed some program changes in MAP-21:

- Over 100 highway programs have been consolidated to approximately 30 core programs which include the Surface Transportation Program, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, and the new National Highway Performance Program.
- Transit programs will have more formula grants and a new emphasis on State of Good Repair.
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs will have added focus on PM_{2.5} reduction.
- A new Transportation Alternatives Program combines the Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, and Recreational Trail programs, cuts the funding by about 30%, and suballocates 50% to regions based on population.

Mr. Gruber said MAP-21 emphasizes collaboration and coordination between transportation agencies, which Utah already does exceptionally well. Project delivery will be streamlined including allowances for innovative contracting and an accelerated environmental review process.

Mr. Gruber concluded the discussion by saying that WFRC will continue to work with UTA, UDOT, FTA, and FHWA to implement the new MAP-21 requirements, preserving stability and continuity. He highlighted 'Utah's Unified Transportation Plan: 2011-2040' as an example of Utah's collaboration between agencies. Utah sets the standard for other states.

Carlos Bracerias said that MAP-21 sets the stage for performance-oriented programs for which the State of Utah is situated to be out in front of the nation.

Mayor Smith said that as he has traveled through various parts of the country, there is no comparison to the excellent condition of Utah's transportation venues, including construction areas.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

The meeting ended at 3:10 p.m.

Next meeting date: November 8, 2012