



**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com)**  
**Minutes of Meeting held**  
**April 18, 2013**

Chairman Darrell Smith 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. Chairman Smith welcomed Ben Southworth, UTA Board of Trustees, as a new member of Trans Com.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members:**

Darrell Smith, Chair	Mayor, Draper City
Mitch Adams, Vice-Chair	Mayor, Clinton City
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden City
Jerry Rechtenbach	Mayor, Taylorsville City
Ben Southworth	UTA Board of Trustees

**Others:**

Bill Wood	Herriman City
Trae Stokes	Murray City
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Jason Jones	J-U-B Engineers
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
David Schwartz	Utah Department of Transportation – Region Two
Stan de Jong	Utah Transit Authority
Alma Haskell	Utah Transit Authority
Andrew Gruber	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Kip Billings	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Jory Johner	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Sam Klemm	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Renae Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

**1. MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Mayor Adams moved that the minutes of the February 21, 2013 Trans Com meeting be approved as written. 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. Report on Board Modifications to the 2013-2018 TIP**

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, said that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a six-year program of highway and transit projects in the Salt Lake / West Valley and the Ogden / Layton Urbanized Areas. It is a compilation of projects from various federal, state, and local funding programs for all the cities and counties in the Region, as well as for UDOT and UTA. Projects included in the TIP will implement the long range highway and transit plans for the region, help meet the short range needs of the area, and provide for the maintenance of the existing transportation system.

Due to the dynamics of transportation funding and projects, it becomes necessary to amend or modify the TIP periodically throughout the year. At their March meeting, the Regional Council reviewed and approved the following board modifications:

- ***West Valley City – Cross Town Trail Project; Decker Lake to 2700 West – Additional funding of \$517,134 using West Valley City funds.***  
West Valley City requested that this project be modified on the TIP to reflect completion of this phase of the project.
- ***UDOT – Barrier upgrades on I-215 bridge over the Union Pacific railroad tracks in North Salt Lake – Additional funding request of \$2,400,000 from unprogrammed National Highway Performance Program – Bridge funds.***  
Fatal crashes have occurred on the bridges connecting I-15 to I-215 in North Salt Lake as vehicles have gone over the bridge parapets and landed on the Union Pacific railroad tracks below. Parapets will be raised from 30 inches to 60 inches in order to reduce the risk of these types of accidents.
- ***UDOT – FY2013 updated projects & FY2015 project list for the Pavement Rehabilitation / Purple Book Program – Various additional funding as programmed.***  
Purple Book Projects are projects that add structural value to the pavement surface or resurfacing projects with 2-4” overlays with or without rotomilling. Funds for Rehabilitation Program projects come from the Purple Book Program and are allocated by the Transportation Commission.

This report was for Trans Com’s information only.

### **b. ACTION on Board Modifications to the 2013-2018 TIP**

Mr. Wuthrich reviewed the following requested Board Modifications to the 2013-2018 TIP:

- ***West Jordan – 8200 South (Sugar Factory Road) & Redwood Road – Additional funding request of \$300,000 from cost savings of other projects in the Surface Transportation Program (STP).***  
This project will realign 8200 South and provide a signal at the intersection. The additional costs are due to property negotiations and right-of-way acquisitions.

- **UDOT – State Street; 6400 South to 8000 South** – Additional funding request of \$1.8 million from Region 2 de-obligation account to cover project overruns. The additional project costs are due to (1) higher than anticipated right-of-way cost; (2) old unknown concrete pavement in the middle of the road; (3) unanticipated utility costs.
- **UDOT – Gazex Avalanche Control Project** – Additional funding request of \$729,325 from Region 2 de-obligation account. Gazex Avalanche Control Systems reduce the need to use live ammunition to control avalanches over populated areas in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Two systems were installed last year. The requested funding will allow for the installation of five more for a total of seven.

In response to questions from Mayor Rechtenbach, Mr. Wuthrich said the seven Gazex systems were purchased through a grant. However, there were only enough grant funds to install two systems. Today's request is to use statewide Flexible (any area) Surface Transportation Program funds to install the remaining five systems. Dave Schwartz, UDOT, said the benefit of the Gazex system is to set off smaller avalanches in a proactive controlled manner to prevent avalanches from reaching the canyon roadway.

- **UDOT – State Street; 3300 South to 400 South** – Additional funding request of \$1.1 million from National Highway Performance Program Funds. This project was originally programmed as an Orange Book project which has a limit of \$3 million. Due to the length and width of the pavement section, additional funds are needed. Approval of the additional funding request would allow the pavement treatment section to remain whole and overall cost to be less.
- **UDOT – 900 South Connector from I-15 to West Temple** – Additional funding request of \$1.5 million from funds being reprogrammed from a bridge rehab project in Utah County which will be replaced at a later date. This project will allow for bridge rehabilitation along the 900 South Connector.
- **UDOT – Foothill Blvd bridge over I-215 Bridge and Foothill Blvd / Parleys Way westbound Ramp Project** -- Additional funding request of \$2.4 million from unprogrammed National Highway Performance Bridge Program FY2016 funds. This request is to add funding, combine projects, and change project scope. By combining the Foothill Blvd over I-215 project and the Foothill Blvd / Parleys Way westbound Ramp Projects, eight structures will have rehabilitation treatments.

Mr. Wuthrich said the requests do not require a new conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period, but a review and comment opportunity at this meeting.

**ACTION:** Mayor Seghini moved that Trans Com approve the resolution to modify the 2013-2018 TIP as requested. Mayor Harris seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

- c. **ACTION on New Projects for the Draft 2014-2019 Surface Transportation Program (STP); New Projects for the Draft 2014-2019 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ); and New Projects for the Draft 2014 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

Mr. Wuthrich said the Wasatch Front Regional Council is responsible for programming the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, the Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funds, and the new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for the Salt Lake / West Valley Urbanized Area and the Ogden / Layton Urbanized Area. TAP funds are new this year and come as a result of program changes identified in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) federal transportation authorization. TAP funds will be programmed for FY 2014.

In the fall of 2012, WFRC staff requested that potential project sponsors submit letters of intent to apply for the available STP, CMAQ and TAP funds. Sponsors were then asked to prepare project concept evaluation reports providing further detail on their projects. WFRC staff and the Trans Com Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) used these reports, a field review of all projects in March, technical criteria, geographic equity, and other considerations to evaluate each of the submitted projects.

At the Trans Com TAC meetings on March 27, the region's municipal engineers and other professionals representing each municipality developed a recommendation of projects to add to the 2014-2019 STP, CMAQ, and TAP programs. WFRC staff also shared these recommendations with the Davis, Salt Lake, and Weber County Councils of Governments for their review and comment.

Mr. Wuthrich reported on the available federal funds for the 2014-2019 TIP and the amounts requested in each area as shown in the following tables:

<b>OGDEN / LAYTON URBANIZED AREA</b>				
	<b>STP Funds</b>	<b>CMAQ Funds</b>	<b>TAP Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
<b>Available</b>	\$14,241,318	\$4,570,000	\$700,000	\$19,511,318
<b>Requested</b>	\$82,794,000	\$8,478,930	\$6,180,400	\$97,453,330

<b>SALT LAKE / WEST VALLEY URBANIZED AREA</b>				
	<b>STP Funds</b>	<b>CMAQ Funds</b>	<b>TAP Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
<b>Available</b>	\$7,410,480	\$5,260,045	\$900,000	\$13,570,525
<b>Requested</b>	\$157,926,000	\$24,407,958	\$11,996,867	\$194,330,825

Mr. Wuthrich highlighted and showed photos of each of the following Ogden / Layton Urbanized Area projects that were recommended by the Ogden / Layton TAC for inclusion in the STP, CMAQ and TAP programs:

<b>PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY THE OGDEN / LAYTON AREA TAC</b>		
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<b>Recommendations for STP funding - 2019</b>	<b>Federal Funds Recommended</b>
Clinton	3000 W from 1400 N to 2300 N --- Reconstruction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, subbase, roadbase, asphalt, storm water drainage, handicap ramps, restriping, painted messages	\$2,784,000

Sunset	800 N Collector Road from Main Street to 450 W --- Reconstruction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, subbase, roadbase, asphalt, storm water drainage, handicap ramps, restriping, painted messages	\$2,258,000
West Point / Clearfield	300 N from 1000 W to 2000 W --- Widen to 3-lane section; install curb, gutter, sidewalk; provide turn lanes at intersections	\$2,500,000
Harrisville	Larsen Lane from US-89 to Washington Blvd --- Reconstruct Larsen Lane and widen to a uniform 3-lane section with curb, gutter and sidewalk	\$3,000,000
Brigham City	New signalized intersection at 1100 W and US-91 -- - Construct a new intersection and 500' of roadway on each side of US-91	\$1,500,000
UDOT / Kaysville / Layton	I-15 northbound auxiliary lane from 200 N to Layton Parkway --- Construct a new lane on I-15 to reduce congestion and weaving movements from vehicles entering and exiting I-15	\$1,200,000
Ogden	Harrison Blvd from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street to Sheridan Road --- Realign an offset intersection and improve signal	\$2,500,000
<b>Recommendations for CMAQ funding - 2019</b>		
UTA	Lease Vans Program Management for various areas in Ogden / Layton urbanized area	\$127,130
UTA	Lease Vans Program Expansion for various areas in Ogden / Layton urbanized area --- Purchase 5 new vans to expand the Van Pool Program	\$118,800
UTA	Transportation Demand Management --- Educate communities and others on alternative transportation options; provide carpool matching services	\$30,000
UTA	Purchase buses for continued seasonal bus service from Ogden to ski areas via Ogden Canyon	\$950,000
UDOT	Install variable message sign northbound on I-15 (about Farr West)	\$300,000
Centerville	Frontage road bike lanes --- Construct bike lanes on west side of the Frontage Road to improve safety and connectivity of bicycle routes through South Davis County	\$970,000
UDOT	Install ramp meter on Kaysville 200 N ramp to northbound I-15	\$250,000
Bountiful / West Bountiful	Add dedicated right turn lanes in eastbound and northbound directions of 400 N and 500 W (US-89) Intersection	\$1,200,000
UDOT	Connect signals in Brigham City via fiber or radio	\$400,000
<b>Recommendations for TAP funding – 2014</b>		
West Point	200 S Trail from 2000 W to 4000 W --- Construct a new trail to connect Emigrant Trail to D&RG rail trail in Clearfield	\$367,000
North Salt Lake	Construct the Center Street Trail extension from Redwood Road to Legacy Parkway to connect trails from foothills east of I-15 to Legacy Parkway and Jordan River Trail systems	\$192,000

Ogden	Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan --- Detail ways to connect existing and planned facilities among Ogden and its surrounding communities	\$93,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,739,930</b>

Mr. Wuthrich highlighted and showed photos of each of the following Salt Lake / West Valley Urbanized Area projects that were recommended by the Salt Lake / West Valley TAC for inclusion in the STP, CMAQ and TAP programs:

<b>PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY THE SALT LAKE / WEST VALLEY AREA TAC</b>		
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<b>Recommendations for STP funding - 2019</b>	<b>Federal Funds Recommended</b>
West Jordan	9000 South from 4800 W to 5300 W --- Roadway Reconstruction	\$3,175,000
Murray	Vine Street from 900 East to 1300 East --- Reconstruct and widen from 2 lanes to 3 lanes	\$4,000,000
Bluffdale	Porter Rockwell Blvd (5 <sup>th</sup> segment) from Camp Williams Road to .5 miles east --- New Roadway Construction	\$1,200,000
UDOT / Taylorsville	4700 South right turn lane to southbound ramp to I-215 --- Widen current roadway by 12' to provide free flowing right turn lane	\$2,470,000
<b>Recommendations for CMAQ funding - 2019</b>		
UTA	Lease Vans Program Management for various areas in Salt Lake / West Valley Urbanized Area	\$263,733
UTA	Lease Vans Program Expansion for various areas in Salt Lake / West Valley Urbanized Area --- Purchase 10 new vans to expand the Van Pool Program	\$276,000
UTA	Transportation Demand Management --- Educate communities and others on alternative transportation options; provide carpool matching services	\$55,000
UDOT / Salt Lake County	Little Cottonwood Canyon Intersection near Snowbird Entrance --- Improve out-load of canyon traffic by creating improved intersection with receiving lane and extended merge area	\$350,000
Salt Lake City	Re-establish TRAX service from SL Central Station to U of U at higher frequency --- Includes traffic & signals study and signal upgrades	\$2,000,000
UDOT	Traffic Signal Interconnect at various locations to improve signal performance, reduce congestion and improve travel times	\$400,000
Sandy	Pedestrian Bridge at 1300 East and Buttercup Drive --- Remove current traffic signal and construct pedestrian bridge to improve pedestrian movements from Eastmont Middle School to neighborhoods to the east	\$2,000,000
Cottonwood Heights	Bengal Blvd and 2300 East Round-a-bout --- Reduce significant traffic congestion around Brighton High School; also funded by transfer of funds from former project at 2700 East	\$1,655,000

	<b>Recommendations for TAP funding – 2014</b>	
Salt Lake City	Create separated on-street bike path on 200 West from North Temple to 900 South; remove lane of traffic in each direction	\$85,000
Holladay	Bicycle Trails Improvement Project in Holladay on various routes	\$108,000
Salt Lake City	Bike Share Program at various areas --- Provides bicycles for commuters as a fast, flexible and affordable option	\$233,075
Midvale	700 West from 7200 S to 7800 S – Install infrastructure improvements to transport non-motorized commuters along one of the highest accident prone areas in SL County	\$309,000
Murray	Install High Intensity Activated Crosswalk on 700 West near Anderson Avenue --- Crossroads of 2 schools and 2 parks	\$99,000
South Jordan	Welby Jacob and Bingham Creek Trail Design from North City Limits to South City Limits --- Design will coordinate development to include uses such as jogging, running, walking, and biking	\$37,292
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,716,367</b>

In summary, 52 projects were submitted for consideration in the Ogden / Layton Area. Of those, 19 projects were recommended to be programmed for a total of \$20,739,930 (\$19,511,318 was available). 66 projects were submitted for consideration in the Salt Lake / West Valley Area. Of those, 18 projects were recommended to be programmed for a total of \$18,716,367 (\$13,570,525 was available).

Mr. Gruber pointed out that projects from Brigham City are on the new project lists because the 2010 Census showed that the Ogden / Layton Urbanized Area now includes some areas in Box Elder County.

Mayor Adams asked why some top scoring projects (according to technical criteria) were not recommended to be included in the 2014-2019 TIP. Mr. Wuthrich answered that a project might not have been recommended because the technical criteria were not the only tools used to prioritize projects. Other considerations included:

- The project was not the project sponsor’s priority
- Equitable distribution of funding to geographic areas
- Professional considerations
- Project timing or synergy, and project cost.

Mr. Southworth asked questions regarding funding for the new Bike Share program in Salt Lake City. WFRC staff explained that Salt Lake City, a public entity, is sponsoring the program so federal funds can be utilized. The Bike Share program is being managed by the Salt Lake Chamber / Downtown Alliance. It may be administered by a private entity; however, it is a public service for everyone and is a collaborative partnership by public entities. The Bike Share program began with 75% private funds.

Chairman Smith thanked the WFRC staff and members of the Technical Advisory Committees for all their work on recommendations to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Gruber gave special thanks to Ben Wuthrich for his work on the Transportation Improvement Program especially the Surface Transportation Program. Mr. Gruber also thanked Kip Billings for his work on the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program and Jory Johner for his work on the Transportation Alternatives Program.

**ACTION: Mr. Southworth moved that Trans Com approve the projects recommended by the Technical Advisory Committees to be added to the 2014-2019 STP Program. Mayor Adams seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

**ACTION: Mayor Seghini moved that Trans Com approve the projects recommended by the Technical Advisory Committees to be added to the 2014-2019 CMAQ Program. Mayor Rechtenbach seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

**ACTION: Mayor Rechtenbach moved that Trans Com approve the projects recommended by the Technical Advisory Committees to be added to the 2014 TAP Program. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.**

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Gruber said that a Wasatch Choice for 2040 tool box is being developed by the Wasatch Front Regional Council staff and several other partners in the region to help local communities assess their own growth challenges, housing/ transportation mix, zoning approaches, and financing concerns. One of the challenges is that we have a great tool box, but how do communities have the time, money, and ability to use the tools in the toolbox? The Regional Growth Committee suggested that perhaps WFRC could provide a technical assistance program for local communities to help them utilize the tools. WFRC is currently discussing the most effective ways to be of assistance to communities by possibly providing training, staff time, resources, and consulting assistance. Surface Transportation Program funds might be used as a modest resource to assist cities. This process will be discussed more in the future.
- Mr. Gruber distributed the new WFRC brochure which includes background information on challenges our region faces, the Wasatch Choice for 2040 vision, maps on major highway and transit projects, information on the general transportation planning process, and air quality issues.

The meeting ended at 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting date: June 20, 2013