



TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com)

Minutes of Meeting held February 21, 2013

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 Commissioner Matthew Bell of Weber County and Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach of Taylorsville City as new members of Trans Com. Mayor Smith thanked outgoing Trans Com members Mayor Mike Winder of West Valley City, Councilmember Carlton Christensen of Salt Lake City, and Necia Christensen of the UTA Board of Trustees.

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Darrell Smith, Chair	Mayor, Draper City
Mitch Adams, Vice-Chair	Mayor, Clinton City
Steve Hiatt	Mayor, Kaysville City
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden City
Doug Clifford	Mayor, Pleasant View City
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Michael Jensen	Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Jerry Rechtenbach	Mayor, Taylorsville City
Matthew Bell	Commissioner, Weber County
Carlos Braceras	Utah Department of Transportation
Dan McConkie	Utah Transportation Commission
Matt Sibul	Utah Transit Authority

Others:

Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Jason Jones	J-U-B Engineers
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
Ryan Perry	Salt Lake County
Gaylord Scott	UFA
Jason Davis	Utah Department of Transportation – Region Two
Bill Lawrence	Utah Department of Transportation
Robert Miles	Utah Department of Transportation
Alma Haskell	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
Renae Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

Asked to be excused:

Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr.	Mayor, Cottonwood Heights City
Heather Jackson	Mayor, Eagle Mountain City
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Mayor Hiatt moved that the minutes of the November 8, 2012, Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Mayor Adams seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Johnson said that she and several others along the Wasatch Front are having breathing difficulties due to the poor air quality. She requested that Trans Com do whatever they can to improve air quality in the area. Mayor Smith thanked her for her comments.

3. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2013

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, explained that the primary responsibility of Trans Com is to advise the Regional Council on short range planning issues, especially the programming of federal funds in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funds, and the new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds in the Salt Lake-West Valley and Ogden-Layton Urbanized Areas.

Mr. Bennion, presented the proposed 2013 Trans Com schedule with dates and topics. Trans Com is scheduled to meet on the following Thursdays in 2013: February 21, April 18, June 20, August 15, and November 21.

The Regional Council and Trans Com usually meet on alternating months. The Council has delegated to Trans Com the responsibility to take action on amendments to the TIP during months when the Regional Council is not meeting. This includes Board Modifications if the request being made is greater than 25% of the project cost, or if the amount requested exceeds \$250,000.

Mr. Bennion asked if there were any comments regarding the proposed 2013 schedule. Matt Sibul, UTA, suggested that Trans Com discuss air quality issues on a regular basis. Andrew Gruber, WFRC, noted that the Regional Council allocated a portion of CMAQ funds to go towards UDOT's Travelwise program, a resource that communities can utilize and share with their constituents to help improve air quality. Mr. Gruber suggested that the Travelwise information be shared at future Trans Com meetings.

4. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

A. ACTION on Board Modifications to the 2013-2018 TIP

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, said that the 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. Due to the dynamics of transportation funding and projects, it becomes necessary to amend or modify the TIP periodically throughout the year.

Mr. Wuthrich reviewed the following three requests that WFRC had received to modify the current 2013-2018 TIP:

- ***UDOT – I-215; SR-201 to North Temple - additional funding request of \$2,000,000 in unprogrammed Bridge Preservation Funds.*** This project to patch potholes, apply a waterproofing membrane, and resurface the pavement will extend the life of four bridge decks and improve the ride quality.
- ***UDOT – I-80; Pipe Liner Project – additional funding request of \$3,000,000 moved from the I-80; Parleys Canyon – Ranch Exit pavement project and \$3,300,000 from cost savings of other projects in the Region Two area.*** The original project was to place a liner through the existing pipe under I-80 in Parley's Canyon. However, early investigation determined that it would be best to construct a new pipe underground parallel to I-80.
- ***UDOT – 1800 North (SR-37) in Davis County; I-15 to 2000 West (SR-108) – additional funding request of \$500,000 in STP funds.*** This will cover costs to complete and obtain federal approval on the environmental document for 1800 North, and initiate the next phase of the project with preliminary engineering and right of way efforts.

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. There were no questions or comments.

ACTION: Mayor Hiatt 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.

B. Report on Board Modifications to the 2013-2018 TIP

Mr. Wuthrich reported on the following Board Modifications that had been amended into the 2013-2018 TIP by the Wasatch Front Regional Council since Trans Com last met in November.

- ***UDOT – SR-172 (5600 West); 3100 South to SR-201 – New project request of \$2,700,000 from project cost savings in Region Two.*** Pavement rehabilitation project to extend the life of the pavement.

- **UDOT – SR-53 (24th Street in Ogden); I-15 to A Avenue – New project request of \$2,465,000 from available balance in the Equity Bonus/Minimum Guarantee funds and \$35,000 from STP-Flexible (Any Area) funds.** Pavement rehabilitation project to do 4" mill and replace with 4" micro-surface treatment.
- **UDOT – SR-126 (1900 West); Various locations in Davis and Weber Counties – New project request of \$2,460,000 from available balance in the Equity Bonus/Minimum Guarantee funds and \$40,000 from STP-Flexible (Any Area) funds.** Pavement rehabilitation project at two intersections between 5600 South and Riverdale Road and slab jacking for the approach slabs to the Weber River Bridge just south of 12th Street.
- **UDOT – US-89 (Harrisville Road in Ogden); Washington Boulevard at 2nd Street to Wall Avenue – Additional funding request of \$60,000 from available balance in the Equity Bonus/Minimum Guarantee funds and \$440,000 from STP-Flexible (Any Area) funds.** Request is to advance project into FY 2013. Pavement rehabilitation project will extend project limits through intersection at Wall Avenue.
- **Layton – Restoration of the Historic Layton Railroad Station Parking Area – Additional Funding request of \$160,000 from the I-15; South Layton Interchange project.** Additional funding will construct drainage and lighting features. Ownership of the project will be transferred to Layton City upon completion.

This report was for Trans Com's information only. Action on these Board Modifications was taken at the Regional Council meeting on January 24, 2013.

C. Review of Fiscal Year 2012 obligation of federal highway and transit funds

Mr. Wuthrich said because of federal requirements, WFRC staff with the help of UDOT and UTA have prepared a report of all the projects that received federal funding during Fiscal Year 2012 (October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012). The report can be viewed on the WFRC website (wfr.org). Mr. Wuthrich explained how to read the project charts in the report.

Mr. Wuthrich said that an "obligated" project is one that has been approved by the federal government for reimbursement. Federal funding in the amount of \$416,318,832 for highway projects was obligated throughout the entire state of Utah during FY 2012. Forty percent of that amount (\$167,532,098) was obligated in the WFRC area.

In response to a question, Mr. Bennion said that WFRC staff, UDOT, and local governments make sure projects on the TIP move steadily forward to ensure efficient use of obligated funds.

Mr. Wuthrich showed slides illustrating some of the projects on the TIP. He also reviewed the lists of obligated STP and CMAQ projects as well as UTA projects that received allocated funds in FY 2012.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, commented that there is uncertainty about the flow of federal funds in the future. The current transportation authorization bill, MAP-21, expires in 18 months. The spending level is exceeding the revenue that is coming in. The buying power of the federal gas tax is declining and the cost of projects is gradually increasing with inflation. Federal funds are very important to us and this is an issue to keep an eye on in the future.

5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Sam Klemm, WFRC, began this discussion item by handing out a graph that illustrated how the fuel tax rate is affected by inflation (see attachment #1). He briefly reviewed several bills currently being discussed at the Utah State Legislative Session (see attachment #2).

Mr. Gruber said that WFRC staff meets with the WFRC Executive Committee (and anyone else who would like to join them) every Thursday morning at the Capitol during the 45-day legislative session to keep updated on any transportation-related bills and to discuss positions.

6. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT REPORT

Kip Billings, WFRC, reported on the status and trends of congestion management along the Wasatch Front to inform Trans Com members regarding consideration in setting congestion management goals for development of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Billings highlighted the following highway performance measures addressed in WFRC's annual Congestion Management Report:

- Daily vehicle miles of travel (VMT)
- VMT traveled per capita
- Percent of uncongested traffic (pm peak hours)
- Arterial level of service (pm peak hours)

VMT for the WFRC area is about 35.1 million daily and VMT per capita is at 21.1 which is a decline of 11.1% since 2002.

Trans Com members discussed how highway congestion can contribute to poor air quality.

The following transit performance measures were highlighted:

- Daily passengers by transit mode
- Hourly passengers per trip by mode
- Annual passengers per capita

Matt Sibul, UTA, suggested using "trips" rather than passengers in future reports.

Transit ridership has been increasing since 2009 when there was a dip in patronage likely due to economic conditions. Currently transit carries about 137,800 daily passengers as follows:

<u>Daily Transit Passengers 2012</u>	
Bus	76,000
TRAX	56,000
Front Runner*	5,800
TOTAL	137,800

**Front Runner service to Provo began Dec 2012. Currently averages 5,200 daily passengers.*

Each peak period bus carries about 30+ passengers on average, and each peak period Trax and Front Runner train carries 200-250 passengers.

Mr. Billings said the Congestion Management Report is posted on WFRC's website (wfr.org). Mr. Gruber said that MAP-21 requires a performance based approach to transportation planning. WFRC has already been doing this in collaboration with UDOT.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sibul announced that the airport TRAX line will begin service on April 14. A grand-opening event will be held on Saturday, April 13.

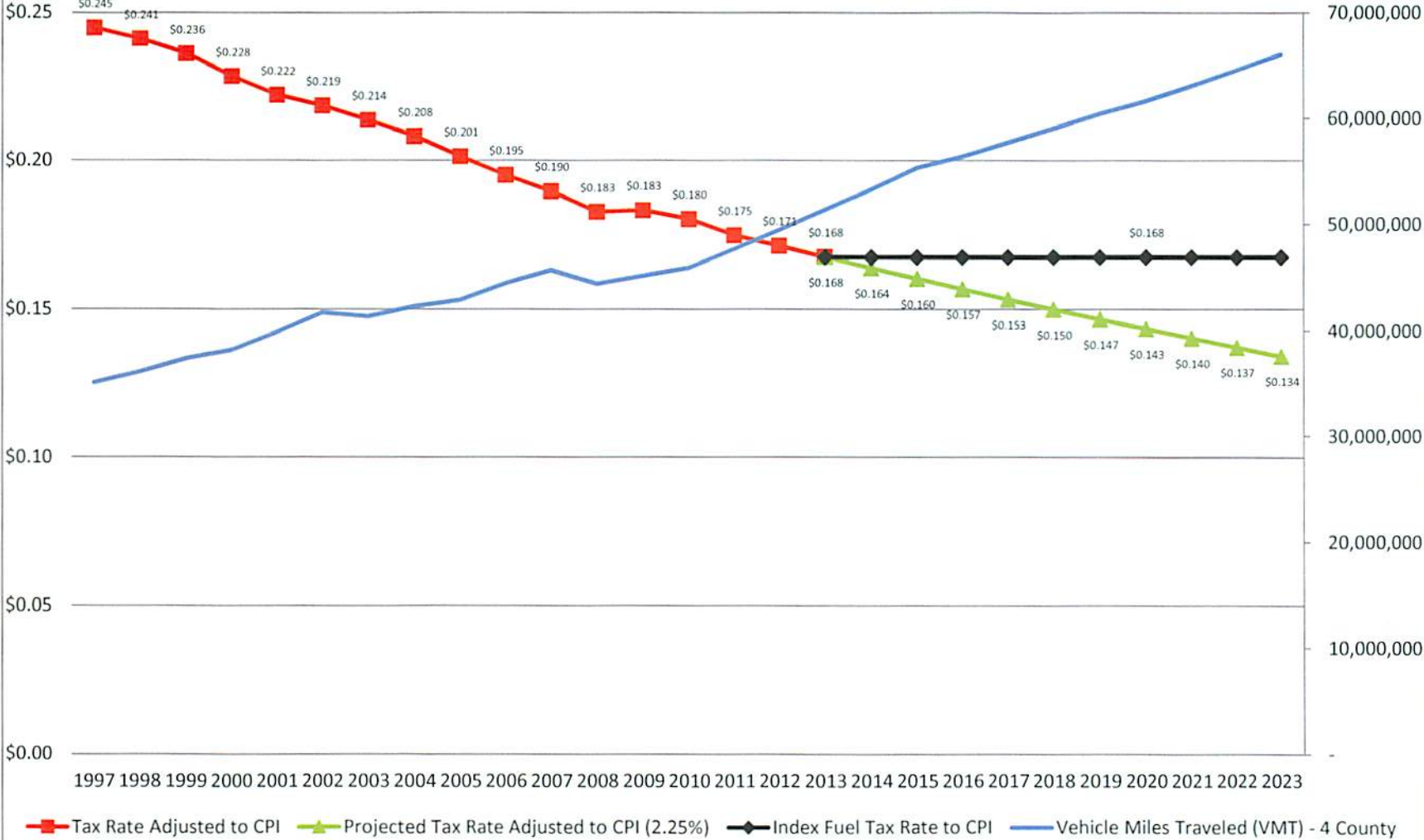
Doug Hattery announced that there will be a WFRC orientation meeting for new members on Thursday, February 28.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

The meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: April 18, 2013

Fuel Tax Rate Adjusted to Inflation



This chart does not take into account changes in vehicle efficiency or the number of gallons sold.
 This chart reflects the impact of Consumer Price Index (CPI) on buying power of fuel tax. Actual construction costs typically grow at a rate higher than CPI.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, calculations by Utah Foundation.

Trans Com

February 21, 2013—Legislative Update

Federal Issues

1. The Congress avoided the so-called fiscal cliff by agreeing on tax issues and putting off a decision on possible spending cuts (“sequester”) until March 1. We are closely following the transportation portion of any spending reduction negotiations. Federal budget authorization expires at the end of March. The debt ceiling increase was extended for three months, until May.

State Issues

1. HB 11—Rep. Brad Last, R-St. George, is proposing a bill that would allow locally collected corridor preservation funds to be used for transportation master planning in areas of a county not covered by a metropolitan planning organization. *The bill has passed the House, the Senate Transportation Committee and is on the Senate 3rd reading calendar.* WFRC position: support
2. HB 23—Rep. Steve Handy, R-Layton, is sponsoring a bill that would allow UDOT to cap the number of clean fuel vehicle stickers giving access to the HOV lanes. *The bill has passed and been enrolled.* WFRC position: support
3. HB 138—Rep. Marjorie Poulson, D-Millcreek, is proposing a state income tax credit for the purchase of transit passes. *The bill is still in the House Rules Committee.* WFRC position: monitor
4. HB 144—Rep. Merrill Nelson, R-Grantsville is sponsoring a bill that “adds a nonvoting member who represents all municipalities within the district that are located within a county that is not annexed into the public transit district to the board of trustees...” *The bill is still in the House Rules Committee.* WFRC position: monitor
5. HB 294—Rep. Johnny Anderson, R-Taylorville, is sponsoring a bill to provides that “a person operating a vehicle may operate the vehicle to the left of the center of the roadway when overtaking and passing a bicycle or moped proceeding in the same direction...” *The bill has passed the House, the Senate Transportation Committee and is on the Senate 2nd reading calendar.* WFRC position: monitor
6. HB 297—Rep. Johnny Anderson, R-Taylorville, is sponsoring a bill to allow a motorist to use the center two-way turn lane to pass a bicycle or moped. The bill has passed the House and is on the Senate consent calendar. WFRC position: monitor
7. SB 29—Sen. Kevin Van Tassell, R-Vernal, is sponsoring an annual housekeeping bill to adjust the state highway network. *The bill has passed the Senate and is on the House 3rd Reading Calendar.* WFRC position: monitor

8. SB 63—Sen. Wayne Harper, R-West Jordan, is sponsoring a bill to create a legislative task force to examine transportation needs and funding concerns. *The bill has passed the Senate Transportation Committee and is on the Senate 2nd reading calendar.* WFRC position: support
9. SB 177—Sen. Stuart Reid, R-Roy, is sponsoring a bill that would designate the Legacy Parkway and the Mountain View Corridor as the Leavitt Parkway. *The bill is still in the Senate Rules Committee.* WFRC position: monitor
10. SB 201—Sen. Curtis Bramble, R-Orem, is sponsoring a bill to grant the power of eminent domain for trails in cities of the first and second class. *The bill passed the Senate Business and Labor Committee and has been referred to the full Senate.* WFRC position: support