



## **MINUTES**

Wasatch Front Regional Council  
Meeting of May 28, 2015

Mayor Tom Dolan, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:05 p.m. in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **Members Present**

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| Stuart Adams     | Senator, Utah State Senate     |
| Mark Allen       | Mayor, Washington Terrace      |
| Bill Applegarth  | Mayor, Riverton City           |
| Len Arave        | Mayor, North Salt Lake         |
| Mike Caldwell    | Mayor, Ogden City              |
| Kelvyn Cullimore | Mayor, Cottonwood Heights City |
| Tom Dolan        | Mayor, Sandy City              |
| Kerry Gibson     | Commissioner, Weber County     |
| Robert Grow      | Envision Utah                  |
| Michael Jensen   | Councilman, Salt Lake County   |
| Alan Matheson    | Governor's Office              |
| Ben McAdams      | Mayor, Salt Lake County        |
| John Petroff     | Commissioner, Davis County     |
| JoAnn Seghini    | Mayor, Midvale City            |
| Bob Stevenson    | Mayor, Layton City             |
| Derk Timothy     | Mayor, Bluffdale City          |
| Adam Trupp       | Utah Association of Counties   |

### **Alternate Members Present**

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| Carmen Freeman | Mayor, Herriman City              |
| Shane Marshall | Utah Department of Transportation |
| Kim Rolf       | Councilman, West Jordan City      |
| Matt Sibul     | Utah Transit Authority            |

### **Special Guests**

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| Leslie Wollack | National Association of Regional Councils |
| Marcy Fritter  | National Association of Regional Councils |

### **Others Present**

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| George Chapman   | Citizen                         |
| Jeff Harris      | UDOT                            |
| John Hiskey      | Sandy City                      |
| G.J. LaBonty     | UTA                             |
| Barry McLerran   | Congresswoman Mia Love's Office |
| Cory Pope        | UDOT                            |
| Patrick Reimmerr | Salt Lake County                |
| David Schwartz   | UDOT                            |
| Brandon Smith    | Utah League of Cities and Towns |
| Wilf Sommerkorn  | Salt Lake County                |
| Greg Westfall    | Perry City                      |

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| Loveit Baumgardner | WFRC |
| Wayne Bennion      | WFRC |
| Kip Billings       | WFRC |
| Michelle Bjorklund | WFRC |
| Julia Collins      | WFRC |
| LaNiece Davenport  | WFRC |
| Scott Festin       | WFRC |
| Andrew Gruber      | WFRC |
| Ned Hacker         | WFRC |
| Stephen Hanamaikai | WFRC |
| Jory Johner        | WFRC |
| Sam Klemm          | WFRC |
| Ted Knowlton       | WFRC |
| Jon Larsen         | WFRC |
| Callie New         | WFRC |
| Suzie Swim         | WFRC |
| Megan Townsend     | WFRC |
| Ben Wuthrich       | WFRC |
| Muriel Xochimitl   | WFRC |

Commissioner Bret Millburn and Councilman Logan Wilde were excused from the meeting.

### **Welcome**

Mayor Tom Dolan welcomed Council members and guests and introductions were made.

### **Consent Agenda**

**ACTION:** Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held March 25, 2015 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for March and April 2015. Mayor Derk Timothy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

George Chapman commented that he felt that voters will vote for the local option sales tax if the dollars go to increasing transit service.

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report included discussion on HB 362. The bill reforms the state gas tax and authorizes a local option transportation sales tax to allow for priority investments in state and local roads, transit and bike/pedestrian facilities. The Bill authorizes counties to enact a 0.25% general sales tax for transportation after voter approval. The discussion focused on where each of the counties are in the process of getting the option on the ballot, gaining support from their constituency and being united in their efforts across county lines. The consensus was that Council members would like to see the local option transportation sales tax go out to voters sooner rather than later.

Robert Grow, Envision Utah, said the Your Utah Your Future Survey was the largest survey ever done in America on the future of a place, region or state. He expressed appreciation to all who supported and participated in the survey.

## **Regional Growth Committee**

### ***ACTION: 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan***

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the long-range blue print for road, transit, and active transportation in the metropolitan area. The action today is a culmination of a four-year effort of development, review and refinement of the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

WFRC staff reviewed materials from the updated WFRC website focusing on three key steps for the 2015-2040 RTP:

1. Ted Knowlton reviewed the process used to develop the RTP, including establishment of goals, exploration of scenarios, creation of the preferred scenario, consideration of financial constraints, and phasing.
2. Jory Johner outlined the substantive features of the Plan including the roadway and, public transportation capacity projects, maintenance and preservation elements, and active transportation.
3. Ted Knowlton discussed some of the key projected benefits of the RTP; such as, air quality, economic, and mobility measures.

Council members were encouraged to view the entire 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan by visiting the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org).

Commissioner John Petroff made a motion that the Wasatch Front Regional Council adopt the final phased and financially constrained 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and approve the Air Quality Conformity determination. Mayor Bob Stevenson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Transportation Committee (Trans Com)**

### ***Information: Report on Board Modifications to the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program***

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received a request to modify the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. Since the Regional Council was not meeting, Trans Com, by delegated authority, reviewed the request and approved the modifications. It was noted that the modifications in Amendment Six and the Resolution were included in member packets. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

### ***ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program***

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received requests to modify the current 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (Amendment Seven). A copy of the Resolution and a list of projects were included in Council member packets. This modification requires action from the Regional Council and the Transportation Commission but does not require a new conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reviewed the modifications in Amendment Seven for Council members.

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to approve the Resolution to modify the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, as requested. Commissioner John Petroff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

### ***ACTION: Approve Surface Transportation Program (STP) / Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) / Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects for 2016-2021 TIP***

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is responsible for programming three sources of Federal

Highway Administration (FHWA) funding and coordinating those federal programs in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Salt Lake-West Valley and the Ogden-Layton Urbanized areas. The sources of funding are the Surface Transportation Program (STP), the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Trans Com reviewed the results of the evaluation process and the project recommendations from the Salt Lake-West Valley and the Ogden-Layton Technical Advisory Committees (TACs), as well as input from the Councils of Governments (COGs), and the Active Transportation Committee. A copy of the tables with recommended projects was included in Council member packets and may also be viewed on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org).

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to approve the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects as presented and as recommended by Trans Com to be added to the draft 2016-2021 STP, CMAQ, and TAP Programs. Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Budget Committee**

#### ***ACTION: Amend the FY 2016 Budget***

Councilman Michael Jensen reported that over the past two years the Council has evaluated WFRC's long-term budget issues and financial stability. Subsequent to the adoption of the FY 2016 budget, several strategies were identified by the Council to stabilize WFRC's long-term finances. Those strategies have now been implemented which necessitates revision of several budget estimates. A copy of the FY 2016 Draft Amended Budget was included in Council member packets. Also included in Council member packets are "footnotes" that provide more detail on the changes to funding sources, expenditures by function and expenditures by program.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to amend the WFRC Fiscal Year 2016 Budget as proposed. Mayor Mike Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Air Quality Committee Report**

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Air Quality Committee Chairman, report included the following information:

- The WFRC 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan was found to conform to the air quality regulations. The analysis is contained in Air Quality Memorandum 32 which is posted on the WFRC website.
- The Environment Protection Agency (EPA) will determine the new standard for ozone, currently 75 ppb (parts per billion), by October 1, 2015. It is anticipated that the standard will be lowered and the Wasatch Front Region, as well as much of Utah and even the nation, will be designated as non-attainment areas for ozone.
- The current State Implementation Plan for PM10 was approved in 1995. The State Division of Air Quality will submit a new PM10 Maintenance Plan to EPA by December 2015. WFRC is assisting DAQ with vehicle emission inventories.
- The Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the seventh annual Clear the Air Challenge which will take place during the month of July. A new tracking tool with a smart phone application is available to make reporting of reduced vehicle miles more convenient.
- Breath Utah provides a school outreach program that instructs students on the basics of air quality. The program has been very effective and is totally funded by donations.

Mayor Dolan noted that Alan Matheson had recently been appointed by the Governor as the new Director of the Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) subject to Senate approval.

### **Active Transportation Committee Report**

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Chair of the Active Transportation Committee, reported that the League of American Bicyclists has ranked Utah as the #5 Bicycle Friendly State – up from #8 in 2014. Utah is moving in the right direction.

He also noted that the local option sales tax, under the recently passed HB 362, may be used for active transportation. He suggested that the Committee seriously consider all modes when using these funds at both the city and county levels.

The 2015 Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATTs) are under way. Mobile Active Transportation Tours are bicycle tours of an areas active transportation infrastructure. The Tour locations scheduled for this year are: St. George, Provo, Moab, Park City, Draper, and Riverdale. Council members and their staff were encouraged to participate in the tours. A flier was distributed that includes dates and details for each Tour.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Andrew Gruber recognized Leslie Wollack and Marcy Fritter, special guests from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). NARC has chosen the Wasatch Front Region as the site for their 50<sup>th</sup> annual conference which is scheduled for June 2016.

Mr. Gruber noted that discussions are ongoing regarding the relocation of the WFRC offices to a location that is more centrally located and accessible by multiple modes of transportation. More information will be provided to the Council as those discussions move forward over the next several months.

Mr. Gruber expressed appreciation to the Council and the staff at WFRC for all their hard work and effort on the adoption of the RTP as well as in concluding another year's work on WFRC funding programs – the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ), and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

### **Other Business**

Next meeting: August 27, 2015

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

*A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org) under 'committees' 'Wasatch Front Regional Council' '2015 meetings' "recordings"*