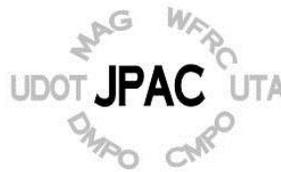


Joint Policy Advisory Committee

MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL  
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**Joint Policy Advisory Committee**

669 West 200 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

**Thursday, October 2, 2014**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

Members & Alternates Attending:

Andrew Gruber, Chair	WFRC
Mayor Bill Applegarth	Riverton City
Todd Beutler	Cache MPO / CVTD
Jeff Gilbert	Cache MPO
Myron Lee	Dixie MPO
Shane Marshall	UDOT
Commissioner Bret Millburn	Davis County
Shawn Seager	MAG

Others Attending:

Representative Johnny Anderson	Utah House of Representatives
Jerry Benson	UTA
Ken Bullock	ULCT
Steve Call	FHWA
Chris Chesnut	UTA
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake County
Rebecca Cruz	UTA
Commissioner Louenda Downs	Davis County
Cameron Diehl	ULCT
Chad Eccles	MAG
Dave Kallas	UTA
Chuck Gates	UTA
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Jeff Harris	UDOT
Nick Jarvis	ULCT
Hal Johnson	UTA
Hugh Johnson	UTA
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Ivan Marrero	FHWA
Justin Morgan	FHWA
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates
Cory Pope	UDOT
Lincoln Shurtz	UAC

Matt Sibul  
Wilf Sommerkorn  
Muriel Xochimitl  
Lisa Zundel

Utah Transit Authority  
Salt Lake County  
WFRC  
UDOT

Excused: Mayor John Curtis and Commissioner Larry Ellertson

Andrew Gruber welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 11:55 a.m. with introductions

**Approve June 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to approve the June 5, 2014 meeting minutes. Todd Beutler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Utah's Unified Transportation Plan update**

The 2015 Regional Transportation Plan requirements for each of the MPO's, (Cache, Dixie, Mountainland Association of Governments, Wasatch Front Regional Council), the Utah Department of Transportation, and Utah Transit authority are:

- Updated every four years
- Must be financially constrained
- Conform to the emission budgets within the State Implementation Plan
- Projects include roadway, transit, and bicycles
- Projects work with the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision, Vision Dixie, and Vision Cache

Organizations and agencies are currently in the third year of the four-year planning process. MPO's are on similar timelines. A preferred scenario has been identified, phasing is underway, financial constraints will be applied, and final adoption will be spring and early summer for all Plans. Utah's Unified Transportation Plan 2015-2040 will then be available in late summer 2015.

**Financial Model and Assumptions:** This year, UDOT, UTA, WFRC, MAG, Dixie, and Cache have hired the financial firm of Lewis Young Robertson and Burningham (LYRB) to provide guidance in refining our financial model and applying the financial assumptions. The spreadsheet model is very complex as it accounts for the transportation funding of the four MPOs, UDOT, UTA and local jurisdictions. It includes projected revenues, expenditures (for capital projects, operations, maintenance, bonding payments, etc.) and inflation rates for a 30 year planning horizon.

**Performance Measures:** The Federal transportation funding authorizing bill, MAP-21, provides national goals and associated performance measures that Utah's transportation agencies need to implement and work together to define. New with this Unified Plan is the thinking together about a set of shared goals and measures that the participating organizations and agencies want to work on together. The five shared goals the MPO's, UDOT, and UTA have identified are: 1) to improve safety; 2) to maintain a state of good repair; 3) improve air quality; 4) strengthen economic vitality; and 5) expand mobility and accessibility. These five goals will be articulated in the next Utah's Unified Transportation Plan – 2015. It was noted that the actual detail of laying out how the goals are measured will be more defined in the 2019 timeframe.

**Active Transportation:** Discussion on active transportation and a few of the activities and events of the past year include:

- UDOT and UTA have approved Active Transportation Policies for their agencies.
- Utah has climbed the list of the "Most Friendly Bicycle States" from number 14 to number eight.
- UTA, Salt Lake County, and WFRC were among several designated as "bicycle friendly

business”.

- GREENbike 2014 doubled the size of their system.

Commissioner Louenda Downs, Chair of the Active Transportation Committee, also reported on activities the Committee has been engaged in over the year. Specifically, the Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATT) that have taken place in Salt Lake City, Murdock Canal Trail in Utah County, Farmington City, Ogden City and upcoming in Moab in October, and St. George in the spring of 2015. The tours have provided an opportunity to broaden the perspective on what is possible in communities.

It was noted that at the November 6 JPAC meeting there would be discussion on the future of active transportation in more detail.

### ***“Pioneer Corridor”: I-15/FrontRunner corridor***

The Pioneer Corridor Mobility Study will evaluate all potential strategies, including transit, roadway, operations, policy, active transportation, freeway/surface street connectivity, roadway/transit connectivity, transit/pedestrian/bicycle connectivity, etc. The analysis will look at underutilized system integration, and enhancements to maximize existing infrastructure. The Study goals include:

- Establish a long-term vision for the corridor
- Propose short-term solutions that fit within the long-term vision
- Develop a long-term integrated multi-modal solution set that addresses:
  - Mobility needs
  - Economic competitiveness of the region
  - Improvements to quality of life
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Safety

The Study is designed to leverage the strong relationships between the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), and the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) to develop a master plan of unique and innovative transportation strategies to address critical needs in the region’s primary transportation corridor. Recently, the four agency partners were awarded a highly-competitive, national TIGER grant to study the Pioneer Corridor.

The Pioneer Corridor is part of the strong foundation of the State of Utah’s economic strength. The corridor also has a significant impact on Utah’s economy as well as the general economy of the Intermountain West.

Study Schedule: RFQ and consultant selection process is underway; Short-term needs analysis- results by the fall of 2015; and Study duration-12 to 18 months.

Study Team: Project manager – Lisa Zundel, UDOT; Management team – Shawn Seager, MAG; Matt Sibul, UTA; Jeff Harris, UDOT; and Ted Knowlton, WFRC.

### ***Legislative update / funding discussion***

Representative Johnny Anderson, Utah State House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Transportation Interim Committee, provided an update on the Committee’s efforts to address Utah’s transportation funding shortfall and needs in the upcoming 2015 legislative session. Representative Anderson’s comments included:

- This has been a two-year process. This year there has been a focus on educating committee members on what the Unified Plan is, what Utah’s growth expectations are, and the gaps that exist between the funding currently in place and the transportation funding needed for the future. The State population is expected to double in about 50 years. The population of Salt

Lake County is expected to double in about 30 years.

- The Interim Committee was broken into eight different working groups to study several different funding options. Some of the areas being studied are: tolling; public-private partnerships; registration fees based on vehicle miles traveled concept; motor fuel taxes and special fuels; local options for funding transportation—is it appropriate to allow counties to impose their own fuel based tax; sales tax is being discussed; mineral leases and severance taxes with the activity in the Uintah Basin is being discussed; and others.
- The Committee will discuss their findings at a meeting on October 15 and will answer questions about how much revenue can be generated from any of the options studied in the working groups.
- The goal is to have a comprehensive transportation funding package that includes not only multiple appropriate ways to fund transportation but also to make sure that all important modes are funded including roads, transit, and active transportation.
- Transportation funding is an important issue – we need to get behind a plan and move that plan through the session. Each agency and organization can help by doing what they can to educate neighbors, constituents, and people in our cities and counties about the importance of the transportation funding issue.

It was noted that JPAC and the agencies individually are not lobbying organizations but have been engaged with Representative Anderson and the Committee, in helping provide technical information about various options as they go through the process of preparing legislation.

#### ***Other Business***

The Wasatch Choice for 2040 Consortium will be held on Thursday, October 23 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Salt Palace Convention Center. There will be breakout sessions focused on how cities have used the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Toolbox, lunch and keynote speaker, Chris Leinberger, and Your Utah Your Future Workshop. To request more information or to register online go to [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org).

**Next Meeting will be held Thursday, November 6, 2014 – UTA Headquarters**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.