

Meeting Minutes/Summary
Active Transportation Committee
Meeting of March 13, 2013

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Louenda Downs, ATC Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Commissioner Downs welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

ATC Members and Staff Present:

George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Louenda Downs	Commissioner, Davis County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Scott Hess	Davis County
Heather Jackson	MAG/Mayor, Eagle Mountain
Jory Johner	WFRC
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Ben McAdams	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Cory Pope	UDOT
Jim Price	MAG
Greg Scott	WFRC
Robert Scott	Weber County Planning
Evenlyn Tuddenham	UDOT
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present:

Trever Ball	Utah Dept. Health/Physical Activity
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Ben Bolte	Salt Lake City Bike Share
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves Coalition
Deborah Burney-Sigman	Breathe Utah
Michelle Caldwell	WFRC
Kim Clark	VIA Consulting
Rick Cobia	DSPD
Grant Crowell	City of Bluffdale
Riley Cutler	GOED
Marcy DeMillion	NPS - RTCA
Fred Doehring	UDOT
Janet Frick	ALCO Aging Services
Jesse O. Glidden	UDOT Region 1
Heidi Goedhart	University of Utah
Paul Goodrich	Orem City
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Todd Hadden	UDOT Traffic Statistics
Max Hanna	UTA
Tim Harpst	SLC Bike Share

Mike Hathorne	Suburban Land Reserve
Colin Quinn-Hoist	Salt Lake City
Johanna Jamison	UTA
Dave Ittis	Cycling Utah / MBAC
Travis Jensen	ALTA Planning
Hal Johnson	UTA
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Mike Kendell	Salt Lake City
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Vincent Liu	UDOT Region 2
Scott Lyttle	Bike Utah
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Andrea Moser	Bio-West
Elliott Mott	Wasatch Mountain Club
Jon Nepstad	Fehr & Peers
Helen Peters	JUB
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates
Marjorie Rasmussen	UDOT Region 2
Kelly Robinson	Utah Dept. Health/Heart Disease
Spencer Sanders	Salt Lake County Planning
Roland Stanger	FHWA
Maria Vyas	Fehr & Peers
Jaime White	UTA

Members excused: Matt Sibul

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by **Councilmember Tina Kelley** and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Elliott Mott, Wasatch Mountain Club, comments included concerns for the non-removal of snow this past winter from Hubble Creek trail on the south to the Beaver River trail on the north. He reminded everyone of the maintenance components on those trails. He said, Active Transportationists are staying away in the summer because of goat head issues and now in the winter because the trail is not plowed. He encouraged everyone to look at and implement the maintenance components. Elliott announced that he would be starting his bicycle ride by going downtown to ride in the St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday then up to City Creek. He welcomed everyone to ride along.

Scott Lyttle, Bike Utah, announced the Fifth annual Utah Bike Summit to be held on April 26, 2013. Wanting to ensure that everyone was aware of the upcoming Bike Summit, he provided a handout outlining the Summit, and included a registration form.

Chair Report - Salt Lake County Bike Ambassador

George Deneris commented that a new Bicycle Ambassador, Jack Lastlen was hired to oversee the teaching component of an infrastructure which will educate people at the user level for the bicyclists program and all of the logistic issues that are critical whenever there is a piece of infrastructure implemented. There is also a youth ambassador program that will be targeting the 18 and younger crowd. The goal is to educate everyone on how to play nice on the roads. There will also be an education component for the commuter bicyclists and teaching people how to use the cities backbone system and also how to filter, or move in and out of secondary streets. These are just some of the logistics at the ground level that the Ambassador will be working on.

Information: Maintenance of Trails

Even though this body is not responsible for maintenance of trails we certainly can talk about those trails and what is involved:

- Working on a model with the county Public Works for Legacy Trail
- Different entities involved with trails and how they come into agreement

Scott Hess of Davis County commented that their Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of the Legacy Highway Trail. Five (5) communities signed an intermodal agreement stating that they would take the snow removal responsibility from UDOT in order to have the most inexpensive program as possible. Davis County Public Works bought one piece of equipment to help them maintain the trail and is proving to be less expensive each year.

Commissioner Downs discussed the Chevron Mile Trail and how Layton City has been working on their trails. Some cities have it in their programs to plow their trails and others don't. She stated that ATC is a coordinating council. Where we can help is to try to better coordinate the maintenance of these trails throughout the winter.

Jory Johner, of WFRC, said Layton City is a good example where they have a priority process. They start off in the center of the city and do all the sidewalks, and then they do some of the schools and then the trails. In some areas you only have one or two crews so prioritizing is crucial. He suggested doing some further research through county committees and coordinate with each of the cities to understand each of their different programs and policies.

Information: The Year of the Bike

Commissioner Downs announced that Salt Lake City has declared 2013 as "The Year of the Bike". There was a recent kick-off celebration and a press conference that keeps the momentum for biking and it has increased awareness for the ATC.

Colin Quinn-Hurst stated that there has been a lot of recognition regarding biking as a great addition to the transportation system and that everyone wants to stay focused on this. A group of regional partners to include: UDOT, UTA, WFRC, SLC, SL County, University of Utah and Davis County, came together to declare 2013 The Year of the Bike. The main goals for this program are:

- Community Building/Learning
- Partnerships
- Engaging new people to biking
- Increased public involvement
- Sharing the Road
- Community Affirming

To be involved or add new events to the calendar, contact Colin at colin.quinn-hurst@slcgov.com .

Legislative Update

Andrew Gruber, WFRC discussed the four bills sponsored by Rep. Johnny Anderson from Taylorsville which essentially would make it safer and easier for people on bikes to ride on the streets. These four bills are:

HB #294 defines motorists responsibilities relative to bicyclists, allows a motorist to drive left of the center line provided it can be done safely in order to safely pass a bicyclist - **Passed**

HB #297 allows motorists to use the center turn lane to pass bicyclists using the general purpose lane – **Passed**

HB #299, Sub 2 provides that equipping the operator of a bicycle, rather than the bicycle, with certain lamps and reflective material meets certain nighttime requirements. **Passed**

HB #316 allows a bicyclist to make a left turn against a steady red arrow if the operator determines that the traffic signal has not detected the operators presence by waiting a reasonable period of time – 90 seconds. **Passed**

Andrew commented on another bill that passed which was the Vulnerable Users of Highway Amendments bill:

SB #104, Sub 4: Senator Weiler was representing the The Vulnerable Users of Highway Amendments. This bill is designed to protect bike users who are riding on the streets. The bill would impose penalties to people, who knowingly, intentionally or recklessly distract, impede or harm vulnerable highway users, pedestrians and bicyclists. This bill has one more vote that needs to occur but it looks like it will happen. This is a positive development and gives more recognition to our legislatures that we need to share the road and that bicyclists and motorists can safely and efficiently use our road systems together. - **Passed**

Andrew also commented on the Eminent Domain bill:

SB #201, Sub 1: This bill isn't going to pass this year. This is a bill that Senator Bramble from Orem was sponsoring. This bill would have restored some eminent domain authority to counties of the first and second class for public use trails that meet certain criteria. Eminent domain is a controversial issue politically and while there was a lot of support for this bill, there was actually opposition from some people, including the Farm Bureau who were concerned that this would be the proverbial slippery slope; that we would grant a little bit of eminent domain authority and that would open up eminent domain authority for all recreational purposes.

Andrew concluded that we have a variety of bills to help with the general idea that we want bikes to feel comfortable using our streets but do it in a way that doesn't interfere with traffic and/or safety, which is the priority.

Information – UCATS (Utah Collaboration Active Transportation Study) – UDOT Region Bike Plans

Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT provided information, through a slide show on the UDOT Region Bike Plans, which involves building or improving the system for pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the state with a primary focus on bicycles. She explained that this program started because they were looking for a way to formulate bike plans for every region in UDOT. When region boundaries were drawn for UDOT it became evident that there were very different needs

in different parts of the state so it made sense for UDOT to formulate different bike plans for each region and to do them in such a way that they would mesh together for one entire plan.

Evelyn went on to explain that these plans need to be region owned and driven because of the different needs in different parts of the state. UDOT collaborated with UTA who had a similar scope of work involving promoting bicycles and building a system that utilized mapping and connections specifically to transit. We brought in partners such as; UTA, WFRC, MAG and Salt Lake County. Some objectives of this bike plan are:

- Identifying projects that support UCATS backbone network
- Provide a data driven gap analysis of existing conditions on all routes for cyclists
- Prioritize projects using an established set of criteria
- Provide data on all projects to support future decision making

The Regional 4 study which will include identifying critical areas, gap analysis standards and compatibility with the other regions will be completed by this summer and a list of the Top 25 UCATS projects will be available for the April 10, 2013 ATC meeting.

Andrew Gruber pointed out that just because there was a Top 25 list of projects; it didn't mean that there was money or time to implement all of these projects right away. Evelyn agreed with Andrew's statement and said that there was a lot of coordination to be done to make sure that everyone is consistent across the board.

Comments included:

- We've never had a great tool to marry the bicyclist techniques with our projects so this along with adding on partners will allow us to tackle each project as appropriate or as funding is available.
- Having the UCAT studies and all of the other efforts available can feed perfectly into our broad planning effort so that active transportation is considered at the same time and integrated into all of the other transportation plans.
- At the end of the day we have a great list of projects which was the intent of the UCAT study but there is not adequate funding for everything. Maybe we can have a subcommittee to look at the viability of each project.

Cory Pope commented that it's important to point out that part of the purpose of need is developed around the needs of the communities as well. If we know what the priority route is, it helps us build that type of community even though it's termed "roadway" project there is much more involvement with active transportation networks as well.

Jory mentioned that UDOT is developing roadway projects - we need to make sure that all the needs are identified and incorporated into the project because we are not just about cars, we need to accommodate many modes of transportation. We want to have a plan and we will fund it with our fiscal highway money instead of needing a special fund.

Information: Complete Street –

Greg Scott presented:

- The Ten (10) Basic Elements of Complete Streets
- Discussed the slogan "Not every mode on every road"
- All users are considered in the public right of way
- Mission Statement and the four (4) mission elements:

1. Education
2. Technical Assistance
3. Regional Actions
4. Funding

Greg referred to the Draft Complete Streets Vision, Mission and Principles which were distributed for Committee member information and noted that the recommendations previously made are now reflected in the document.

Scott Hess of Davis County discussed the need for an outreach and collaboration program that would open up lines of communication (UDOT, UTA, and MPO channels of collaboration aren't always clear and when cities have issues they don't always know who to call). Scott suggested a proposal that would give each county an appointed liaison with ATC and CS. Those liaisons need to understand maps, the pertinent topics, can speak the language to UDOT engineers and UTA and have a broad understanding of CS. They need a working knowledge of the process and must ensure that all lines of communication are being addressed.

Comments included:

- Salt Lake County is adopting a Best Practices program for incorporating principles
- There needs to be an agreement between cities for bicycles using these best practices
- Someone could work back through this and maybe a representative from each county could come from this committee

Information: Active Transportation and Health Summit

Trever Ball of the Utah Department of Health, announced that ATC and several partner agencies will hold a one day Health Summit next fall that will focus on the health aspects of active living. The purpose of the summit will be to engage several different audiences. There will be introductory presentations on how to perform a health impact assessment – lack of physical activity and health costs and how public transportation involves you in being more physically fit. You can contact Trever at trball@utah.gov.

Other Business

Ben Bolte of Greenbike brought a bike helmet that says "Year of the Bike". On April 9th there will be a party to celebrate "Year of the Bike".

Next meeting:

April 10, 2013 8:00am – 10:00am

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.