

Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 14, 2015

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84116.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Mayor Caldwell welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

ATC Members and Staff Present

Justin Anderson	Ogden City
Daryl Ballantyne	Councilman, Morgan County
Ken Braegger	Mayor, Willard City
Barry Burton	Davis County
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Larry Ellertson	Commissioner, Utah County
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Jennifer McGrath	UTA
Brett McIlff	Utah Department of Health
Jeff Oyler	Davis County
Chris Pengra	Mayor, Eagle Mountain
Jim Price	MAG
Phil Sarnoff	Bike Utah
Shawn Seager	MAG
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County

ATC Stakeholders and Others Present

Will Becker	GREENbike
Dan Bergenthal	Salt Lake City
Julie Bjornstad	Fehr & Peers
Ben Bolte	GREENbike
Mark Bradley	Brigham City
Steve Call	FHWA
Kevin Cisney	WFRC
Kim Clark	VIA Consulting
Kim Clausing	Tooele County Health Department
Rick Cobia	Division of People with Disabilities
Julia Collins	WFRC
Grant Crowell	Bluffdale City
Janet Frick	Salt Lake County Aging & Adult Services
Jeff Gulden	PB World
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Todd Hadden	UDOT
Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineers

Jeff Harris	UDOT
Samuel Heiner	Jones & Associates
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Brian Kolbe	H.W. Lochner
Jon Larsen	WFRC
G.J. LaBonty	UTA
Vincent Liu	UDOT
Kelly Lund	FHWA
Andrea Moser	Bio-West, Inc.
Elliott Mott	Utah Outdoors
Callie New	WFRC
Isa Perry	Davis County Health Department
Helen Peters	JUB Engineers
Greg Scott	WFRC
Blair Tomten	H.W. Lochner
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Alexis Verson	Salt Lake City
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Excused: Commissioner James Ebert, Mayor Ralph Becker, Cory Pope, and Robin Hutcheson

Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary

Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ellertson, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Phil Sarnoff announced that the 2015 Utah Bike Summit being held April 10 at the Provo Library at Academy Square and featuring special guest Gary Fisher, advocate and mountain biking legend. Bike Utah will be accepting applications for session proposals. The RFP must be received by January 30 via email to Phil Sarnoff.

Chair Report

Mayor Caldwell report called attention to:

- The article in the Salt Lake Tribune "*New bike paths key in long-range transportation planning*". The article noted that the Wasatch Front Regional Council's Transportation Plan calls for a lot of new regional bike lanes, including one parallel to I-15 from Provo to Ogden.
- UTA has taken a collaborative and flexible approach regarding the expansion of the Bike Share program. This is an important dialogue that will be happening in the upcoming year.
- The Mayor has successfully finished his bike tour challenge in December of riding his bike to work every day in 2014. It really does open your eyes to some of the infrastructure needs that we have and some of the things we can do to make active transportation more viable for everyone.

First Last Mile Study

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, discussed the First/Last Mile Strategy Study. The first/last mile is that portion of the transit trip that a person must take from their point of origin to the transit station and then from the transit station to their final destination. Ms. McGrath's presentation included:

- Purpose of the project was to provide recommendations for First/Last Mile Strategies that will be most effective for increasing ridership on the UTA system.
- Deliverables include: A definition of station typologies; Recommendations of First/Last Mile Strategies by station typology; Projected ridership, health and environmental impacts; and Next steps leading to implementation, including but not limited to station data collection, design work and identifying funding partners.
- The Study looked at all Frontrunner, TRAX, S-Line and BRT Stations.
- Project partners for the study: UTA, UDOT, WFRC, and MAG. The study was led on the consultant side by Fehr & Peers with support from Nelson Nygaard and the University of Utah Traffic Lab.
- Project Process included: Robust Data Collection; Station Typology Development; Assigned Strategies to each Station Typology; and Assigned Stations to Typologies.
- First/Last Mile Strategy Recommendations include: Way-finding and information; Bicycle network improvements; Pedestrian network improvement; Bike Share stations; Car share stations; Access connections; Crossing treatments; Rail and bus stop enhancements; and Shuttles (including current UTA shuttle programs).
- Next Steps are to:
 - Prioritize Implementation that would include potential ridership increases; cost effectiveness; stakeholder support; and ease of implementation.
 - Design recommended strategies for individual stations to develop preliminary costs.
 - Identify funding options.
 - Perform analysis that shows conditions before and after implementation to evaluate success.

Ms. McGrath noted that the Study will be finalized in the next three to six weeks and will be made available to anyone who is interested at that time. Contact Jennifer McGrath at jmcgrath@rideuta.com for more information about the Study.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

The Transportation Alternatives Program funds projects that expand transportation options for non-drivers and improve quality of life by enhancing the cultural, historic, and environmental aspects of existing transportation infrastructure.

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reported that due to the amount of funds available to the State of Utah and as recommended by the Wasatch Front Regional Council, that the emphasis for the portion of the TAP program that WFRC has responsibility to coordinate be programmed on large and small bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure projects and smaller planning studies related to bike and pedestrian facilities. Currently the Salt Lake-West Valley Urban Area receives approximately \$700,000 in TAP funds and the Ogden-Layton Urban Area receives about \$350,000 per year.

Mr. Wuthrich said that WFRC staff is now in the process of reviewing projects for the 2016 TAP. He said that in September 2014 staff sent out a request for Letters of Intent. The deadline for Letters of Intent was extended to the middle of November. The Project Evaluation Concept Reports deadline is January 15, 2015. Staff will then go through the evaluation process that includes on-site field reviews as well as coordinating and reviewing all the data. The TransCom

Technical Advisory Committees will also have an opportunity to review the projects and make recommendations. The projects that are recommended for the 2016 TAP funds will be reviewed during the May 2015 ATC meeting.

During the discussion it was noted there are many projects included in the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and /or the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) programs that are approved which include enhancements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Local Complete Streets Policy Process

Complete Streets is an approach that ensures that all users are considered with each street investment. Complete Streets better connect communities in support of Wasatch Choice for 2040. Complete Streets is not every mode on every road but is a way to build active transportation infrastructure in incremental ways.

Greg Scott, WFRC, reported that a few months ago WFRC staff began a pilot program to assist interested cities develop a Complete Streets Policy. The three cities chosen to participate in the pilot program were: Bluffdale, Centerville, and Ogden. He said that Centerville City, with the assistance of WFRC staff have completed their Complete Streets Policy. He noted that H.W. Lochner facilitated the three meetings for Centerville City with two members of the City Council and heads of City Departments.

Mr. Scott said staff will continue to work with Bluffdale City and Ogden City to finalize their Complete Streets Policy. He also said the Complete Streets program has been continued through the Local Planning Resource Program and to date there are six additional cities that have expressed interest in developing a Complete Streets Policy with WFRC staff assistance.

Salt Lake County Active Transportation

Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County, introduced himself as the new Director of Regional Planning and Transportation for Salt Lake County. His new position will work with the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision and Principles including the associated land use and all modes of transportation (roads, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian). He will be working with the Cities within Salt Lake County on a county-wide basis – not just within the County Townships.

Mr. Sommerkorn mentioned that he is getting up-to-speed on the existing Utah Collaborative Active Transportation Study (UCATS) and Phase 2 of the Study. He is working to develop a Salt Lake County Bicycle Master Plan that will refine a process for evaluating priority route bicycle projects within Salt Lake County. This effort of identifying and prioritizing projects will help the county program \$800K they have committed to active transportation grants.

The County has also been meeting with the cities to collect data on bicycle routes, including type, location, status, etc. In coordination with this effort the University of Utah Digit Lab is collecting a new GIS Schema, which has been agreed to by Box Elder, Weber, and Davis Counties, to begin collecting the same information. This information will be valuable in creating consistency in future maps and plans within the cities, counties and across the region.

Mr. Sommerkorn mentioned that he helped review comments WFRC received on the priority bicycle routes, during the Small Area meetings held with local elected officials and staff.

UCATS Phase 2

Utah Collaborative Active Transportation Study (UCATS) Phase 1 focused on: Planning a bicycle network for all ages and abilities; Enhance connections to transit; Prioritized a

“backbone” network; and understand quality of life benefits—economic, health, and environment.

Jennifer McGrath, UTA, and Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT, are co-managing the UCATS Phase 2 project. The UCATS Phase 2 partners include UDOT, UTA, MAG, WFRC, FHWA, Salt Lake County, Davis County, and Weber County. Ms. McGrath said that Phase 2 will focus on:

- Implement key project (identified from the top 25 project areas).
- Determine the next generation of high-priority projects.
- Identify a process to keep the Plan alive.
- Establish performance measures.
- How does the plan affect our community – economy, traffic, property values.

During the discussion it was noted that comments and feedback from local governments is encouraged and would be considered in making changes and adjustments to plans.

Mayor Marshall – Grantsville City/Tooele County, Mayor Braegger – Willard City/Box Elder County, Councilman Ballantyne – Morgan County and Commissioner Ellertson – Utah County and Mayor Pengra – Eagle Mountain City/Utah County took a few minutes to update the Committee on what is happening in their communities in regard to active transportation and transportation needs and endeavors. Steve Call – FHWA, George Deneris, Salt Lake County, Jim Price, MAG, and Muriel Xochimitl, WFRC, also provided input.

Barry Burton, Davis County, announced and distributed their first County-wide Trails and Bikeways Map.

Legislative Update

There was a discussion on transportation funding and the upcoming Utah State Legislative Session that begins January 26. The legislature is focusing on transportation funding more than they have in the past few years. The leadership in the House and Senate both have actively engaged in a conversation about transportation funding and have expressed publicly an intention to address this issue this year. ATC members were strongly encouraged to reach out to their legislator, as individuals or local officials to express your views about this important issue of transportation funding in Utah.

Other Business

- Bicycle Friendly Business Applications – deadline January 15, 2015
- Bicycle Friendly Community Applications – deadline February 11, 2015
- Bicycle Friendly University Applications – deadline August 20, 2015

Next meeting March 11, 2015 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the WFRC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

A recording of this meeting, agendas, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org, under Committees, Active Transportation, 2015 meetings.