

**Minutes**  
Regional Growth Committee  
Meeting of October 16, 2014

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, October 16, 2014 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Commissioner Jan Zogmaister**, RGC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Zogmaister welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

**RGC Members and Alternates Present**

Abby Albrecht (for Scott Parson)	Granite Construction
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Ryan Beck (for Robert Grow)	Envision Utah
Ron Bigelow	Mayor, West Valley City
Steve Call	FHWA
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Jeffery L. Harris	UDOT
Charles Henderson	UTA Board
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Christine Richman	Utah Urban Land Institute
Norm Searle	Mayor, Riverdale City
Matt Sibul	UTA
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Gary Uresk	Woods Cross City
Kathy VanDame	Air Quality Board
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

**RGC Representatives and Others Present**

Laynee Jones	Mountain Accord Study
Arlene Kocher	FHWA
Dave McNeill	Division of Air Quality
Justin Morgan	FHWA
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Ted Eyre and Mayor Ben McAdams were excused from the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner John Petroff moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held August 21, 2014 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Derk Timothy and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no comments

### **Information: 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Utah's Unified Plan update**

Jory Johner, WFRC, updated and discussed the process and phasing of the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. He noted that WFRC staff is currently in the third year of the four-year process to update the Plan. Some of the milestones that have been met over the last three years include: Development of four scenarios; Worked with local governments, transportation partners (UDOT and UTA) to review scenarios; Performance Measures were used to identify the benefits and impacts on each of the four scenarios; A final draft Preferred Scenario was developed; the final draft Preferred Scenario was presented and discussed with local governments and WFRC transportation partners to receive comment. The draft Preferred Scenario includes: roadway, transit, and bicycle projects along with the future land use types and intensities for our region. The Wasatch Front Regional Council, on May 22, 2014, approved the Final Preferred Scenario (the final set of projects before financial constraints are applied) and directed staff to move forward with the phasing portion of the RTP development process.

The phased, financially constrained 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan is scheduled to be developed by Winter of 2014, and WFRC staff will then seek review and comments from the local governments, UDOT, and UTA, prior to adoption in May 2015. The schedule for the third round of Small Area Meetings was distributed and noted that these meetings will be held in January and February 2015. Staff will ask for review and comment on the draft phased 2015-2040 RTP at these meetings.

Discussion comments included:

- The 2015-2040 RTP is based on the Vision and how development is projected to occur. How will local development communities become involved as they are the ones that will make investments for actual homes and businesses around transportation facilities.
- Currently cities and counties have been relied upon to coordinate with developers.
- Christine Richman offered Urban Land Use as a way to coordinate and get the message out more broadly to the development community and to help educate the smaller and medium developers.

The Utah's Unified Transportation Plan synthesizes all of the Long Range Plans developed by the MPO's and the State. The 2015-2040 Unified Plan builds on the previous versions. Mr. Johner reported that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) selected Utah's Unified Transportation Plan as a national case study. They are particularly interested in our collaborative structure; what accomplishments we realized from having a Unified Transportation Plan; and some of the challenges and lessons learned through the process.

### **Information: Pioneer (I-15/ Frontrunner) Corridor Plan**

Jeff Harris, Utah Department of Transportation report included the following information:

The Pioneer Corridor Mobility Study is designed to leverage the strong relationships between Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), 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.

The Pioneer Corridor Plan is a new term that does not focus on any one transportation mode. This planning effort will look at all modes of transportation within the corridor including auto, light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, local and express bus, bicycling, and walking and how they interact as a transportation system. The Pioneer Corridor Plan will provide a framework to enhance regional mobility and strengthen the economy through proactive planning that improves access to jobs and facilitates the movement of goods and services. The study area is contemplated to extend from Ogden to Provo in length and roughly four miles in width.

The four agency partners were recently awarded a highly-competitive national TIGER (Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery) grant to study the Pioneer Corridor. The study will begin in the fall of 2014 and will take approximately one and half years to complete.

Discussion following the presentation centered around two basic questions: 1) How should local governmental and other stakeholders be involved?; and 2) What are the substantive issues you would like to have the study address, especially local transportation needs or issues that have metropolitan significance?

Comments from the RGC included:

- Growth in Morgan County (the third largest growing county in the State) future needs be included in the study.
- Salt Lake County and Utah County growth hopefully study will add capacity through transit.
- Consider air quality issues in the analysis (such as rail emissions or electrify FrontRunner).
- Consider congestion pricing
- The study may bring to light changes and we will need to adapt and be accepting.
- Determine what the tolerance level for users may be
- Make sure livability of communities not just travel flow. How it affects peoples lifestyle and livability.
- Recognize the corridor is a key national asset.
- Collaborate statewide not just local impacts. Aesthetic issues – natural beauty.
- Several commented that they liked the theory and idea of the study and fully support it.

### **Information: Mountain Accord Update**

Layne Jones, Mountain Accord Project Manager, provided the Mountain Accord Project update. Her report included:

- The Mountain Accord project is a collaborative initiative to look at the future of the central Wasatch Mountains. There are about 250 people involved on a weekly basis to help decide what the future of the central Wasatch Mountains is going to be. Mountain Accord is a collaboration between public and private interests, including state and local governments, federal agencies, and business and grassroots organizations.
- The people/participants/partners and information have been organized around four issues: 1) Recreation; 2) Environment; 3) Transportation; and 4) Economy. Each group to focus on their one issue and come forward with their “idealized system” for that topic.
- The Executive Board is committed to balancing all four issues and currently merging these ideal systems into scenarios. Public comment is an important component of this effort and input received from the public will be used to inform and guide the process.

- The multi-issue scenarios have been released for public review and input. The scenarios can be accessed on the Mountain Accord website at <http://mountainaccord.com/>.

### **Other Business**

- Salt Lake County and the Wasatch Front Regional Council is undergoing round two of the Local Planning Resource Program. Letters of Intent are due October 30, 2014. Applications are due January 15, 2014. Notification of Awards March 19, 2015. To learn more visit the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org) under the program tab.
- The Wasatch Choice for 2040 Consortium and Your Utah Your Future Workshop will be held Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Salt Palace Convention Center. Members were encouraged to attend and participate in this event.
- UTA received the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Bus System of the Year Award. The award ceremony took place in Houston, TX as part of APTA annual conference October 14.
- Commissioner Zogmaister and Councilmember Tina Kelley (outgoing members) were recognized for their dedicated service as members of the Regional Growth Committee serving the last few years.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

*A recoding of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org), under Committees, Regional Growth Committee, 2014 meetings.*