

**Minutes**  
Regional Growth Committee  
Meeting of August 20, 2015

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions**

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

**RGC Members and Alternates Present**

Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace City
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake City
Ron Bigelow	Mayor, West Valley City
Steve Call	FHWA
Don Carroll	Mayor, Fruit Heights City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Ted Eyre	Mayor, Murray City
Robert Grow	Envision Utah
Jeffery Harris	UDOT
Charles Henderson	UTA Board
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Erin Mendenhall	Salt Lake County   Utah Air Quality Board
Aimee Winder Newton	Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Cory Pope	UDOT
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Matt Sibul	UTA
Logan Wilde	Councilman, Morgan County

**RGC Representatives and Others Present**

Roger Borgenicht	Utahns for Better Transportation
Matt Dixon	South Ogden City
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Justin Morgan	FHWA
Wilf Sommerkorn	SL County Office of Regional Development
Ray Whitchurch	IBI Group
Nicole M. Zinnanti	Assist, Inc.
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Commissioner James Ebert, Commissioner Dan McConkie, Mayor Derk Timothy, and Christine Richman were excused from the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held May 21, 2015 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Don Carroll and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments

### **Information: 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan objectives and approach**

Ted Knowlton said the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will be significant as the Plan will reach out to 2050, address findings from the Your Utah Your Future statewide vision, and establish a revised metropolitan vision building on the Wasatch Choice for 2040 and will utilize new analytical models.

Mr. Knowlton said the ideas and comments during previous meetings have helped guide the direction for staff in initial planning for the 2019-2050 RTP. He then led a discussion on objectives for the next RTP and an approach to accomplish those objectives. Mr. Knowlton said that the draft 2019-2050 RTP process steps would be a grassroots method that would include:

- Customized small area scenarios that would generate ideas on transportation issues, land use policy, and weigh in on quality of life outcomes of particular interest
- Ideas would be tested via customized sub-regional scenarios
- Regional goals would then be finalized
- A preferred regional scenario selected
- Phasing and financing applied
- Adoption in May 2019

Comments from the Committee regarding the proposed draft 2015-2050 RTP process included positive feedback regarding involvement in having customized sub-regional scenarios to coordinate city to city and regional ideas collaboratively. Also suggested was that WFRC, when asked, be prepared to make a presentation to city councils/city governments to inform about WFRC and their role in region-wide planning. Staff were reminded of the importance of freight to Utah economics in the planning process.

Mr. Knowlton expressed appreciation to the Committee for the feedback and said that a refined planning process would be presented to the Committee in future meetings.

### **Information: WFRC Programs for Local Governments**

The Wasatch Front Regional Council administers six programs that provide resources for local governments. Each program manager provided an overview and details on the Program they manage. The following programs were discussed:

- The Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)—LaNiece Davemport, Program Manager. The WFEDD is a federally recognized Economic Development District created to foster regional economic development and assist eligible entities who seek funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—LaNiece Davenport and Sam Klemm, Program Managers. The CDBG program funds a variety of housing and community development projects that principally benefit low and moderate income persons in Morgan, Tooele, and Weber Counties and cities within (excluding entitlement cities).

- The Local Planning Resource Program (LPRP)—Julia Reynolds, Program Manager. The Local Planning Resource Program supports local government efforts to create livable and vibrant communities. It provides local communities with technical assistance towards integrating land use and transportation by means of staff time, consulting and training. Salt Lake County is a joining sponsor of this program for projects within the Salt Lake County boundaries.
- The Surface Transportation Program (STP) Surface Transportation Program (STP)—Ben Wuthrich, Program Manager. The STP provides funding that may be used for projects on any Federal-aid highway, bridge projects or any public road, transit capital projects and improvements, and active transportation projects.
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)—Ben Wuthrich, Program Manager. CMAQ funds are intended to fund transportation projects that improve air quality, with the exception that they are not eligible for major road widening.
- The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)—Ben Wuthrich, Program Manager. The TAP funds support the construction and planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Specific and detailed information, including a program description and the application process, were included in RGC member packets. It was noted that information regarding letters of intent, application due dates, and other important information about the WFRC programs will be emailed to stakeholders within the next few weeks.

#### **Information: Local Planning Resource Program spotlight on South Ogden**

In 2014, South Ogden City was awarded Local Planning Resource program assistance to calibrate a Form-Based Code, modeled after the Wasatch Choice for 2040 template, for their downtown commercial core. Form-Based Code is a zoning technique that emphasizes the physical characteristics and design of a particular place, making it a more pleasant place to live, work and play.

Matt Dixon, South Ogden City Manager, and Ray Whitchurch, IBI Group, discussed the objectives, challenges and lessons learned of the project. They also talked about some of the grant program benefits which included:

- The project will lead to better, smarter development that will benefit the surrounding communities.
- Form-Based Code will be expanded to include other areas of the city.
- Form-Based Code will help insure the types of development will be in harmony with the City's desire future vision.
- The grant program allowed South Ogden the financial ability to accomplish this project.

#### **Other Business**

- Commissioner Petroff reported that all the counties across the Wasatch Front, (Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Box Elder, Tooele, Morgan, and Utah County), have taken action to place the Local Option Transportation Sales Tax on the ballot this fall. The measure will need to be approved by the voters to be enacted. HB 362 Transportation Infrastructure Funding has two main provisions: 1) Gas Tax Reform and Increase—changes the state gas tax from the current 24.5 cents per gallon to a percentage; and 2) Local Option Transportation Sales Tax—gives local communities a tool to address their transportation needs.
- Ted Knowlton introduced two new WFRC team members: Julie Bjornstad, Long Range Planner, and Scott Hess, Active Transportation Planner.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 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, 2015 meetings.*