

**Minutes**  
Regional Growth Committee  
Meeting of May 21, 2015

A meeting of the Regional Growth Committee was held on Thursday, May 21, 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
Ron Bigelow	Mayor, West Valley City
Steve Call	FHWA
Don Carroll	Mayor, Fruit Heights City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
James Ebert	Commissioner, Weber County
Reid Ewing	University of Utah
Robert Grow	Envision Utah
Jeffery Harris	Utah Department of Transportation
G.J. LaBonty	Utah Transit Authority
Aimee Winder Newton	Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Scott Parson	Staker Parson Companies / SL Chamber
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
Christine Richman	Utah Urban Land Institute
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Gary Uresk	Woods Cross City
Reid Ewing	University of Utah

**RGC Representatives and Others Present**

Milton Braselton	Sugar House Community Council
George Chapman	Citizen
Tracy Duval	FHWA
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
Wilf Sommerkorn	SL County Office of Regional Development
Greg Westfall	Perry City
Lisa Zundel	UDOT
Michell Bjorklund	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Stephen Hanamaikai	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Ted Eyre, Councilman Logan Wilde, Trustee Charles Henderson, Commissioner Dan McConkie were excused from the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Derk Timothy moved that the minutes of the Regional Growth Committee meeting held March 19, 2015 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Don Carroll and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Robert Grow, Envision Utah, thanked everyone for taking the Your Utah Your Future survey. He encouraged those in attendance to get the word out to their staff and communities to take the survey. The survey goal is 50,000 people.

George Chapman commented that he felt that people are going to vote for the Transportation Local Option Sales Tax only if the dollars go to increasing transit service not projects.

### **Action: 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan**

The Regional Transportation Plan is the region's long-range vision for road, transit, and active transportation. The 2015-2040 RTP is the culmination of a four-year process of development, review and refinement. Adoption of the Plan is a significant milestone for WFRC and for our region.

WFRC staff reviewed materials from the WFRC website focusing on three key steps in the development of the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan:

- Ted Knowlton reviewed the process used to develop the RTP, including establishment of goals, exploration of scenarios, creation of the preferred scenario, consideration of financial constraints, and phasing.
- Jory Johner outlined the substantive features of the Plan including the roadway and, public transportation capacity projects, maintenance and preservation elements, and active transportation.
- Jon Larsen discussed some of the key projected benefits of the RTP, such as, enhance safety and health, promote economic vitality, and provide mobility and accessibility.

Following the discussion it was noted that the entire 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan may be accessed from the WFRC website homepage at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org).

Mayor Derk Timothy made a motion that the Regional Growth Committee recommend to the Wasatch Front Regional Council adoption of the final phased and financially constrained 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and approve the Air Quality Conformity determination. Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Information: Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study**

In October of last year, a significant long-range planning project called the "Pioneer Corridor Study" was discussed with the Regional Growth Committee. The project has since been renamed the "Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study". The project objective is to develop a comprehensive multi-modal, long-term transportation strategy of Utah's busiest corridor for inclusion in the 2019-2050 RTP. This project is a priority effort of four agencies: Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC). Lisa Zundel, UDOT, is the project manager. Since the October discussion a technical and communications consultant team has been selected to work on the effort and a scope of work has been developed. The lead firm is Fehr and Peers who will be assisted by Resource Systems Group (RSG) and HDR Engineering.

The Study is currently underway and will evaluate all potential strategies that includes transit, roadway, operations, policy, active transportation and connectivity (meaning freeway-surface street, transit-roadway, and transit-pedestrian-bike connectivity). The study will also consider how technology and demographic change will impact travel demand and capacity needs. Study updates will be presented to the RGC over the next several months. The study is due to complete by September 2016.

**Information: RGC “focus area” next steps**

One of RGC’s roles is to guide staff with regard to long range planning issues. This includes steering the Regional Transportation Plan as well as intergovernmental coordination and visioning activities such as the Local Planning Resource Program and Wasatch Choice for 2040. In the March Regional Growth Committee meeting WFRC staff asked the Committee for initial ideas to inform 2015 and moving forward. The responses from RGC members are recorded in the March 19, 2015 minutes that were included in RGC member packets and may also be viewed on the WFRC website.

Ted Knowlton reviewed a draft schedule for the development of a four-year strategy for WFRC. He discussed how the RGC might be involved in the development of this strategy and noted that as a draft is developed staff will work to incorporate the feedback from the March RGC meeting. The following timeline was discussed:

- August – Discuss the process for the next Regional Transportation Plan.
- October – Discuss the strategic framework for WFRC for the next four years.
- TBD - Retreat with Wasatch Front Regional Council members.

**Other Business**

Andrew Gruber acknowledged the WFRC partnership with USDOT and expressed appreciation to Steve Call from FHWA for his assistance and ongoing support.

The next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on **Thursday, August 20, 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.*