

**Salt Lake – West Valley Urban Area  
Regional Growth Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee**

July 16, 2015  
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Meeting Summary

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions-</b> Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County</p>	<p>Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake County, introduced the meeting.</p> <p>Sam Klemm, WFRC, announced that applications for corridor preservation are due on September 1<sup>st</sup>. There is \$2.4 Million available and eligible projects much be in Phase 1 of the RTP. Corridor preservation funds can be used for bike lanes and transit, as long as these projects are tied to road projects.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p><b>2. Meeting Summary – April 15, 2015 –Salt Lake – West Valley RGC TAC</b></p>	<p>Wilf Sommerkorn called for an approval of the April 15, 2015 minutes. Holly Mahoney, UTA, made the motion and Steve Pastorik, West Valley City, seconded.</p> <p>The Salt Lake – West Valley Area Regional Growth Committee Technical Advisory Committee meeting summaries are posted on the WFRC website (<a href="http://www.wfrc.org">www.wfrc.org</a>) under the “Committees” section on the top of the front page. You can access these summaries by selecting “Regional Growth TAC.”</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><b>3. Planning for Climate Change –</b> Vicki Bennett, Salt Lake City</p>	<p>Vicki Bennett, Salt Lake City, provided an overview of planning for climate change and Salt Lake City’s efforts to create a regional climate network. With increasing average temperatures and stronger storms, cities are tasked with building local resilience and updating infrastructure to handle a changing climate. Salt Lake City recently conducted an internal vulnerability assessment to determine risk and improve plans and operations. Salt Lake City is also planning to create a regional “Utah Climate Network” to convene regional practitioners, inventory current efforts, create a local repository of information, and develop mitigation and adaptation strategies.</p> <p><b>Please contact Vicki Bennett at (801) 535-6470 or <a href="mailto:vicki.bennett@slcgov.com">vicki.bennett@slcgov.com</a> for additional information.</b></p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p><b>4. Director of EPA Office of Sustainable Communities –</b> Matt Dalbey, EPA</p>	<p>Matt Dalbey, Director of the EPA Office of Sustainable Communities, was in town on business and addressed the PLANTAC on his office’s role in improving communities. The Office of Sustainable Communities has \$2.5 Million to provide technical assistance to communities throughout the country. The Office focuses on adapting to climate change, mitigating GHGs, helping communities with economic development, and environmental justice.</p> <p>Mr. Dalbey highlighted three current projects. First, the EPA partnered with the USDA, the CDC, the DOT, and others to create a “Local Food, Local Places” technical assistance program for creating healthy communicates and economic development through the development of local food systems. Any community, including large cities, can apply for the program (<a href="http://www2.epa.gov/smart-growth/local-foods-local-places">http://www2.epa.gov/smart-growth/local-foods-local-places</a>). Second, based on a tool from the State of Vermont, the EPA has a resilience tool available to local governments and COGs to help communities determine local</p>	<p>None Required</p>

	<p>resilience to climate change (<a href="http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/climate/creat.cfm">http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/climate/creat.cfm</a>). Third, the EPA is working with FEMA to incorporate climate science into hazard mitigation plans and provide guidance to states.</p> <p>Mr. Dalbey is interested in receiving feedback on how Federal agencies can better work together.</p> <p>Please contact Matt Dalbey at <a href="mailto:dalbey.matthew@epa.gov">dalbey.matthew@epa.gov</a> for additional information.</p>	
<p>5. Active Transportation Coordinating Committee – Wilf Sommerkorn</p>	<p>Wilf Sommerkorn introduced the County’s Active Transportation Coordination Committee. The group would coordinate planning and implementation and include members from active transportation groups and government agencies. In addition, the County is exploring creating a contract position to lead the coordination efforts. More information will be available soon.</p> <p>Please contact Wilf Sommerkorn at 385-468-4862 or <a href="mailto:wsommerkorn@slco.org">wsommerkorn@slco.org</a> for additional information.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p>6. Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Adopted – Jory Johner, WFRC</p>	<p>Jory Johner, from the Wasatch Front Regional Council, provided an overview of the adopted 2015 – 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He detailed the process, plan, and benefits. The planning process for the RTP began in 2011 and included a comprehensive public and stakeholder involvement process. The outreach effort included three rounds of small-area meetings, 150 presentations, 140 news articles, and over 1,000 comments.</p> <p>The plan was developed through a visioning process based on work done with the help of Envision Utah. Four unique scenarios were tested before a final, financially-constrained scenario was determined. In addition to new construction and widening, maintenance of facilities and transit service improvements are included in the plan. Each project in the RTP has an associated PEL, which can help in the environmental process. Mr. Johner demonstrated the RTP website (<a href="http://www.wfrc.org/new_wfrc/index.php/2015-rtp/process">http://www.wfrc.org/new_wfrc/index.php/2015-rtp/process</a>) and interactive map (<a href="http://goo.gl/1AeMWX">http://goo.gl/1AeMWX</a>).</p> <p>Mr. Johner described the air quality, mobility, and economic growth benefits to the RTP. Emissions from vehicles are projected to decrease by 63% over the life of the planning period due to cleaner fuels and vehicles, transportation choices, and coordinating land use/transportation. By implementing the RTP, the average household in the region will avoid nearly one full day each year of congestion. Economic impacts of the Unified Plan were quantified at 182,618 jobs and an increase of \$183.6 Billion in additional GDP.</p> <p>Please contact Jory Johner at 801-363-4250 ext. 1101 or <a href="mailto:jjohner@wfrc.org">jjohner@wfrc.org</a> for additional information.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p>7. ¼ Cent Sale Tax Vote – Abby Albrecht, Utah Transportation Coalition</p>	<p>Abby Albrecht, Director of the Utah Transportation Coalition, updated PlanTAC on the ¼-cent Sales Tax vote. HB362 was passed by the legislature earlier this year and the Coalition’s focus is now getting the tax on local election ballots. HB362 includes 0.25% local option sales tax, which is county imposed and voter approved. The 0.25% is divided among the local transit agency (0.1%), cities and unincorporated counties</p>	<p>None Required</p>

	<p>(0.1%), and counties (0.05%). If there is no transit service in the area, the 0.1% transit portion would be distributed to the county. There is a sunset for this tax after 2020. The local option sales tax can be used for active transportation, transit, and transit-oriented development, among other projects.</p> <p>The Coalition and the Salt Lake Chamber have asked for specific projects benefitting from the tax to use in education to the public. There is a \$135 Million transportation shortfall in Salt Lake County and the sales tax could raise \$49 Million to address this shortfall. In Ogden, there is a \$20 Million per year need for sidewalks. The current gas tax cannot be used for the sidewalks, but the sales tax could be.</p> <p>Currently, Grand County is the only county in the state that has approved including the sales tax on this fall's ballot. There are 17 additional counties exploring the option to include the tax during this election. Cities throughout the state have shown support for inclusion; 92 cities have passed city resolutions supporting ballot inclusion. If Salt Lake County votes to include the measure on this year's ballot, it is estimated that an additional 17 counties will vote to include. The Coalition has already written ballot language, which has been approved by the Lieutenant Governor. The sales tax will be referred to as Proposition 1 on ballots statewide. A campaign is planned by the Coalition, but will not begin until Salt Lake County votes to approve. Counties must decide by August 31<sup>st</sup> to include Proposition 1 on the ballot.</p> <p>Please contact Abby Albrecht at (801) 831-6116 or <a href="mailto:aalbrecht@slchamber.com">aalbrecht@slchamber.com</a> for additional information.</p>	
<p><b>8. Your Utah, Your Future Survey –</b> Ryan Beck, Envision Utah</p>	<p>Ryan Beck, Envision Utah, provided an update on Your Utah, Your Future. Your Utah, Your Future had 52,845 survey participants. Envision Utah also conducted a random sample of 1,246 people to validate the online survey results. Mr. Beck gave a preview of some of the agriculture indicators, which included that people in Utah were overwhelmingly in favor of preserving prime agriculture land and would tradeoff larger lot sizes and less water for lawns to preserve agriculture lands.</p> <p>The next steps in the process are convening individual task forces and creating a vision for the state. The vision is expected in mid-October or early November.</p> <p>Please contact Ryan Beck at (801) 303-1458 or <a href="mailto:ryan@envisionutah.org">ryan@envisionutah.org</a> for additional information.</p>	<p>None Required</p>
<p><b>9. Next Meeting –</b> Wednesday, September 16, 2015</p>	<p>The next Salt Lake – West Valley RGC TAC meeting will be held on September 16, 2015.</p>	<p>None Required</p>

## ATTENDANCE ROLL

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Abby Albrecht	Utah Transportation Coalition	Matthew Dalbey	US EDA
Alan Peters	Bluffdale	Mike Johnson	Cottonwood Heights
Ari Bruening	Envision Utah	Neil Cohen	SL County Planning Commission
Charlton Christensen	SL County	Ray Christensen	Murray
Dan Bergenthal	SLC Transportation	Robin Erickson	Utah Clean Cities
Dan Boles	Draper	Russell Fox	Draper
Elden Bingham	UDOT	Ryan Beck	Envision Utah
Greg Scott	WFRC	Sam Klemm	SL COG
Holly Mahone	Utah Clean Cities	Sarah Hanners	University of Utah
Jake Warner	South Jordan	Scott Hess	WFRC
John Guldner	Alta	Steve Pastorik	West Valley
John Miller	SL County	Teresa Gray	SL County Health
Jory Johner	WFRC	Val John Halford	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC	Vicki Bennett	SLC
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC	Wilf Sommerkorn	SL County
Kevin Sato	Cottonwood Heights		