



TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com)

Minutes of Meeting held June 20, 2013

Chairman Darrell Smith called Trans Com to order at 2:10 p.m. at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chairman Smith welcomed Meghan Holbrook, Utah Transportation Commission, as a new member of Trans Com.

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Darrell Smith, Chair	Mayor, Draper City
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden City
Doug Clifford	Mayor, Pleasant View
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton
Jerry Rechtenbach	Mayor, Taylorsville City
Meghan Holbrook	Utah Transportation Commission
Cory Pope	Utah Department of Transportation
Matt Sibul	Utah Transit Authority

Others:

John Hiskey	Sandy City
Lee Logston	West Valley City
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Maria Vyas	Fehr & Peers
Jason Jones	J-U-B Engineers
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates, Inc.
Rex Harris	Utah Department of Transportation – Region 1
Jason Davis	Utah Department of Transportation – Region 2
Evelyn Tuddenham	Utah Department of Transportation
Alma Haskell	Utah Transit Authority
Andrew Gruber	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ted Knowlton	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Rena Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Mayor Seghini moved that the minutes of the April 18, 2013 Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Mayor Clifford seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

a. Report on Board Modifications to the 2013-2018 TIP

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, said that due to the dynamics of transportation funding and projects, it becomes necessary to amend or modify the TIP periodically throughout the year. At their meeting in May, the Regional Council reviewed and approved board modifications to add the following projects to the TIP:

Projects to receive Commission Portion of \$125 million from HB377:

- I-15/1100 South interchange improvements in Brigham City – \$3.5 million
- SR-108/Midland Drive; 4000 South to Hinckley Dr. widening – \$10 million
- I-15/Hill Field Rd and I-15/Antelope Dr. interchange improvements – \$7.75 million
- US-89/Antelope Dr. – new interchange and extend Antelope Dr to US-89 – \$14.75 million
- Bangerter Hwy/Redwood Road interchange upgrade – \$42 million – (This project will require an Amendment to the RTP to move it into Phase 1)

Projects to receive Commission Portion of \$10 million from HB377:

- I-15 NB/10600 South interchange improvements – \$6.149 million
- I-80/SR-89 (State Street) Interchange Study – \$2 million
- Keeping seasonal roads open year-round – \$200,000

Mr. Wuthrich also indicated that an unprogrammed balance of \$651,000 will be brought before the Commission at a later date.

Local Projects that will have some state involvement and receive funds from HB377:

- Ogden City – Harrison Blvd improvements – \$2 million
- Tooele City – Improve former SR-112 and local roads – \$2.5 million
- Draper City – Development infrastructure – GOED Project – \$4.5 million
- Transportation Infrastructure Loan Fund – Vineyard RR & Adams Avenue Toll Rd – \$20 million

Projects to receive FY 2017 TIP funds that are anticipated from growth in vehicle-related sales tax:

- SR-37 (4000 South); 5100 West to Midland Dr. widening – \$15 million
- I-15; SR-73 to 12300 South widening – \$82.5 million
- Mountain View Corridor; 5400 South to 4100 South – new construction – \$50 million
- Redwood Road; Bangerter Hwy to 12600 South widening – \$20 million

Mayor Applegarth voiced his opposition to the Bangerter Highway / Redwood Road interchange project. He felt that \$42 million was too much to address the need. He stated that a continuous flow intersection for less than \$10 million would be a more cost-effective solution. Wayne Bennion said that his comments would be noted in the Regional Transportation Plan public comment period during the month of July.

b. ACTION on Release of 2014-2019 TIP for Public Comment

Mr. Wuthrich said that the Transportation Improvement Program is a six-year program of highway and transit projects funded by federal, state, and local revenues and is compiled annually. WFRC has worked with UDOT, UTA, and cities and counties in the region to compile the list of proposed projects for inclusion in the draft 2014-2019 TIP.

Federal regulations require that the public be given an opportunity to review and comment on the TIP through a period of at least 30 days, that the TIP be approved by local elected officials serving on the Regional Council, that the TIP be financially constrained, and that the TIP be found to conform with state air quality plans.

Mr. Wuthrich reviewed the Draft 2014-2019 TIP tables that were included in members' packets covering the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) projects, Urban Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects, other federal aid highway projects, transit projects, and state funded projects in both the Ogden/Layton Urbanized Area and the Salt Lake/West Valley Urbanized Area.

One of the projects Mr. Wuthrich highlighted was a new **Salt Lake Central Bus Maintenance Facility** that UTA would like to construct. A new facility would allow for growth in bus service that will service CNG, diesel, and future electric buses and help UTA as they prepare to convert the central fleet over the next several years. UTA is applying for a \$26 million TIGER grant for this new facility. The Salt Lake/West Valley Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended UTA's request to move \$3 million in STP funds from the 5600 West BRT right-of-way project to the construction of the new maintenance facility.

Mr. Wuthrich also highlighted a **planning assistance program**. City planners and elected officials in the region have expressed interest in the creation of a program to assist local governments as they work to implement the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision and Regional Growth Principles. In response, Regional Council staff is proposing a pilot program for FY 2014 of \$400,000 in STP funds (\$260,000 in the Salt Lake/West Valley area and \$140,000 in the Ogden/Layton area) for planning assistance to local governments. The planning assistance could take the form of WFRC staff assistance, consultant assistance, or direct financial assistance.

Currently many local governments do not have experience with the WC2040 tools nor with planning for mixed use centers. This program could help communities enhance their existing centers and corridors and help implement the WC2040 Vision.

Both Trans Com TACs recommended that funds for planning assistance be included in the draft 2014-2019 TIP for review and comment from the public. Councilmember Kelley agreed that the planning assistance program would be greatly beneficial for smaller cities to learn how to use the WC2040 tools.

Mr. Wuthrich said that FTA Section 5316, 5317, and 5320 funds are no longer available through MAP-21. Matt Sibul, UTA, added that in the new transportation authorization, there are no more earmarks. All funding now comes from formula programs. In general, funding received using formula dollars is higher when compared to the previous transportation authorization SAFETEA-LU. However, Utah has been so successful in getting discretionary dollars in the past, that funding for the state has actually gone down. There are no new areas for funding; however, it is good to know exactly how much money is available to program.

Mr. Wuthrich also referred members to the Air Quality Memorandum #29a included in their packets for their review, and noted that the draft TIP conforms to State air quality plans.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, said that this has been a brief review of the TIP and there are many details that have not been discussed at Trans Com. However, the Trans Com Technical Advisory Committees consisting of engineers and planners from UDOT, UTA, and all the cities and counties in our Region have been very involved in the TIP process.

Mr. Wuthrich encouraged Trans Com members to review the projects and let WFRC staff know if there are any questions or concerns. He said the Draft TIP is scheduled to be available for public comment June 29 through August 3. Any comments received will be reported at Trans Com's next meeting on August 15.

ACTION: Mayor Seghini moved that Trans Com approve the Draft 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and associated conformity determination for public review. Mayor Harris seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

4. ACTION ON RELEASE OF WASATCH MOBILITY PLAN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Guy-Sell, Wasatch Mobility Manager, presented information regarding the draft 2013 Wasatch Mobility Plan that identifies regional and local strategies that address the mobility needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, individuals with lower income, and veterans in an eight county area (Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, Utah, Wasatch, and Weber). Partners who worked closely together to develop the Plan included transportation providers, human service agencies, government agencies, businesses, and private citizens.

Ms. Guy-Sell highlighted the following areas studied in the draft Mobility Plan:

- **Destinations:** Medical facilities, employment, education, job training, green grocery, food bank, places of worship, recreation, and residential facilities
- **Transportation options:** Interstate Transportation (airports, rail, bus); Public Transit (FrontRunner, TRAX, bus, vanpool, rideshare, paratransit)
- **Commercial Transportation:** Full service (shuttles, taxi, limousine); Self Service (car share, bike share)
- **Active Transportation:** Pedestrian, bicyclist

- **Needs:** Providing information, accessible pathways, accessible vehicles, transportation to critical destinations, evening and weekend service, affordable transportation
- **Regional Strategies:** Establish a private nonprofit that could provide information and coordinate scheduling; establish a regional volunteer program and a shared vehicle pool; and develop a Ride Ambassador Program (volunteers to help people feel comfortable riding public transit)

The draft Wasatch Mobility Plan meets the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration 5310 program under MAP-21. The draft Plan is available online at WasatchMobilityPlan.weebly.com.

Andrew Gruber thanked Mary Guy-Sell and Ali Oliver for their hard work in assessing transportation needs and matching those needs with varied transportation options.

ACTION: Mayor Applegarth moved that Trans Com approve the release of the draft Wasatch Mobility Plan for public comment. Mayor Rechtenbach seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

5. UPDATE ON COLLABORATIVE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY (UCATS)

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, said that active transportation is a hot topic across the country and in Utah. Several months ago WFRC established an Active Transportation Committee. One of its roles is to act as a stakeholder advisory committee to the Utah Collaborative Active Transportation Study (UCATS). He introduced Evelyn Tuddenham, UDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, and Maria Vyas, Fehr & Peers Consultant, as representatives of the UCATS project team.

Ms. Tuddenham reported that UCATS is a regional collaboration between UDOT, UTA, Mountainland Association of Governments, Salt Lake County, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council. The goals of UCATS are to lay groundwork for urban network bicycle facilities for all abilities and ages, enhance active transportation connections to transit, and demonstrate quality of life benefits.

Ms. Vyas said that analysis conducted as part of UCATS included finding where bicycle facilities currently are and where they are lacking throughout the entire region, determining walkability around UTA station areas, identifying demographics and barriers, conducting an economic analysis of biking, evaluating pedestrian and bicycle demand, and projecting health impacts.

Ms. Vyas briefly reviewed some of the proposed top 25 UCATS projects. The proposed projects can be found online at www.ucatsplan.com.

Mayor Seghini requested that a region-wide master plan be available for all the cities as they are updating their local plans each year. This is available on WFRC's website and is updated periodically.

Mr. Gruber said the WFRC's Active Transportation Committee along with UDOT and UTA will now turn their focus to what the next steps are to find funding for the UCATS proposed projects and to determine how the projects will be integrated into overall transportation plans.

Trans Com members were invited to contact Ms. Tuddenham, etuddenham@utah.gov, or Ms. Vyas, m.vyas@fehrandpeers.com, if they had any further questions regarding the UCATS study.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Gruber said that WFRC, in collaboration with partners, is in the process of developing the next Regional Transportation Plan for 2015-2040. Several scenarios on how our region can absorb future growth are being presented to small groups of city and county representatives during the month of June. Three open houses are scheduled to present the scenarios to the public: Farmington Library on July 18; Weber County Government Center on July 22; and Salt Lake County Government Center on August 1. When the 2015-2040 RTP is completed, it will become part of the next Utah's Unified Transportation Plan.
- Mr. Gruber said he forwarded an email to Trans Com members from the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce informing them that the Utah Transportation Coalition had named H. David Burton and David R. Golden as new co-chairs of the Utah Transportation Coalition. The Coalition champions the business community's support for Utah's Unified Transportation Plan. A comprehensive analysis from the Coalition of economic benefits of investing in Utah's transportation system will be released on Monday at the Sugarhouse Streetcar site.
- Mr. Gruber reported that the Legislative Interim Committee on transportation had a hearing yesterday where Mayor Rechtenbach testified regarding the need of local governments for supplemental transportation funding. Mayor Rechtenbach said that he, Mayor Heather Jackson of Eagle Mountain, and Mayor Mike Caldwell from Ogden told the Interim Committee that currently the only transportation funding for maintenance that local cities and counties have are B&C road funds. Mayor Rechtenbach said they gave a brief presentation, answered questions, and pledged their support to get behind options specifically providing solutions. He felt their presentation was positively received. County Commissioners and representatives from UDOT and UTA also testified. The Transportation Legislative Interim Committee will now focus on options to possibly present at the next Legislative session.
- Mayor Harris said that he attended the first Travelwise Academy last week. He found it very informative and worthwhile. A community resource kit was unveiled that will help all cities develop air quality strategies.

The meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: August 15, 2013