



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Trans Com)

Minutes of Meeting held

February 19, 2015

Chairman Bill Applegarth called Trans Com to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ATTENDANCE

Members:

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| Mitch Adams | Mayor, Clinton |
| Justin Allen | Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees |
| Bill Applegarth, Chair | Mayor, Riverton |
| Karen Cronin | Mayor, Perry |
| Kelvyn Cullimore | Mayor, Cottonwood Heights |
| Carmen Freeman | Mayor, Herriman |
| G.J. LaBonty | Utah Transit Authority |
| Shane Marshall | Utah Department of Transportation |
| Dan McConkie | Commissioner, Utah Transportation Commission |
| Erin Mendenhall | Utah Air Quality Board |
| Toby Mileski | Mayor, Pleasant View |
| Norm Searle | Mayor, Riverdale |
| JoAnn Seghini | Mayor, Midvale |

Others:

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| Justin Anderson | Ogden City |
| Phillip Baker | Private Citizen |
| Wayne Bennion | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Kip Billings | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Michelle Bjorklund | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Andrew Gruber | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Ned Hacker | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Alma Haskell | Utah Transit Authority |
| Robin Hutcheson | Salt Lake City |
| Linda Johnson | LWVSL & Breathe |
| Sam Klemm | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Ted Knowlton | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Kyle Laws | West Point City |
| Nathan Lee | Utah Department of Transportation, Region 2 |
| Barry McLerran | Office of Congresswoman Mia Love |
| Ron Phillips | Phillips Associates, Inc. |
| Suzie Swim | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Ben Wuthrich | Wasatch Front Regional Council |
| Muriel Xochimitl | Wasatch Front Regional Council |

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Mayor Mitch Adams moved that the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Mayor Norm Searle seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

3. Trans Com Roles and Responsibilities and Schedule for 2015

Wayne Bennion presented a PowerPoint on the roles and responsibilities of Trans Com. The Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) was created by agreement between the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Utah Department of Transportation, and the Utah Transit Authority to provide opportunities for collaboration in planning and to meet federal transportation planning requirements. The responsibilities of Trans Com include:

- Approve draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public comment
- Recommend TIP for approval
- Recommend or approve amendments to the TIP
- Recommend projects for Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, and Transportation Alternatives Program

The proposed schedule for Trans Com meetings in 2015 was reviewed and discussed.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

A. Report on Board Modifications to the 2015-2020 TIP

Ben Wuthrich reported that since the last Trans Com meeting, Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) received requests to modify the current 2015-2020 TIP. The modification required action from WFRC at their January meeting and the Transportation Commission, but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period.

B. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2015-2020 TIP

Ben Wuthrich presented and reviewed two requests the Wasatch Front Regional Council has received to modify the 2015-2020 TIP:

- Weber County: I-15; I-84 to SR-134 Pavement Rehabilitation Program. UDOT requests approval to combine three continuous projects on the 2016 Pavement Rehabilitation list. The new project would include the scope and funding of all three. No additional funding requested.

- Davis/Weber County: SR-126; SR-107 to SR-97 Pavement Rehabilitation Program. UDOT requests approval to add additional scope to the project. This request will add approximately two miles of pavement rehabilitation to the project. No additional funding requested.

ACTION: Mayor Toby Mileski moved that Trans Com approve the resolution to modify the 2015-2020 TIP as presented. Shane Marshall seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

C. Review of Fiscal Year 2014 obligation of federal highway and transit funds

Ben Wuthrich said that MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century), the federal transportation bill, requires all metropolitan planning organizations, state transportation departments, and public transportation operators to cooperate in preparing a report of federal funds obligated during the immediately preceding year. The WFRC staff, with the help of UDOT and UTA, has prepared a report of obligated federal, state, and local match funding during fiscal year 2014 (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014). Mr. Wuthrich explained what obligation meant in relation to funding for the projects, and reviewed obligation amounts by type of project.

5. Air Quality Trends and the Conformity Analysis for the Draft 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Kip Billings reported on the conformity analysis as it relates to the Regional Transportation Plan process. He said the public comment period for the draft 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan began on January 12, 2015. The conformity analysis for the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan is contained in Air Quality Memorandum #32. It was noted that the air quality conformity analysis is not only updated every four years along with the Regional Transportation Plan but also any time a significant change is made to the RTP.

Mr. Billings then discussed air quality trends for PM_{2.5}, Ozone, Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x), and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC). He noted that, in general, emissions are on a downward trend. He said that emissions come from four main sources: 1) Mobile sources, cars and trucks that are operating on the road; 2) Industry; 3) Area sources, which include homes, small businesses, and smaller industry; and 4) Non-road, that includes anything that moves off highways, such as construction equipment, forklifts, planes, trains, etc.

Mr. Billings reported that this year the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a new ozone standard. He discussed the standard and noted that the EPA is currently in a public comment period that goes to March 17. Trans Com members suggested that WFRC staff prepare a comment letter to address the ozone standard concerns discussed in the meeting.

ACTION: Mayor Mitch Adams moved that WFRC, in coordination with transportation partners (UDOT, UTA, and MPOs), prepare a comment letter to the

Environmental Protection Agency that addresses ozone standard concerns. Mayor Toby Mileski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Local Planning Resource Program Update

Ted Knowlton, WFRC reported that the Local Planning Resource Program, jointly sponsored by WFRC and Salt Lake County, launched in 2014 and assists communities in addressing their most challenging local planning needs. The Program aims to stretch transportation dollars by enabling growth and development to occur in such a way as to mitigate increases in auto-related travel demand, increase the ability of residents to access desired destinations, and increase the number of people that have a range of transportation options available. Mr. Knowlton discussed the Program's first year projects and how projects met Program objectives.

7. State Legislative Update

Muriel Xochimitl, WFRC, reported on transportation funding bills being discussed in the current legislative session. She discussed:

- SB160, Senator Kevin VanTassell – The bill would raise the tax on gasoline by 10 cents per gallon and the tax on diesel fuel by 4.5 cents per gallon. Essentially would increase fuel tax straight across the board.
- HB362, Representative Johnny Anderson – The bill includes two main provisions: Gas tax reform and increase – change the state gas tax from the current 24.5 cents per gallon to a percentage; and local option transportation sales tax – gives local communities a tool to address their needs.

8. Other Business

There was no other business

Next meeting date: April 23, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.