

MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of September 30, 2004

Commissioner McConkie called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Ross C. Anderson	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Michael J. Cragun	Commissioner, Davis County
George Garwood, Jr.	Mayor, South Ogden / ULCT
Daniel B. Hancock	Councilman, Morgan County
Dannie R. McConkie	Representative, UAC / Alternate
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
Fred Oates	Mayor, Harrisville
Carol Page	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale

Members Not Present

Janice Auger	Mayor, Taylorsville
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Glen H. Burton, Chair	Commissioner, Weber County
Dave Connors	Mayor, Farmington
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy
Matthew Godfrey	Mayor, Ogden
Robert Grow	Representative, Envision Utah
Michael H. Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Kent Money	Mayor, South Jordan
Charlie Roberts	Mayor, Tooele
Jerry Stevenson	Mayor, Layton
Nancy Workman	Mayor, Salt Lake County

Alternate Members Present

J. Lynn Crane	Mayor, Herriman
Jerry Larraby	Mayor, Woods Cross
Wes Losser	Mayor, South Salt Lake
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper

Other Elected Officials Present

Lewis Billings Mayor, Provo

Press Present

Lisa Roskelley Standard Examiner
Melinda Williams Davis County Clipper

Others Present

Mike Allegra	UTA
Brian Baker	Zions Bank Public Finance
D.J. Baxter	Salt Lake City
Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC Staff
Mark Bleazard	Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Steve Call	FHWA
Steve Catmull	Self
Chad Eccles	Mountainland AOG
Carl Empey	Zions Bank Public Finance
Ivan W. Flint	Governor's Office
Sharon Gray	WFRC Staff
Doug Hattery	WFRC Staff
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Linda Hull	UDOT
John English	UTA
Jory Johner	WFRC Staff
Sam Klemm	WFRC Staff
Rick McKeague III	DAQ
Kent Michie	Zions Bank Public Finance
George Ramjoue	WFRC Staff
Lincoln Shurtz	Utah League of Cities and Towns
Bob Terragno	Envision Utah
Russell Weeks	Salt Lake City Council Office

Mayor Auger, Commissioner Burton, Mayor Connors, Mayor Dolan, Councilman Jensen, Mayor Godfrey, and Mayor Roberts were excused from the meeting.

Commissioner McConkie noted that Commissioner Burton asked him to chair the Council meeting. Commissioner Burton had an emergency come up during the Budget Committee meeting and had to leave prior to the Council meeting.

Consent Agenda

Action on the minutes, financial statement, and check register: Mayor Oates moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of August 26, 2004. The motion was seconded by Mayor Smith and passed unanimously.

Mayor Nordfelt moved to approve the financial statements and check registers for July and August 2004. The motion was seconded by Mayor Losser and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Reports from COGs: Commissioner McConkie noted that there were no reports from the COGs for this meeting.

Select Nominating Committee

Commissioner McConkie noted that a Nominating Committee needs to be selected which will propose a slate of officers for consideration at the first meeting of the coming calendar year. He stated that, as required by the by-laws, the committee needs to be comprised of five-members, with one member from each of the five counties. The Regional Council's By-Laws state: *"The Chair shall appoint a five-member Nominating Committee at the last Council meeting of the calendar year with representatives from each of the five counties making up the Council. The Nominating Committee will propose a slate of officers for consideration at the first meeting of the coming calendar year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the elections at the first meeting of the year."*

Commissioner McConkie noted that Commissioner Burton has talked with Mayor Dolan from Salt Lake County, Commissioner McConkie from Davis County, Mayor Roberts from Tooele County and Councilman Hancock from Morgan County. He noted that they have all agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. He stated that Commissioner Burton will ask Commissioner Bischoff to represent Weber County on the committee.

Commissioner McConkie stated that the Nominating Committee will need to meet and bring their recommendations to the Council at their meeting in January 2005.

Mayor Anderson moved to endorsement the five appointments to the Nominating Committee, as listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cragun and passed unanimously.

Budget Committee Report

Councilman Hancock reported on the Budget Committee meeting held prior to the Council meeting, as Councilman Jensen had been excused from the meeting.

Action to amend FY05 Budget - Visioning / Fannie Mae: Councilman Hancock reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council has previously approved entering into an agreement with Envision Utah and Mountainland Association of Governments for Envision Utah to provide services to assist in the visioning process for the Regional Transportation Plan. He stated that as part of the financial

considerations for this project, the Council needs to amend its current FY05 budget to include the following additional funding: Utah Transit Authority, \$100,000; Utah Department of Transportation, \$150,000; Mountainland Association of Governments \$40,000; Envision Utah \$100,000 in-kind. He stated that the funds for this project will be spent on services to be provided by Envision Utah.

Councilman Hancock also reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council has been asked by Fannie Mae to join with Utah Transit Authority, Cache and Logan Valley Transit Districts as well as transit service providers in St. George and Park City to seek ways to enhance not only public transportation ridership but also to work cooperatively on incentives tied to both affordable rental housing and home ownership opportunities. He stated that Fannie Mae has offered financial support in the amount of \$2,500 for the purpose of updating brochures and printing workshop materials for educational outreach and marketing of the Smart Commute Program.

Councilman Hancock stated that the Budget Committee has reviewed these two items and recommends approval. Copies of the draft amended Budget for FY05 were included in Council members' packets.

Councilman Hancock moved that the Council amend the FY2005 Budget to include the two changes for Visioning and Fannie Mae as listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Page and passed unanimously.

Regional Growth Committee (RGC) Report

Visioning - Wasatch Choices 2035: Mayor Seghini briefly reported on the visioning process that has been underway since August 1, 2004. She noted that letters have been sent to local Mayors and Commission Chairs inviting them to participate and assist in the visioning process. She stated that it is hoped that the visioning process will identify regional core values, generate growth principles, and develop several regional transportation and land use scenarios.

Growth Principles: Mayor Seghini noted that one of the objectives of the visioning process is the development of draft regional growth principles. She stated that the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) discussed and is considering a range of principles. She reported that the RGC has agreed to hold a special workshop to discuss the draft regional growth principles, which will be held on October 21. She stated that the principles will be evaluated to determine their relevancy and to set priorities. The RGC hopes to decide on a set of principles that can be used as a resource during the stakeholder workshop phase of the visioning process.

Expansion of RGC to serve as Visioning Steering Committee: Mayor Seghini reported that according to the provisions of the visioning agreement between the WFRC, Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) and Envision Utah (EU), the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) is designated to serve as the visioning Steering Committee. She stated that the agreement calls for the temporary expansion of the RGC (Steering Committee) in order to make the Steering Committee more representative of the stakeholders in the region. She stated that ten to fifteen temporary members of the Steering Committee will be considered. She also stated that an Executive Committee of the Steering Committee will be formed to manage the Steering Committee process.

Report on RGC and TAC Meetings: Mr. Ramjoue' briefly reported on the RGC meeting held on August 19, 2004. He noted that copies of the summaries for the Salt Lake and Ogden/Layton Area Regional Growth Committee's Technical Advisory Committee meetings were included in Council members' packets. He encouraged Council members to keep abreast of information discussed at the Technical Committee meetings by reviewing the summaries provided.

National Forum on the Alliance for Regional Stewardship

Mayor Seghini reported that the Alliance for Regional Stewardship (ARS) is holding its National Forum on Regional Stewardship on November 10-12, 2004 at the Hotel Monaco in Salt Lake City. She stated that the ARS is a national, peer-to-peer network of regional stewards who benefit by sharing experiences and working collaboratively on innovative approaches to common regional challenges. The mission of ARS is to foster collaborative multi-sector regional stewardship as a means for advancing economic, social and environmental progress, while maintaining a sense of place, in America's metropolitan regions.

Mr. Ramjoue' encouraged Council members to participate in the conference. He stated that he would provide additional information on the conference for the WFRC and RGC members.

Long Range Finance Committee

Action - Recommend finance options to Legislative Task Force: Mr. Doug Hattery reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council created a Long Range Plan Finance Committee to pursue the necessary funding to implement the Long Range Plan. He stated that this Committee has met several times since January to identify the needs for funding, the benefits of the recommended improvements on the Plan, and the best strategies for working with the Legislature and seeking public approval of additional revenues. Copies of a list of guiding principles for transportation funding were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Hattery reported that much of the committee's recent work has been a cooperative effort and has involved the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), UTA, UDOT, and the Utah League of Cities and Towns. He stated that these agencies have worked together to put together a recommendation to take to the Legislature's Transportation Planning Task Force. He noted that the actual recommendations have come from the local officials in the region.

Mr. Hattery distributed a handout which included the following information: **1) DRAFT - 2030 Utah Transportation Needs, 2) DRAFT Resolution of the Mountainland Association of Governments and the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 3) ATTACHMENT A, Draft Transportation Funding Principles, WFRC and MAG, 4) ATTACHMENT B, Alternative Transportation Funding Packages, and 5) Assumptions for Alternate Highway Funding Strategies.**

Mr. Hattery also distributed copies of an amended copy of the **DRAFT Resolution of the Mountainland Association of Governments and the Wasatch Front Regional Council.**

Mr. Hattery reviewed the handouts and addressed some of the concerns that had been discussed. He reviewed the ten transportation funding principles that were outlined under ATTACHMENT A of the

handout. He noted that the third principle regarding maintaining existing funding sources had been added by the Regional Growth Committee.

Mr. Hattery reviewed the four alternative transportation funding packages. He stated that although the Finance Committee has outlined four funding packages, the Finance Committee favors Option 2. However, all four alternative transportation funding options will be forwarded to the Legislature for their consideration. He noted that UDOT is currently studying Toll/HOT lanes to see how much revenue they would bring in. The Finance Committee included tolls and HOT lanes as possible sources of revenue in all four options.

Mr. Hattery summarized the funding assumptions listed in the handout. Council members discussed the importance of federal revenues. They also noted the need for both state and local revenues. Council members also discussed the importance of maintaining the funding level currently available, while seeking out additional federal funding.

In answer to a question by Mayor Anderson, Mr. Hattery stated that there had not been any discussion on health or open space impacts in developing the resolution. Council members then discussed Mayor Anderson's suggestion to include open space, air quality, and health impacts in the resolution. Commissioner McConkie stated that the Finance Committee's task was to look at ways to capture cash. Mayor Seghini stated that the Regional Growth Committee has discussed health and open space concerns and has included these issues in their proposed growth principles. Commissioner Cragun noted that while the Council agrees with the suggestions, he felt the Finance Committee's focus was on funding.

Mayor Anderson stated that he felt the Resolution goes beyond funding. He hoped that the Council could come out with a consensus to pass to the Legislature. After some further discussion, he suggested changing the wording on paragraph five in the Resolution to read as follows: ***WHEREAS, continued mobility, air quality, public health, and preservation of open space are critical to the continued economic health and quality of life in Utah's urbanized areas; and***

Mayor Anderson then moved to include the revised wording listed above in paragraph five of the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cragun and passed unanimously.

Mayor Anderson moved to approve the revised Resolution of the Mountainland Association of Government and the Wasatch Front regional Council, including the guiding principles and potential funding strategies, for the Legislature's Task Force to consider. The motion was seconded by Mayor Nordfelt and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hattery stated that the Legislature's Transportation Planning Task Force will meet on October 13, 2004 in Ogden.

Mr. Hattery stated that the joint MAG/WFRC resolution will be presented to the Legislative Task Force at their meeting on October 27, 2004.

Presentation on the Survey of Regional Council members

Mr. Sam Klemm reported that the Regional Council has recently surveyed its own members, Regional Growth Committee members and Trans Com members. He stated that the survey covered subjects such as public involvement, readability of maps, responsiveness of staff to questions, clarity of answers, receptiveness of staff to suggestions, etc. He noted that a similar poll was sent out to members of the stakeholder committee which consisted of 19 people. Copies of the results of both surveys were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Klemm reviewed the survey results and noted that some of the more important items surveyed included the following questions:

- Were you as a member of the Regional Council, or one of its committees, given adequate opportunities for input into the Update of the Long Range Transportation Plan?
- Were you as a member of the Regional Council, or one of its committees, given adequate opportunities for input into the Transportation Improvement plan?
- Were briefings from staff members easily understood?
- Were the Plan Update maps sufficiently readable?

Mr. Hattery added that the WFRC staff is always looking for ways to do things better. He noted that Mr. Klemm will be attending a Peer-to-Peer seminar next week in Tucson, to get some new ideas to help with the Council's public involvement process.

Mayor Smith stated that he felt shared solutions were more attainable when questions are asked. He added that he felt the WFRC staff was headed in the right direction by asking questions.

Public Comment

Mr. Steve Catmull, representing himself, questioned the accuracy of the recommendations on funding assumptions discussed for hybrids.

Mr. Hattery stated that the possibility exists that a "per mile" tax might need to be looked at in the future along with other options, as alternative fuel vehicles become available.

Other Business

Mr. Sam Klemm noted that the Council's Transportation Fairs have been expanded, and city planning staffs have been invited to display their individual city's master plans. He asked Council members to encourage their staffs to participate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.