

**MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND  
WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OPTIONS RESOLUTION**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004**

Utah Transit Authority, Conference Room  
3600 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, Utah

**NOON**

***Attendees:***

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| Commissioner Glen Burton, Co-Chair | Weber County                            |
| Mayor E. Fritz Boyer, Co-Chair     | Springville                             |
| Commissioner Michael Cragun        | Davis County                            |
| Commissioner Dannie McConkie       | Davis County                            |
| Commissioner Carol Page            | Davis County                            |
| Commissioner Ken Bischoff          | Weber County                            |
| Mayor Janice Auger                 | Taylorsville                            |
| Mayor Kelvin Bailey                | Eagle Mountain                          |
| Mayor Ted Barratt                  | American Fork                           |
| Mayor Kay Briggs                   | North Salt Lake                         |
| Mayor Dave Connors                 | Farmington                              |
| Mayor Jeanine Cook                 | Cedar Fort                              |
| Mayor Lynn Crane                   | Herriman                                |
| Mayor Tom Dolan                    | Sandy                                   |
| Mayor Bernell Evans                | Payson                                  |
| Mayor J. Rulon Gammon              | Vineyard                                |
| Mayor George Garwood, Jr.          | South Ogden                             |
| Mayor Ken Greenwood                | Lehi                                    |
| Mayor Toby Harding                 | Woodland Hills                          |
| Mayor Kent Money                   | South Jordan                            |
| Mayor Lynn Muirbrook               | North Ogden                             |
| Mayor Fred Oates                   | Harrisville                             |
| Mayor Charlie Roberts              | Tooele                                  |
| Mayor LaDue Scovill                | Santaquin                               |
| Mayor JoAnn B. Seghini             | Midvale                                 |
| Mayor Darrell Smith                | Draper                                  |
| Mayor Jerry Washburn               | Orem                                    |
| Dr. Walter Talbot                  | Utah Transit Authority Board            |
| Darrell Cook                       | Mountainland Association of Governments |
| Chuck Chappell                     | Wasatch Front Regional Council          |

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| Linda Hull         | Utah Department of Transportation       |
| Robert Grow        | Envision Utah                           |
| John Inghish       | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Kathryn Pett       | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Michael Allegra    | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Andrea Packer      | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Mick Crandall      | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Stan DeJong        | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Marti Money        | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Paul Bay           | Utah Transit Authority Consultant       |
| Justin Allen       | Representative Rob Bishop's Office      |
| Ivan W. Flint      | Governor Walker's Office                |
| D.J. Baxter        | Salt Lake City                          |
| Jerry Struemson    | Davis County                            |
| John Hiskey        | Sandy City                              |
| Wilf Sommerkorn    | Davis Couth COG                         |
| Lincoln Shurtz     | Utah League of Cities & Towns           |
| Bob Terregue       | Envision Utah                           |
| Rick McKeague      | Utah Division of Air Quality            |
| Nicole Warburton   | Salt Lake Tribune                       |
| Lisa Rosleley      | Standard-Examiner                       |
| Michael T. Packard | Self                                    |
| Doug Hattery       | Wasatch Front Regional Council          |
| George Ramjoue     | Wasatch Front Regional Council          |
| Sam Klemm          | Wasatch Front Regional Council          |
| Dan Nelson         | Mountainland Association of Governments |
| Chad Eccles        | Mountainland Association of Governments |
| Nan Kuhn           | Mountainland Association of Governments |

Commissioner Burton and Mayor Boyer started the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking UTA for hosting the lunch. This is a historic meeting as it has been over twenty years since the last time Wasatch Front Regional Council and Mountainland Association of Government came together in a joint meeting. This joint meeting was called to discuss changes made to the Resolution passed by WFRC, September 30<sup>th</sup> and MAG October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chuck Chappell explained that the two MPOs established a Financial Committee. Elected officials, city and MPO staffs met to research and discuss various funding options in order to fund both MPOs Long Range Transportation Plans. The Funding Options attached to the Resolution are the results of many months of meetings over the past year. It was decided that with vehicles being more efficient, gas tax

revenues could go down, so alternative funding sources would be needed. Since the first Resolution was adopted, a new alternative has been added to three of the four options; "20 percent of the state portion of sales tax from automobiles related sales and services to be dedicated to transportation." The existing tax now goes to the general fund, then from the general fund to pay off CHF; instead approximately \$60m would by-pass the general fund and go straight to paying off CHF.

The original Resolution recommended tax and fees that would raise more than \$23.6 billion over the next 25 years. After feedback from the MPOs representatives it was decided to focus only on the needs of a 10 year plan that would raise \$6 billion for highways and \$2 billion for transit.

Darrell Cook stated that when MAG met they approved a companion Resolution. WFRC and MAG have now combined the two resolutions together. This is the Resolution we would like to present to the Task Force on Wednesday. Added or changed paragraphs: 1) ask the State Legislature to review the existing State budget to determine if other revenues can be redirected to transportation needs. 2) WFRC and MAG support broadening and diversifying funding sources beyond the gasoline tax and include sales and property tax, user fees, and additional local option resources that would allow local control and flexibility. 3) As the regional transit systems develop, the level of service funding rates of such systems should be equalized across the region.

Mayor Janice Auger requested that the following paragraph on page 2 be changed and that the three of the funding options also contain the same statement.

Old paragraph:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that not less than 20% of the Utah State sales tax attributable to automobile related sales (approximately \$60 million in 2004) be dedicated to transportation needs; and

New paragraph:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that not less than the equivalent of 20% of Utah State portion of the Utah State sales tax attributable to automobile related sales (approximately \$60 million in 2004) be dedicated to transportation needs; and

Mayor Kelvin Bailey asked that the word automobile be changed to "licensed motor vehicle."

Chuck Chappell stated that after the discussion the group would break into their individual committees in order to vote on the Resolution.

After about a ten-minute discussion, Commissioner Dannie McConkie asked that the two groups divide so the vote could be taken.

Commissioner Burton called for any public comments. Michael Packard spoke to the group for about 10 minutes on ridership and the cost of operating transit.

WFRC meeting:

Commissioner Burton called to order WFRC's Regional Council by asking for a motion.

Mayor Janice Auger moved to adopt the Resolution to include the suggested changes, so the paragraph in the Resolution and the Funding Option would now read "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that not less than the equivalent of 20% of Utah State portion of the Utah State sales tax attributable to licensed motor vehicle related sales (approximately \$60 million in 2004) be dedicated to transportation needs; and".... Mayor Fred Oakes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MAG meeting:

Mayor Boyer called to order MAG Regional Planning by asking for a motion.

Mayor Tim Parker moved to adopt the Resolution to include the suggested changes, so the paragraph the Resolution and Funding Options would now read "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that not less than the equivalent of 20% of Utah State portion of the Utah State sales tax attributable to licensed motor vehicle related sales (approximately \$60 million in 2004) be dedicated to transportation needs; and".... Mayor Ken Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor JoAnn B. Seghini stated that this was a historic event and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mayor Ken Greenwood moved to adjourn the meeting.

The next WFRC meeting will be October 28, 2004 and the MAG meeting will be November 4, 2004.