

MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of April 28, 2005

Mayor Nordfelt, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 3:10 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Janice Auger	Mayor, Taylorsville
Bruce Burrows	Mayor, Riverdale
Dave Connors	Mayor, Farmington
Peter Corroon	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy
Daniel B. Hancock	Councilman, Morgan County
Michael H. Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Jerry E. Larrabee	Mayor, Woods Cross
Dannie R. McConkie	Commissioner, Davis County
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale
Jerry Stevenson	Mayor, Layton

Members Not Present

Byron Anderson	Mayor, Grantsville
Ross C. Anderson	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Camille Cain	Commissioner, Weber County, Rep. of UAC
Craig L. Dearden	Commissioner, Weber County
George Garwood, Jr.	Mayor, South Ogden / ULCT
Matthew Godfrey	Mayor, Ogden
Robert Grow	Representative, Envision Utah
Kent Money	Mayor, South Jordan

Alternate Members Present

J. Lynn Crane	Mayor, Herriman
Wes C. Losser	Mayor, South Salt Lake
Bryan Holladay	Mayor, West Jordan
Fred Oates	Mayor, Harrisville City

Consent Agenda

ACTION on the minutes of the WFRC meeting of March 24, 2005: Councilman Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of March 24, 2005. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larrabee and passed unanimously.

Note: The financial statement and check register for February, 2005, will be presented for approval at the May, 2005, Council meeting.

Chairman's Report

Mayor Nordfelt reported that the annual meeting of the WFRC Water Supply Steering Committee will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. He encouraged all Council members to attend. Copies of the agenda for the meeting were distributed to Council members in attendance.

Budget Committee Report

Information on Office Building Location: Councilman Jensen reported that the Council staff was contacted by the operations manager of one of the surrounding businesses. He indicated that their company may wish to present an offer to purchase the building now occupied by WFRC. He stated that at this time a formal offer has not been presented, however the Council staff has gathered preliminary information regarding cost and feasibility of relocating the Council offices.

Council members discussed whether or not the Council should consider moving, if it would make sense to move, and if a committee should be established to consider any possible offers to purchase the building. They felt that it would need to be a win/win situation, both financially and with Council operations, and that a new location would need to meet the Council and staff needs as well as or better than the current location.

Mayor Dolan felt that the Budget Committee would be the best group to entertain any offers, look at hard and soft costs, staff time, and locations, contingent on of having a serious buyer.

In answer to a question, Mr. Chappell noted that the federal agencies are no longer telling the staff that they have too much space at the current location.

Commissioner McConkie felt that the Council and staff should back off unless the Council had a compelling reason to move. Mayor Nordfelt agreed that the Council and staff shouldn't do anything unless they received a concrete offer for the building. He noted that if an offer were received, the Budget Committee could consider the options, and report back to the full Council.

WFRC Grant Application to the Community Impact Fund

Public Hearing: Mr. Sam Klemm reported that the Legislature has directed the Community Impact Board (CIB) to provide \$55,000 to the Regional Council in fiscal year 2006. He stated that the WFRC will use a portion of these funds to match money for the primary federal transportation planning grant and the rest for growth planning activities. He noted that as a requirement for the grant application, the CIB requires that the Regional Council hold a public hearing on the matter. Documentation from the hearing must be included in the grant application.

In answer to a question by Mayor Holladay, Mr. Klemm stated that a public hearing must be held prior to the Council voting on the grant application. He also noted that for every \$7.00 that the Council receives in matching funds, they receive \$93.00 in federal funds.

Mayor Seghini moved that the Council move into a public hearing for discussion on the Community Impact Board (CIB) providing \$55,000 to the Regional Council in fiscal year 2006. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dolan and passed unanimously.

The meeting was then opened to the public for comment. With no comments received, Mayor Seghini moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hancock and passed unanimously.

ACTION to approve Grant application to the Community Impact Fund: Councilman Jensen noted that the CIB requires that the Regional Council, acting as the area association of governments, consider and pass a motion of support for the application to the Community Impact Board for funding. He also noted that as part of the above motion of support and as part of the grant application, the CIB requires that the requesting agency submit a capital projects list. Copies of the list of capital projects were included in Council members' packets, as follows:

**PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD - CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIST
 ONE YEAR APPLICATION LIST**

County: Multi-County Agency

Calendar Year: 2005

Applicant Priority	County Area Priority	Entity	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Revenue Sources/Shares	.PCIFB Request	PCIFB Submission Date
1	Not Applicable	Wasatch Front Regional Council	Planning assistance to small rural communities and general transportation planning	\$2,078,642	USDOT \$1,892,235 (91.03%) PCIFB \$55,000 (2.65%) Local Govt. \$121,407 (6.32%)	\$55,000 (This funding is essential because it is a substantial portion of the federally required local match.)	29 April 2005

Councilman Jensen moved that the Council approve the capital projects list, as listed above. The motion was seconded by Mayor Connors and passed unanimously.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Council approve the application for the grant from the Community Impact Board (CIB) to provide \$55,000 to the Regional Council in fiscal year 2006, and to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the CIB application. The motion was seconded by Mayor Auger and passed unanimously.

Regional Growth Committee (RGC) Report

Report on RGC Meeting: Mayor Connors briefed the Council on the Regional Growth Committee's visioning phase of the 2040 process. He noted that the committee has been expanded and met on April 21, 2005. He stated that a facilitator walked committee members through a discussion of guiding growth principles. He stated that a sub-committee met this morning to discuss the ideas presented and sifted the information into a draft set of guiding principles, which will be distributed to Council members. Copies of the Workshop Survey responses were included in Council members' packets.

Mayor Connors invited Mr. Ted Knowlton to discuss Envision Utah's work on the draft principles. Mr. Knowlton stated that he is comfortable with the draft principles. He stated that a random survey will be given to Dan Jones who will get feedback from a broader public sometime in May.

Report on Corridor Preservation Committee Meeting: Mayor Stevenson reported that on April 14, 2005, the Regional Corridor Preservation Committee held a meeting which focused on Senate Bill 8, which was recently passed by the State Legislature. He stated that this legislation was made the focus of the meeting because of its implications to the corridor preservation process and funding. He stated that there has been a great deal of confusion on the bill and what it does and he felt that it will need some adjustment. He also felt that although there will be a learning curve, S.B. 8 gives the Council a tremendous opportunity to preserve corridors for regionally significant projects. Copies of a summary of Senate Bill 8, Local Corridor Preservation Funding, were included in Council members' packets.

Mayor Stevenson reported that the Corridor Preservation Committee will meet with the County Councils of Governments in the region to explain the provisions of the legislation and the COGs' specific responsibilities, to prepare the counties for a vote on this legislation this fall.

Mr. Ramjoue added that at the Corridor Preservation Committee meeting held on April 14th, the action items from the meeting included: 1) meet with the County Councils of Governments in the region to explain the provisions of the legislation and the COGs' specific responsibilities, 2) get direct input from the local governments in the region on projects they would like to focus corridor preservation efforts and resources on, and (3) work with UDOT in developing guidelines and a process. He noted the importance of local governments following federal guidelines.

Mayor Stevenson noted that the state will hold the money collected until it needs to be spent on

property. He also noted that any interest earned on the money being held will also be distributed to the individual counties.

In answer to a question by Mayor Dolan, Mr. Ramjoue' stated that an inventory of projects is being developed including corridors for trails and corridors for projects other than highways.

In answer to a question, Mr. Ramjoue' stated that some of the money will be set aside for maintenance on the property.

Mr. Ramjoue' noted that projects applying for the funding must be regionally significant. He stated that the applications for the projects would be submitted to the individual COGs who would then approve them and submit for payment with the state. He also noted that the earliest date that S.B. 8 would go into effect would be July of 2006.

Transportation Committee Report

APPROVAL of amendment to 2004-2008 Transportation Improvement Program:
Commissioner McConkie asked Mr. Ben Wuthrich to report on the amendment to the 2004-2008 Transportation Improvement Program. Copies of the Resolution to amend the 2004-2008 TIP, along with a table listing the projects included in the 2004-2008 Amendment No. 5 were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Wuthrich reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) has received a request from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to amend the 2004-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He stated that on March 19th, in a coordinated effort, WFRC and UDOT went out for public comment on an amendment to the 2004-2008 TIP and the 2005-2009 STIP. He noted that only one comment was received from UDOT requesting the reference to the section authorizing the exemption for the conformity regulations be identified with the amendment. He noted that this has been reviewed and included where necessary.

Mr. Wuthrich stated that this amendment will add two new safety projects on I-80 in Salt Lake County. He stated that the funding for these projects will come from funds originally programmed for other projects which are to be removed from the TIP and have been or will be incorporated into other projects already on the TIP. The projects to be added are:

- 1) I-80 at 2300 East – This project will extend and widen the ramp to current standards where the 2300 East on-ramp and I-80 West Bound come together.
- 2) I-215 NB – I-80 EB Collector Ramp – This project will widen lanes and construct a barrier to separate the travel lanes.

Mr. Wuthrich reported that the three projects to be removed from the program include:

- 1) I-80; 300 East to 1300 East – This project will be done with the I-80 project programmed for FY2008.

- 2) I-80 MP 126.4 – This project was already completed with a grinding project and the barriers were cast in place.
- 3) I-80; MP 20 to MP95 – This project will be completed with a project this summer

Mr. Wuthrich reported that because these projects are either safety improvements, transportation enhancements, currently programmed on the TIP, or an environmental study for a project on the first phase of the Long Range Plan, they are exempt from air quality conformity requirements. He noted that the Salt Lake Area and Ogden/Layton Area Transportation Technical Committees and Trans Com reviewed and recommended approval of this amendment at their meetings on April 6 and April 12, 2005.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Regional Council approve the Resolution to amend the 2004-2008 TIP as requested by UDOT. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dolan and passed unanimously.

Air Quality Report: Mayor Seghini distributed copies of a letter she sent to Rick Sprott, Director, Division of Air Quality, dated April 27, 2005. She discussed the letter which stated that the Air Quality Committee of the WFRC has carefully reviewed the updated section of the State Implementation Plan titled PM10 Maintenance Provisions for Salt Lake County and Ogden City. She stated that the WFRC recommends that the Utah Air Quality Board approve the updated PM10 SIP dated March 1, 2005, as released for public comment with the “Alternative 1” mobile source emissions budgets. She also stated that the WFRC endorses the attainment demonstration prepared by the Division of Air Quality as documented in the draft PM10 SIP. She stated that approving the updated SIP with the budget described in the letter based on state of the practice emission modeling will accomplish both goals of protecting clean air and providing necessary transportation facilities in the future.

In answer to a question, Mayor Seghini stated that a motion was not needed in support of the PM10 SIP, as the letter was just providing comment on what the Air Quality Board prepared.

Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Chappell reported that the JPAC meeting scheduled for May 5, 2005, has been cancelled. He noted that there were conflicts with members from UDOT and Utah County. He stated that the next meeting of the JPAC Committee will be on June 2, 2005, at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Chappell thanked Mr. Jim Boes for his work on the Council’s staff for the past eleven years. He stated that Mr. Boes is leaving the Council’s staff to do aviation planning work for Wilbur Smith and Associates. He wished Mr. Boes good luck with his next endeavor.

Regional Council Strategic Goals for 2006: Mr. Chappell reported that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Regional Council and its major committees met with the leadership of the WFRC staff in a half-day retreat on April 8. He stated that the purpose of the retreat was to identify the priority goals for the Council for the coming year and to provide direction to the staff for

accomplishing the Council's goals. Copies of a summary of the retreat and the proposed strategic goals for 2006 were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Chappell reviewed the major issues facing the region and the nine goals that were identified, as follows:

1. Approve the 2006-2030 Regional Transportation Plan by December 2006, so that regional transportation priorities are eligible for federal funding.
2. Partner with other agencies to find and support mutual objectives, so that WFRC is a working partner.
3. Cultivate relationships between Council members and Legislators, so that WFRC-supported transportation legislation has a better chance for enactment.
4. Define and develop a consensus of local officials and transportation organizations on a RTP funding package, so that all proponents of needed funding for highway and transit improvements promote a common recommended package with the Governor and the Legislature.
5. Advocate the implementation of the Local Corridor Preservation Program, so that right-of-way is available in the future to implement the recommendations of the RTP.
6. Inform and explain the mission and methodologies of WFRC to the Council, so that they can understand the issues facing the Council and fully participate in Council activities.
7. Continue outreach to members of the public and opinion leaders, so that they are informed about the planning process and the RTP and TIP and so that they have an opportunity to fully participate in the development of the RTP and TIP.
8. Adopt a conforming 2006-2010 TIP using new project selection processes, so that regional transportation priorities are implemented.
9. Work with the Division of Air Quality, so that all new required State Implementation Plans are approved.

Mr. Chappell stated that he appreciated the time the Council officers gave for the retreat. He added that the staff will use these goals in establishing priorities for work during 2006, and he will report back to the Council quarterly on the progress made towards these goals.

Report on Legislature's Special Session: Mr. Chappell reported briefly on the Legislature's Special Session. He noted that H.B. 1008 was passed and will provide the transfer of \$30 million for I-15 in Utah County.

Mayor Seghini stated that she attended a Utah League of Cities and Towns meeting where a comment was made relating to gridlock on the interstate system. She stated that gridlock

impacts the economy of the entire state and any improvements to the interstate also benefit the entire state.

Mr. Chappell reported that the Governor will hold a Transportation Summit in September 2005.

Mayor Nordfelt reported that he has made a goal to make Wasatch Front members better informed. He stated that he will be having an annual meeting (WFRC 101) in which he hopes all Council members will participate.

U of U Student Presentation on Redwood Road BRT Study

Mr. Doug Hattery introduced Mr. Hal Johnson, who works at UTA and is also a teacher at the University of Utah. He stated that during this past semester, a group of University of Utah planning students, under Mr. Johnson's direction, have prepared a study of the potential for bus rapid transit (BRT) along Redwood Road in Salt Lake County as part of their senior planning course. He noted that they looked at possible BRT stops and the impact on development around the stations.

Mr. Johnson introduced the students, who presented a brief PowerPoint presentation outlining the findings of their study.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Packard, 10503 Clearview Drive, Sandy, Utah, distributed copies of **Reporting Instructions for the Section 5309 New Starts Criteria** to Council members. He discussed the table titled **Environmental Benefits Template**, and presented a list of pollutants. He felt that FTA is misleading the public on pollutants. He asked Council members to encourage FTA officials to delay their decision on UTA's commuter rail project until the errors are corrected.

Mayor Nordfelt thanked Mr. Packard for his comments and handout.

Other Business

With no further business, Mayor Connors moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McConkie and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council will be held on May 26, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.