

MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of November 17, 2005

Mayor Nordfelt, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 3:04 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Byron Anderson	Mayor, Grantsville
Janice Auger	Mayor, Taylorsville
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Bruce Burrows	Mayor, Riverdale
Camille Cain	Commissioner, Weber County, Rep. of UAC
Craig L. Dearden	Commissioner, Weber County
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy
Daniel B. Hancock	Councilman, Morgan County
Michael H. Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Dannie R. McConkie	Commissioner, Davis County
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale

Members Not Present

Ross C. Anderson	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Dave Connors	Mayor, Farmington
Peter Corroon	Mayor, Salt Lake County
George Garwood, Jr.	Mayor, South Ogden / ULCT
Matthew Godfrey	Mayor, Ogden
Robert Grow	Representative, Envision Utah
Jerry E. Larrabee	Mayor, Woods Cross
Kent Money	Mayor, South Jordan
Jerry Stevenson	Mayor, Layton

Alternate Members Present

Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
J. Lynn Crane	Mayor, Herriman
Bryan D. Holladay	Mayor, West Jordan
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper

Others Present

Justin Allen	Congressman Bishop's Office
Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC Staff
Kip Billings	WFRC Staff
Chuck Chappell	WFRC Staff
Max Ditlevsen	UDOT
Sharon Gray	WFRC Staff
Doug Hattery	WFRC Staff
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Sam Klemm	WFRC Staff
Glenn J. Mecham	Senator Bob Bennett's Office
George Ramjoue	WFRC Staff
Wilf Sommerkorn	Davis County
David White	Salt Lake County

Mayor Ross Anderson, Mayor Connors, Mayor Corroon, Mayor Godfrey and Mayor Stevenson were excused from the meeting.

Consent Agenda

ACTION on the minutes of the WFRC meeting of October 27, 2005: Commissioner Dearden moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of October 27, 2005. The motion was seconded by Mayor Auger and passed unanimously.

ACTION on the financial statement and check register for September 2005: Councilman Jensen moved to approve the financial statements and check registers for September 2005. The motion was seconded by Mayor Burrows and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Nominating Committee: Mayor Nordfelt reported that he would like the WFRC's Nominating Committee in 2006 to include Mayor Byron Anderson, Councilman Hancock, Commissioner Dearden, Commissioner McConkie, and Mayor Dolan. They all agreed to serve on the committee. Mayor Nordfelt then asked Commissioner Dearden to Chair the Nominating Committee and to report their recommendations at the WFRC meeting on January 26, 2006.

Appreciation for service to WFRC: Mayor Nordfelt gave a special invitation to Mayors Connors, Mayor Stevenson, Mayor Losser, Mayor Oats, Mayor Holladay, Mayor Evans, and Mayor Mortimer to attend the January 26, 2006, WFRC meeting where they will be recognized and thanked for their service as members and alternate members of the Council.

Mayor Auger stated that her favorite part of being Mayor was the opportunity she had to meet people that she otherwise wouldn't have crossed paths with and to work with elected officials that give of themselves and take on hard issues. She stated she will miss the Council members that she has worked with.

Mayor Nordfelt noted that new appointments for 2006 to the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Regional Growth Committee, and Trans Com will be taken care of at the county COG meetings.

Budget Committee Report

Status of county/city funding for legislative consultant: Commissioner McConkie discussed the idea of funding a lobbyist for the Council again this year. He briefly discussed the costs associated with hiring a lobbyist and noted that both Weber and Davis Counties have agreed to help fund the cost of a lobbyist for the calendar year 2006.

ACTION: Budget amendment to fund lobbyist: Commissioner McConkie moved to open the Council's budget and borrow (up to but not to exceed) \$40,000.00 from reserve funds. He noted that the amount of funds borrowed to hire a lobbyist would be reimbursed by the members of each COG in Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber Counties. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dolan.

Mayor Seghini suggested that the lobbyist candidates present a bid for their services at the time they are interviewed. Commissioner McConkie noted that when selecting a lobbyist, they will try to pay the least amount possible. It was also hoped that if lobbyists had other clients, they would be identified during the interview process.

In answer to a question by Mayor Smith, Commissioner McConkie stated that the lobbyist funding would most likely become a budget item for the Council in the future.

Mayor Dolan stated that Salt Lake County Council of Governments will be voting on the funding request at their next meeting. He also stated that he doesn't have a problem going through this process each year, if necessary.

With no additional discussion on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Regional Growth Committee

ACTION - Resolution on Long Range Plan phasing for I-15 widening in Weber County: Mr. Klemm reported that the current project to widen I-15 in Weber County only extends the widening from 31st Street to 12th Street due to funding constraints. He stated that Weber County legislators are presently pursuing additional funds to finish the widening to 27th North. In order to accommodate this possible additional funding, an amendment to the current Long Range Transportation Plan would be necessary. He noted that the Weber Area Council of Governments has, by resolution, requested that Regional Council commit to moving the portion of the I-15 widening project north of 12th Street into the first phase of the Long Range Transportation Plan, provided that additional funding is provided by the Legislature. Copies of the Resolution adopted by the Weber Area Council of Governments requesting that the Regional Council move the entire I-15 widening project into the first phase were included in Council members' packets. Copies of a draft resolution proposed for the Regional Council that

will commit to alter the phasing of the full I-15 widening project in Weber County provided that funding is made available was also included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Klemm distributed copies of an updated **Resolution on Long Range Plan phasing for I-15 widening in Weber County** approved by the Weber County Council of Governments. He stated that the Legislature will need to approve an additional \$41 million to complete this project in the first phase of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mayor Burrows read a letter written and signed by members of the Weber County Council of Governments proclaiming their support of the Resolution on Long Range Plan phasing for I-15 widening in Weber County, as follows:

"We believe that the widening of I-15 should include construction improvements all the way to 2700 North. This issue is of primary importance for the safety of our citizens and to support planned economic expansion in the northern part of the County. We appreciate your support of our position."

The letter was signed by Mayor Garwood, South Ogden; Mayor Burrows, Riverdale; Mayor Barrow, Hooper; Councilman Bob Rauzi, Farr West; Mayor Oates, Harrisville; Mayor Butler, Marriott-Slaterville; Mayor Muirbrook, North Ogden; Mayor Godfrey, Ogden; Mayor Fisher, Pleasant View; Mayor Willie, Plain City; Mayor Burnett, Roy; Mayor Allen, Washington Terrace; Mayor Wayment, West Haven; and Commissioner Bischoff, Commissioner Cain, and Commissioner Dearden from Weber County.

Mayor Nordfelt noted that a motion would be needed to adopt this action. He felt that approving the request to complete this project was a matter of fairness, rather than a matter of expense.

Mr. Kip Billings reported that because this project is regionally significant, it will need additional air quality analysis. He noted that he didn't foresee any problems.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Council approve the Resolution to move the portion of the I-15 widening project north of 12th Street to 27th North into the first phase of the Long Range Transportation Plan, provided that additional funding is provided by the Legislature. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McConkie and passed unanimously.

Presentation on the "preferred vision": Mr. Ted Knowlton reported on the presentations being made to the various cities and counties on the preferred vision scenario. He stated that the presentation shows how the region might grow if the visioning statement and growth principles that the WFRC approved are used. He stated that because the future is uncertain, the scenario isn't intended to be a prediction or a dictation of local growth. The presentation communicates the benefit of the Growth Principles and can help local governments understand future growth issues.

Mr. Knowlton reviewed the PowerPoint presentation being shown to the cities and counties in the region. He stated that the vision has been prepared with our best judgment, but also recognizes the uncertainty of the future. He noted that this vision is an ongoing draft.

Mr. Knowlton explained that the vision scenario includes an illustration of how the region might grow if guided by Growth Principles. He also explained that the vision scenario aims to be plausible given the current fabric of municipal general plans.

Mr. Knowlton explained that the scenario evaluation compared what-if scenarios for air quality, area developed, transit riders, traffic, water use, miles of driving, open space, and housing opportunities.

Mr. Knowlton explained that the adopted Growth Principles could provide public infrastructure that is efficient and adequately maintained, provide regional mobility through a variety of interconnected transportation choices, integrate local land-use with regional transportation systems, provide housing for people in all life stages and incomes, ensure public health & safety, enhance the regional economy, promote regional collaboration, strengthen sense of community, and protect and enhance the environment.

Mr. Knowlton explained traffic congestion based on time lost due to traffic delays/Average Weekday Delay per Household. He noted that the vision draft has 18% less congestion than base plans.

Council members discussed the vision scenario which is not a regional plan. It was noted that the vision is not the right place to make a judgment call. Council members felt that the purpose of the vision was to help integrate land use planning. They also felt that this "crystal ball look" is the best guess we currently have.

Mr. Chappell explained that the Council contracted with Envision Utah to help us take a different look at planning than has been done in the past. The concepts presented will be studied and analyzed for possible adoption in into the Regional Transportation Plan.

Mayor Nordfelt noted that West Valley City has already adopted the Growth Principles. He stated that the city's staff has been tasked with changing the ordinances in West Valley City to be consistent with the Growth Principles.

Council members discussed their concerns with zoning. They also discussed modeling current zoning plans to compare scenarios and demonstrate differences in the different cities/counties.

In answer to a question by Mayor Seghini, it was noted that the Council has already adopted the Growth Principles. Mr. Chappell reported that the Council's staff is currently in the process of going to the individual city councils to discuss the Growth Principles and vision. It was noted that each city needs to adopt or endorse the Growth Principles individually before these principles are applied for the next Regional Transportation Plan.

Discussion of project Selection Process for RTP: Mr. Hattery reported that the WFRC staff is working with UDOT, UTA, and the other Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the state to develop a process to select projects to be included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and to establish priorities for phasing these projects. He stated that while we are working to coordinate the process between agencies as much as possible, each agency will be able to use

evaluation criteria based on their own goals and objectives.

Mr. Hattery stated that transportation system alternatives will be evaluated leading to the selection of a preferred overall system plan. Individual components of the plan will then be evaluated to determine their priority and phasing in the plan. He stated that the WFRC staff is proposing that the recently adopted growth principles as well as transportation measures, such as vehicle miles of travel, average daily traffic volumes, delay, transit ridership, and system connectivity, be used in both steps of the project selection process.

Mr. Hattery added that UDOT and the Transportation Commission are currently developing a process to select projects that will use funding from the Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) created by the Legislature during the 2005 General Session. Projects from the first phase of each MPO RTP and from the Statewide Long Range Plan will be considered in this process.

Mr. Hattery stated that UDOT and the Commission will soon be making a proposed administrative rule creating this process available for public review and comment. He stated that Council members and all local officials should review this rule and provide comments as necessary.

In answer to a question, it was noted that Council members and other interested persons can contact the WFRC staff to obtain information relating to meeting schedules and an outline of items that will need action in 2006.

Council members were encouraged to provide input on the criteria they would like to see considered.

Executive Director's Report

Report on JPAC: Mr. Chappell reported on the last JPAC meeting held on November 3rd. He noted that JPAC members are interested in the urbanized four county region and are working towards hosting a Greater Wasatch Front Transportation Meeting with presentations by state legislators. He expressed the need to clear the air with respect to local officials and transportation funding. He asked Council members to call him with any recommendations and/or ideas for the meeting.

Report on Legacy Parkway: Mr. Chappell reported on the Legacy Parkway settlement. He noted that prior to approval from the Legislature, JPAC passed a Resolution supporting the settlement. He stated that although there were some concessions, he felt that the settlement was a big success. The Legacy Parkway will now be funded and construction will start next year with a completion date in 2008. He noted that UDOT is currently in the process of hiring design consultants and they will use the design/bid/build process for the Parkway.

In answer to a question, Mr. Chappell explained the design/bid/build process and the special effort that is needed to obtain needed competition and to design partnerships.

Appreciation for Service: Mr. Chappell reminded outgoing Council members to please attend the January 26, 2006, WFRC meeting where they will be recognized and thanked for their service as members and alternate members of the Council.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Other Business

Next meeting - January 26, 2006

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.