

MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of May 25, 2006

Mayor Nordfelt, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Peter Corroon	Mayor, Salt Lake County
J. Lynn Crane	Mayor, Herriman
Craig L. Dearden	Commissioner, Weber County
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy
George Garwood, Jr.	Mayor, South Ogden / ULCT
Matthew Godfrey	Mayor, Ogden
Daniel B. Hancock	Councilman, Morgan County
Michael H. Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Dannie R. McConkie	Commissioner, Davis County
Kent Money	Mayor, South Jordan
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
Fred Panucci	Mayor, Syracuse
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale

Members Not Present

Byron Anderson	Mayor, Grantsville
Ross C. Anderson	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Bruce Burrows	Mayor, Riverdale
Camille Cain	Commissioner, Weber County, Rep. of UAC
Robert Grow	Representative, Envision Utah
Joe L. Johnson	Mayor, Bountiful
John Petroff, Jr.	Mayor, West Point

Alternate Members Present

Claudia Anderson	Mayor, Bluffdale
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
Robert Gray	Mayor, South Salt Lake
Alan Hansen	Commissioner, Davis County
Neka Roundy	Mayor, Kaysville
Todd Stevenson	Mayor, Fruit Heights City

Other Elected Officials Present

Gordon Thomas Cottonwood Heights

Others Present

Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC Staff
D.J. Baxter	Salt Lake City
Wayne Bennion	WFRC Staff
Annette Call	Congressman Chris Cannon's Office
Chuck Chappell	WFRC Staff
Matt Dugdale	George K. Baum & Company
LaNiece Dustman	WFRC Staff
Sharon Gray	WFRC Staff
Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Margaret Grochocki	Bluffdale City
Ned Hacker	WFRC Staff
Doug Hattery	WFRC Staff
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Ben Horsley	Rep. Rob Bishop's Office
Robert Hull	UDOT
Ahmad Jaber	UDOT
Sam Klemm	WFRC Staff
Charles Marek	Bluffdale City
Dustin Matsumori	George K. Baum & Company
Rick McKeague	Utah Department of Air Quality
Glenn J. Mecham	Senator Bob Bennett's Office
George Ramjoue'	WFRC Staff
Paul Rowland	Bountiful City
Wilf Sommerkorn	Davis County
John Tanner	Rep. Rob Bishop's Office
Walter Waidelich	FHWA
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC Staff

Mayor Petroff, Mayor Byron Anderson, Mayor Ross Anderson, Commissioner Bischoff, Mayor Burrows, Commissioner Cain, Mayor Smith, and Mayor Johnson were excused from the meeting.

Consent Agenda

ACTION – Minutes of the WFRC meeting of April 27, 2006: Commissioner Dearden moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of April 27, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Mayor Nordfelt reported that Ed Blaney will be retiring from the Wasatch Front Regional Council staff in June. He noted that he will be recognized at the August 2006 Council meeting.

Report on Water Supply meeting (Councilman Hancock): Councilman Hancock reported on the Council's Water Supply meeting that was held on May 8, 2006. He stated that the meeting was not well attended and encouraged Council members to participate in future meetings. He stated that due to good conditions this past fall, winter, and spring, all areas within the Wasatch Front region will have an adequate water supply through the peak use period of summer and fall. He reminded Council members that conservation measures must continue and everyone still needs to be "wise in their water usage" so that the region's long term needs will be met as the population grows and water use increases.

Report on award for Wasatch Choices 2040: Mayor Nordfelt asked Mr. Chappell to report on the Governor's Quality Growth Award of Excellence that the Council received.

Mr. Chappell reported that on May 16, 2006, Envision Utah honored 10 planning, development and conservation projects across the state for being designed around principles of "quality growth." He stated that the Wasatch Front Regional Council and Mountainland Association of Governments received one of the awards for their Wasatch Choices 2040 visioning process in creating a long-range transportation and land-use plan for the valley. He added that the plaque received will be displayed on the wall at the Council offices. Copies of the article **10 projects are honored by Envision** from the Deseret Morning News dated Friday, May 19, 2006, were included in Council members' packets.

Budget Committee

ACTION on FY07 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program: Councilman Jensen reported that the Budget Committee met prior to the Council meeting and reviewed the FY07 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He reviewed the highlights and changes to the work program from the FY06 Budget and UPWP. He noted that the current budget is down about \$84,000.00. Copies of the FY07 Budget and Work Program Summary, Final Draft were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Chappell explained that through staff attrition and retirement, the current Council staff can now be funded with formula funds. He stated that any extra funds received will be used for consultant studies, etc.

Councilman Jensen reported that the FY07 budget includes a 5% increase in salary/benefits for COLA, merit and market adjustments and anticipated increases in health insurance costs. He stated that the budget also includes \$25,000 in local contributions for the cost of a legislative consultant to assist WFRC during the 2007 Legislative Session.

In answer to a question, Mr. Chappell stated that the Utah Transit Authority will also be contributing \$15,000 towards the cost of the legislative consultant.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Council approve the FY07 Budget and Work Program as recommended by the Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McConkie and passed unanimously.

Regional Growth Committee

Information on West Valley City's Growth Principles Check List: Mayor Corroon reported that since the adoption of the Regional Growth Principles by the Regional Council in October 2005, several local governments have taken, or will be taking, some formal action with regard to the Growth Principles. He noted that West Valley City has developed a checklist for use in evaluating development applications that are submitted to their city. Copies of the checklist were included in Council members' packets.

Mayor Corroon reported that the Salt Lake County Council has scheduled an agenda item for its next meeting to consider taking action on a resolution that would formally adopt the Growth Principles. He stated that he has also asked Salt Lake County staff to develop a checklist for the county's use. Copies of the Salt Lake County Council's Resolution were included in Council members' packets.

Corridor Preservation in Salt Lake County: Mr. Ramjoue' reported that the WFRC staff is working with the Salt Lake County Council of Governments and the Salt Lake County Council on a proposed process for administering the Local Corridor Preservation Fund program. He stated that a draft application, preservation project prioritization criteria, and administrative process (including a staffing plan) have been prepared and presented to the COG's Public Works Committee. He noted that the Public Works Committee has voted to recommend the draft application, prioritization criteria and staffing plan to the full membership of the COG at its next meeting. He stated that if approved, the process is anticipated to be in place by July 1, when funds for Corridor Preservation will start being collected by the State Tax Commission.

Mayor Corroon noted that the staffing plan includes a full-time staff person from the WFRC dedicating one-half of his/her time administering COG issues, and one-half on COG corridor preservation activities.

In answer to a question by Mayor Seghini, Mayor Corroon explained that the Corridor Preservation legislation is enabled, with no sunset provision.

Needs Assessment - Regional Transportation Plan: Mr. Bennion reported that an essential part of the Regional Transportation Plan is the assessment of future transportation needs. He explained that the needs are primarily based on population, employment and traffic growth forecasted in the region, along with input from elected and other local government officials. Copies of a Summary/ Status of Needs Assessment for the Regional Transportation Plan were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Bennion distributed copies of a condensed ***Summary/Status of Needs Assessment for the Regional Transportation Plan***. He explained the handout which summarized the transportation system needs for the Wasatch Front Area. The handout included information on future needs for roadways, transit, bike and pedestrian facilities, freight movement, security, safety, system management, demand management, and pavement preservation. He stated that this assessment will help determine the specific transportation infrastructure that will be needed in the next 25 to 30 years and guide the development of alternatives that are evaluated as the new RTP is prepared.

In answer to a question, Mr. Bennion stated that he will confirm that JPAC and MAG also have this information.

Mayor Corroon thanked the 2040 Committee for their work on Needs Assessment for the Regional Transportation Plan.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

Report on Utah's Highway Safety Plan and Zero Fatalities Campaign: Mayor Nordfelt introduced Mr. Robert Hull, UDOT's Traffic and Safety Engineer, who was in attendance to make a presentation on Utah's Highway Safety Plan and Zero Fatalities Campaign.

Mr. Hull stated that Utah's Highway Safety Plan and Zero Fatalities Campaign are based on the question: "*What is an acceptable level of fatalities?*" The obvious answer is "*none*". He reported that SAFETEA-LU requires that all states prepare a strategic highway safety plan in order to receive federal highway safety funding. He noted that besides drafting a safety plan for Utah, UDOT has launched a Zero Fatalities campaign to work towards reducing and eventually eliminating highway-related fatalities. He stated that UDOT's safety plan identifies emphasis areas, which include the need to address roadway departure crashes, the use of safety restraints, impaired driving, and aggressive driving; continuing safety areas, including intersection safety, school zones safety, pedestrian safety, and others; and special safety areas, such as fatigued driving, young driver safety, older driver safety, and others. Copies of UDOT's flier for the Zero Fatalities campaign were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Hull stated they hope to raise public awareness and get other organizations involved in their campaign. He distributed color copies of UDOT's flier for the Zero Fatalities campaign. He asked the Council to endorse UDOT's program and join them as partners to help reach their goal.

Mr. Hattery reported that Trans Com recommended that the Regional Council become a sponsor of the Zero Fatalities campaign at its meeting on May 11. He noted that this would not require any funding contribution, but just the use of the Council name and logo on promotional materials. He also noted that the Council staff has been invited to attend UDOT's Safety Leadership Team meetings. He stated that he would send an e-mail to Wasatch Front members with the Zero Fatalities campaign web-site.

Mayor Seghini moved that the Council become an official partner of UDOT's Zero Fatalities campaign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McConkie and passed unanimously.

Mayor Panucci recommended that Mr. Hull attend the County COG meetings and make his presentation on Utah's Highway Safety Plan and Zero Fatalities Campaign.

Mr. Hull asked Council members to contact him regarding dates for the County COG meetings.

ACTION on Amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program for I-15: Mr. Hattery reported that the WFRC has received a request to amend the Regional Transportation Plan and the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program from UDOT for I-15 widening from 12th Street to 2700 North in Weber County. He

stated that the proposed amendments along with an air quality conformity analysis were made available for public review during April. No comments were received. Copies of a Resolution approving the amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan and a Resolution approving the amendment to the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Hattery noted that the Regional Growth Committee recommended that the Regional Council amend the Regional Transportation Plan at its meeting on May 18 and Trans Com recommended that the Regional Council amend the 2006-2010 TIP at its meeting on May 11.

Commissioner Dearden moved that the Council approve the resolutions adopting the proposed amendments to the RTP and the 2006-2010 TIP, as included in Council members' packets, and authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to sign them. The motion was seconded by Mayor Panucci and passed unanimously.

ACTION to modify 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program: Mr. Hattery distributed copies of a chart showing Transportation Funding - FY2007 that was approved by the Legislature at a special session held on May 24, 2006. He stated that the funding included a \$90 million ongoing annual apportionment to the Transportation Investment Fund and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and a \$100 million one-time appropriation for corridor preservation and for "choke point" projects.

Mr. Hattery reported that UDOT and the Transportation Commission have identified a number of projects they would like to use the funding on. He distributed copies of a Resolution amending the 2006-2010 TIP, along with a table listing: 1) the Choke Point highway projects, and 2) the STIP cost increases (2006-2008). He stated that the WFRC staff has met with UDOT and identified those projects that could be added to the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program without any further air quality conformity analysis or public comment period. He stated that because UDOT would like to begin work on several of these projects as soon as the money becomes available in July, the Regional Council will need to amend the 2006-2010 TIP to include these funds.

Mr. Hattery explained that \$10 million of the \$20 million approved for Corridor Preservation will be used to match the funding raised for projects in the four counties that approved that increase in vehicle registration fees for corridor preservation. He noted that counties will receive approximately 90 cents for each dollar raised.

Mr. Hattery explained that \$101 million was approved from one-time general fund money for Centennial Highway Fund (CHF) projects and will eliminate the need to bond for the Centennial Highway fund this fiscal year.

Commissioner McConkie moved that the Council approve amending the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program as requested by UDOT and the Transportation Commission, and authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to sign the Resolution amending the 2006-2010 TIP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dearden and passed unanimously.

ACTION on draft 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for public review: Mr. Ben Wuthrich reported that the WFRC staff has worked with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and the cities and counties in the region to compile the list of proposed projects for inclusion in a 2007-2012 TIP. Copies of a summary of the draft 2007-2012 TIP were included in Council members' packets. He distributed copies of "a cleaned up " list of proposed projects for inclusion in the 2007-2012 TIP to those in attendance.

In answer to a question, Mr. Wuthrich stated he would get Mayor Panucci a copy of the new projects approved by Trans Com.

Mr. Chappell stated that the Council's staff will get back in the habit of bringing lists of proposed projects for review to the individual COGs. He reminded Council members that all projects are discussed at the Technical Committee meetings and Trans Com prior to discussion at the WFRC meetings.

Councilman Christensen expressed his concerns about removing the bridge for I-15 at 800 North in Salt Lake City. Council members were encouraged to bring up their concerns during the public comment period.

Mr. Wuthrich reported that Trans Com recommended that the Regional Council make the draft 2007-2012 TIP available for public review. He stated that the Regional Council will need to take action to approve the proposed draft 2006-2010 TIP for public review and noted that approval today would allow a final 2007-2012 TIP to be approved by the Regional Council in August.

Mayor Seghini moved that the draft TIP and the conformity analysis be made available for public review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Christensen and passed unanimously.

Report on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Staff Modifications: Mr. Wuthrich reported that as a result of the TIP Amendment/ Modification Process that was approved by the Regional Council at their regular meeting in February, certain modifications can be made with only staff approval. He briefly reported on the modifications that have been made to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Copies of the Modification List for the TIP/ STIP since March 2006 were included in Council members' packets. He stated that staff modifications as well as changes resulting from WFRC and Transportation Commission action were included in the list.

Commissioner McConkie noted that he was glad to see earmarked projects on the list.

Executive Director's Report

Weber County Mayor's Concerns / Leadership Retreat: Mr. Chappell reported that the Council's Leadership Retreat will be held on June 22, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, with lunch being provided from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Chappell stated that all Council members will be asked to participate in completing a questionnaire prior to the retreat. He stated that one item will include a question relating to

whether or not a study of WFRC's organization needs to be completed. For example: Does the Council need to look into other arrangements such as smaller units or fewer meetings, or just decide that "if it isn't broke, don't fix it". He stated that the Council can do everything from not doing anything to asking the Council's leadership to look at and consider an alternative organization structure for the Council. He stated that the Council staff wants to do things for the Council in Council members' priority order.

Mayor Seghini stated that one of the values of this organization to her is to recognize the transportation problems and needs throughout our whole area. She added that it doesn't work to be cheerleaders for individual cities. She stated that what we are is a region, that we need to act as a region, and we need to have the sense of vision as a region.

Mayor Corroon stated that he likes the idea of projects being presented to COG members, as he felt they were not as aware as they should be with certain issues.

Mayor Godfrey stated that it is important for mayors to know what is happening in their county and why.

2015 Alliance: Mr. Chappell briefly explained the 2015 Alliance. He stated that the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce is the catalyst for developing positions and campaigns and will be an important partner with the Council in this process.

SLCOG Position: Mr. Chappell stated that Mayor Nordfelt and Mayor Smith are working toward a joint position to replace Ed Blaney, 1/2 time on COG duties and 1/2 time on Corridor Preservation work.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Other Business

Next meeting – August 24, 2006

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.