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Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of August 28, 2008

Mayor Petroff, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Byron Anderson
Bruce Burrows
Carlton Christensen
J. Lynn Crane
Craig L. Dearden
Louenda Downs
Matthew Godfrey
John English
Michael H. Jensen
Todd Kiser
Bret Millburn
John Njord
Dennis Nordfelt
John Petroff, Jr.
Bruce Sanders
JoAnn B. Seghini
Carlene M. Walker
Russ Wall

Mayor, Grantsville
Mayor, Riverdale
Councilmember, Salt Lake City
Mayor, Herriman
Commissioner, Weber County
Representative, Utah Association of Counties
Mayor, Ogden
Utah Transit Authority
Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Representative, Utah State Legislature
Commissioner, Davis County
Utah Department of Transportation
Mayor, West Valley City
Mayor, West Point
Councilmember, Morgan County
Mayor, Midvale
Senator, Utah State Legislature
Representative, Utah League of Cities and Towns

Members Not Present

Ken Bischoff
Peter Corroon
Tom Dolan
Robert Grow
Joe L. Johnson
Kent Money
Ron Russell

Commissioner, Weber County
Mayor, Salt Lake County
Mayor, Sandy
Representative, Envision Utah
Mayor, Bountiful
Mayor, South Jordan
Mayor, Centerville

Alternate Members Present

Bill Applegarth
Ralph Becker
David B. Newton
Neka Roundy

Mayor, Riverton
Mayor, Salt Lake City
Mayor, West Jordan
Mayor, Kaysville

Other Elected Officials Present

Gary Herbert

Lt. Governor, State of Utah

Press Present

Mitch Shaw

Standard-Examiner

Others Present

Loveit Baumgardner
Bryce Bird
Roger Borgenicht
Carlos Braceras
Steve Call
Chuck Chappell
Jon Cox
Mick Crandall
Mary DeLoretto
Bryan Dillon
LaNiece Dustman
Kevin Fayles
Sharon Gray
Shane Greenwood
Ned Hacker
Eric Hafen
Doug Hattery
Jeff Hawker
Marc Heilesen
John Hiskey
Ahmad Jaber
Jory Johner
Sam Klemm
Kane Loader
Kelly Lund
Ben McAdams
Mitch Moise
Teri Newell
Ben Wuthrich

WFRC Staff
UDAQ
Future Moves
UDOT
FHWA
WFRC Staff
Senator Bennett's Office
Utah Transit Authority
UTA
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Envision Utah
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South Jordan City
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Lt. Governor's Office
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Riverton City
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Commissioner Bischoff, Mayor Money, Mayor Corroon, Mayor Johnson and Mayor Smith were excused from the meeting.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

“State of the State” address by Lt. Governor Gary Herbert

Mayor Petroff introduced Lt. Governor Gary Herbert who was in attendance to report to the Council on the “State of the State”.

Lt. Gov. Herbert reported that the last few years for the State of Utah have been good. He noted that even with challenges, everyone has worked together. He noted that every part of Governor Huntsman’s 10-point plan has been accomplished, with the help of a good Legislature, and has provided success for the state’s economy. He reviewed parts of Governor Huntsman’s 10-point plan which included the following:

1. Revamp Utah’s Tax Structure
2. Improve the Competitive Environment for Small and Medium-size Companies
3. Recruit Businesses to our State
4. Attract more Capital
5. Promote Growth in Target Industries
6. Enhance Utah’s National and International Image
7. Capture Global Opportunities for Utah Companies
8. Promote Tourism
9. Energize Economic Development in Rural Communities
10. Make State Government more Efficient

Lt. Gov. Herbert also discussed the following:

- The need to recruit and retain good teachers
- Utah has received national attention for their economic growth program
- Transportation projects in Utah including UDOT’s innovative bridge program, Legacy Parkway, and I-15 in Weber County
- Governor Huntsman’s challenge to Utahns to be better and do better – get to the next level for the good of the people

Lt. Gov. Herbert stated that with the national economy, he and the Governor will re-look at Governor Huntsman’s 10-point plan and come up with a new 10-point list by the end of the month. He asked Council members to provide input and look for ways to grow Utah’s economy.

Lt. Gov. Herbert stated that currently Utah’s unemployment rate is at 3 ½%. He noted that the only area not growing in the state right now is construction and real estate. He briefly discussed concerns with the rising cost of health care. He felt that Utah’s future is bright and noted his appreciation for the Regional Council members and the role they play as partners and friends with the state officials. He thanked them for their efforts and service.

Councilman Jensen thanked Lt. Gov. Herbert for attending the Council meeting.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Minutes of the WFRC meeting of May 29, 2008:

Commissioner Dearden moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of May 29, 2008. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jensen and passed unanimously.

ACTION: Financial Statements and Check Registers for April, May, and June, 2008:

Councilman Jensen moved to approve the financial statements and check registers for April, May, and June 2008. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Information Items: Mr. Chappell reported that he and Mr. Sam Klemm are in the process of visiting each of the region's Legislators regarding local funding.

Employee Recognition: Mr. Chappell recognized Ms. Sharon Gray who has been employed by the Council for 30 years and Mr. Wayne Bennion who has been employed by the Council for 15 years for their dedicated service.

Employee work hours: Mr. Chappell reported that the Council staff will now be allowed a work week of four ten-hour days, if desired. He stated that three work options are now allowed: five eight-hour days per week, eight nine-hour days and one eight-hour day – with every other Friday off over a two week period, or eight ten-hour days with Friday off each week. He noted that although the Council offices will remain open on Fridays, there will be fewer employees in the office on those days.

Blueprint Jordan River: Mr. Kevin Fayles reported on Blueprint Jordan River, which was created to help prepare a plan for the river's future. He stated that last spring, over 1,000 residents brainstormed their ideal future for the Jordan River Corridor. They considered natural wildlife areas, trails, kayaking, shopping, beautiful work sites and more for citizens to enjoy. He noted that their ideas are captured in a draft vision map. Copies of a flyer were distributed showing a map of the corridor, and listed Open House dates where the map can be evaluated and additional ideas can be shared. You can also evaluate the vision map and recommendations on-line and complete a brief survey at www.blueprint.slco.org starting September 10th.

ACTION – Create new Air Quality Sub-Committee: Mr. Chappell reported that at the May 2008 meeting, the Council asked that the WFRC staff prepare a proposal for creating a separate Air Quality Committee (AQC) to address developing issues related to air quality, including the challenges of more restrictive air quality standards. He noted that in response to this recommendation, the WFRC staff discussed various ways to best meet the needs and

desires of the Council. Copies of a document titled **WFRC Air Quality Committee – Description & Organization** and copies of a **draft Resolution** were included in Council members' packets. He stated that the purpose of the Air Quality Committee would be:

1. To keep the Council informed through the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) about critical air quality issues that affect transportation plans.
2. To keep the Council informed through the RGC about transportation plans that affect air quality.
3. To make recommendations to the Council through the RGC on policy issues related to air quality, including transportation control measures (TCM) to be included in future sections of the State Implementation Plan.
4. To represent the Council and advocate Council interests related to clear air and improved mobility to the media, the legislature, and other interested groups.
5. To promote strategies adopted by the Council for improving air quality.

Mr. Chappell stated that the Air Quality Committee would function as a sub-committee of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC). He noted that the membership on the committee will include director or executive level representatives (or designee as appointed by the respective agency) from the Utah Air Quality Board, the Utah Division of Air Quality, the Utah Department of Transportation, the Utah Transit Authority, and the WFRC. He noted that other WFRC staff will participate, support, and advise the AQC and provide the AQC with the necessary documentation and information on air quality issues as requested by the AQC. Representatives from Citizen groups as well as other stake holders in air quality and transportation planning will be invited to participate as needed.

Mayor Seghini moved that an Air Quality Committee be created as a sub-committee of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) to provide advice on Air Quality issues, and that the staff be instructed to recommend members to the Air Quality Committee at the October 2008 WFRC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dearden and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Mitch Moise, a citizen from Weber County presented a "pitch" for the Rail-Volution Conference that will be held in San Francisco, California on October 26-30, 1008. He distributed copies of a handout on the conference to those in attendance.

The flyer states that "Rail-Volution is, first and foremost, a conference for passionate practioners – people from all perspectives who believe strongly in the role of land use and transit as equal partners in the quest for greater livability and greater communities. Rail-Volution 2008 is the 14th annual conference and provides a unique opportunity for innovative minds to develop solutions for issues that affect livability in cities, towns and regions of all sizes and shapes. Attendees at Rail-Volution cross a broad spectrum of disciplines – including elected officials, developers, advocates, urban planners, transportation experts, financiers, citizen groups, architects and many others."

Mr. English noted that more importantly, the conference is about land use and would be a good conference for Mayors and Planners of cities to attend. He stated that UTA can help with the registration fee, and asked interested Council members to contact UTA within the next two weeks.

Budget Committee Report

ACTION – Adjustments to the FY 2009-2010 budget: Commissioner Dearden reported on the following three amendments to the FY09 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program:

1. Morgan County has requested WFRC participation in funding a project called Envision Morgan in the amount of \$10,000. The current budget approved by the Council in May 2008 for fiscal years ended June 30, 1009 and 2010 included local funds to assist with local planning needs. Staff suggests using some of these local funds to assist Morgan County.
2. Mountainland Association of Governments has committed \$32,000 to the Council assistance with their transportation modeling work. All of these funds will be used to pay for the services of a consultant (Resource Management Group) with expertise in this field.
3. The FY09 Budget included estimated amounts for carry-forward funding from FY08. This amended budget reflects the actual carry-forward funding as it is now known. The majority of the funds are for contractual agreements now in place and for future carry-forwards to FY10 budget. Those funds projected to carry forward into the FY10 budget will be later allocated to contractual or staff expenses for the next fiscal year.

Copies of the *draft* Amended FY09 Budget were included in Council members' packets.

Commissioner Dearden stated that Budget Committee met prior to the Council meeting and recommends the three adjustments to the budget.

Mayor Burrows moved to approve the three adjustments to the FY09 Budget as listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn and passed unanimously.

Retirement System: Commissioner Dearden reported that the Council will be working towards having a bill run in the 2009 Legislative Session to move the Council's retirement from the Contributory System to the Non-Contributory system. He noted that Mr. Sam Klemm will take the lead and will keep the Council informed as to what direction this takes.

Regional Growth Committee (RGC)

ACTION – Adopt Proposed Amendments (#2) to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): Mayor Burrows reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) released for public comment the proposed amendments (#2) to the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030 and the accompanying air quality conformity analysis. He stated that the comment period was June 25, 2008 – July 31, 2008 with open houses held on July 10th and 17th. Copies of a comment summary on the proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan, a

draft Resolution, and a map of the 2030 RTP Amendments dated May 2008 were included in Council members' packets. Copies of updated maps and amendment lists were distributed to Council members in attendance.

Mr. Ned Hacker reported that the WFRC staff has reviewed and evaluated the proposed amendments and found them to meet the transportation needs of the region, to be financially feasible and to conform to air quality requirements. The proposed Amendment 2 Projects are described below:

Weber County

1. **SR-108 (West Haven) – Extend Midland Drive (from Hinckley Drive intersection, ~3650 South/2600 West to 1900 West/SR-126)** - This project will be added to Phase 1 of the RTP.

Davis County

2. **700 South (Layton) – Main Street to Flint Street** - This project will be moved from Phase 2 to Phase 1 of the RTP.
3. **Legacy Connector (Farmington) – North Legacy to Legacy Parkway/ I-15** - This project will be added to Phase 2 of the RTP.
4. **Designate the Denver and Rio-Grande Western Corridor (D&RGW) as a Transit and Trails Corridor – 400 North in West Bountiful to 3300 South and Midland Drive in West Haven** - This corridor will be designated as a transit/trails corridor in the RTP.

Salt Lake County

5. **11400 South (South Jordan) – Redwood Road to Bangerter Highway** - This project will be moved from Phase 2 to Phase 1 of the RTP.
6. **5600 West (Herriman) – Herriman Parkway/12600 South to Main Street/13000 South** - This project will be moved from Phase 3 to Phase 1 of the RTP.
7. **Frontage Road west of I-215 (West Valley City) – 3500 South to 4100 South** - This project will be added to Phase 1 of the RTP.
8. **7800 South (West Jordan) – New Bingham Highway to Airport Road/4350 West** - This project will be moved from Phase 2 to Phase 1 of the RTP.
9. **I-215 (Taylorsville) – Grade Separated Interchange at 5400 South** - This project will be added to Phase 1 of the RTP.

Mr. Hacker stated that the Regional Growth Committee and the WFRC staff recommend that the Regional Council adopt the nine proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan.

After a brief discussion on the amendments, Commissioner Dearden moved to adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jensen and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Potential Amendments (#3) to the RTP: make available for public review: Mayor Burrows reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) has received several requests to amend projects into the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030. He noted that the Regional Growth Committee approved a recommendation that the WFRC

release for public comment the Proposed Amendments #3 to the Regional Transportation Plan. Copies of a map of the 2030 RTP Highway Phasing Amendments was included in Council members' packets. Copies of updated maps and amendment lists were distributed to Council members in attendance.

Mr. Ned Hacker reported that there will be a thirty day public comment period from September 6 thru October 6, 2008. He stated that a financial analysis has been completed on the projects to determine the fiscal impact to the other phases of the RTP. He noted that an Air Quality conformity analysis has also been completed. He stated that upon completion of the public comment period, the Salt Lake COG, RGC and Regional Council will all have the opportunity to review the projects and evaluate the public comments prior to adopting any projects into the RTP.

Mr. Hacker discussed the proposed amendments, described below:

Salt Lake County

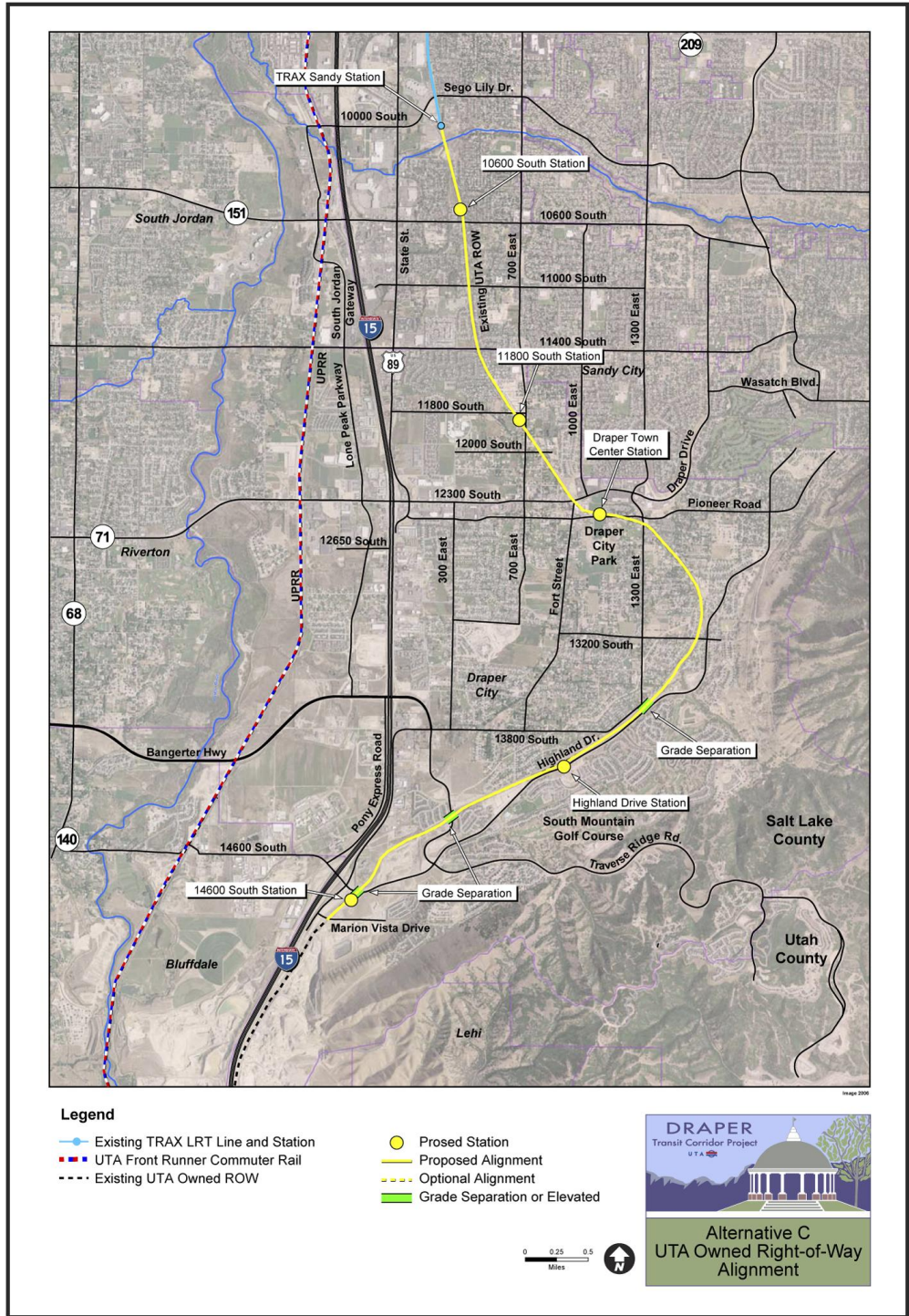
- 1. 7200 West (West Valley City and Salt Lake County) – SR 201 to 3500 South** - The City of West Valley and Salt Lake County recommend widening 7200 West to 2 lanes in each direction with a center turn lane (from SR 201 to 3500 South). [Amendment: Move from Unfunded Needs to Phase 1 of the RTP, the section of 7200 West from SR 201 to 3500 South.]
- 2. 6200 South (West Valley City and Salt Lake County) – 5600 West to SR 111** - The City of West Valley and Salt Lake County recommend construction/widening of 6200 South (from 5600 West to SR 111) in Phase 1. [Amendment: Move from Phase 2 to Phase 1 of the RTP, the section of 6200 South from 5600 West to SR 111.]
- 3. Mountain View Corridor (Western Salt Lake County) – Interstate 80 to Salt Lake/Utah County Line** - The Mountain View Corridor (MVC) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) recommends a phased construction of the facility (from Interstate 80 to the Salt Lake/Utah County border) in each of the three phases of the RTP.
[Amendment: **Phase 1** - (2007-2015) - Preserve all Right-of-Way for all phases of the project for the entire corridor and construct a two lane (in each direction) limited access arterial with signalized intersections, from I-80 to the Salt Lake/Utah County border.
Phase 2 - (2016-2025) - Convert the Phase 1 arterial facility to a freeway, replacing intersections with grade separated interchanges and adding auxiliary lanes.
Phase 3 - (2026-2030) - Implement the MVC freeway project as described in the 2030 RTP and FEIS (3 general purpose lanes and an HOV lane in each direction).]
- 4. 4570 West (Riverton) – 12600 South to 13400 South** - The City of Riverton recommends the construction of 4750 West to 2 lanes in each direction with a center

turn lane (from 12600 South to 13400 South) in Phase 1. [Amendment: Add to Phase 1 of the RTP, the section of 4570 West from 12600 South to 13400 South.]

5. **Riverton Boulevard (Riverton) – 4570 West to 13400 South** - The City of Riverton recommends the construction of Riverton Boulevard to 2 lanes in each direction with a center turn lane (from 4570 West to 13400 South) in Phase 1. [Amendment: Add to Phase 1 of the RTP, Riverton Boulevard from 4570 West to 13400 South.]
6. **4150 West (Riverton) – 12600 South to Riverton Boulevard** - The City of Riverton recommends the construction of 4150 West to 2 lanes in each direction with a center turn lane (from 12600 South to Riverton Boulevard) in Phase 1. [Amendment: Add to Phase 1 of the RTP, the section of 4150 West from 12600 South to Riverton Boulevard.]
7. **MVC/Bangerter Highway Connector ~ 13400 South – Eliminate Freeway to Freeway Connection (between MVC and Bangerter Highway at ~13400 South)** - The City of Riverton recommends the elimination of the MVC/Bangerter freeway to freeway connection (from Bangerter Highway to MVC at ~13400 South) from the RTP (Phase 2). [Amendment: Eliminate from the RTP the freeway to freeway connection between Bangerter Highway and MVC, at ~13400 South.]
8. **13400 South (Riverton/Herriman) – 2700 West to Bangerter and MVC to 5600 West** - The City of Riverton recommends a change in the functional classification of 13400 South (from 2700 West to Bangerter and MVC to 5600 West) from a major collector to minor arterial. Based on the City Master Plan the facility will be widened to 3 lanes in each direction with a center turn lane. [Amendment: Change the functional classification of 13400 South (from 2700 West to Bangerter Highway and MVC to 5600 West) from a major collector to a minor arterial.]
9. **Bangerter Highway Grade Separated Interchange at 13400 South (Riverton)** - The City of Riverton recommends the project be moved from Phase 2 to Phase 1 of the RTP. This interchange would potentially improve travel on Bangerter Highway and east-west travel on 13400 South. [Amendment: Move from Phase 2 to Phase 1 of the RTP, the grade separated interchange at Bangerter Highway and 13400 South.]
10. **13400 South (Riverton/Herriman) – 3600 West to MVC ~ 4800 West**
The City of Riverton recommends the widening of 13400 South to 3 lanes in each direction with a center turn lane (from 3600 West to MVC ~ 4800 West) in Phase 1. [Amendment: Change scope of project in Phase 1 of the RTP for the section of 13400 South from 3600 West to MVC.]

Council members discussed their concerns with the concentration of projects in the area around 12400 South and Mountain View Corridor in Salt Lake County, and whether or not developers would be helping to fund the projects. Mayor Applegarth stated that there are impact fees that will help some. Councilman Jensen stated that \$60 million in land was given on the front side for right-of-way.

Ms. Teri Newell distributed copies of a drawing showing Phase 1 Plan View, Phase 2 Plan View, and Phase 3 Plan View for the Mountain View Corridor project (#3 above).



Mayor Newton hoped that additional funding could be found which could shrink the time frame for the project down.

Mayor Seghini moved to release for public comment the proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan, as listed above. The motion was seconded by Mayor Crane and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Adopt the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Draper Transit Corridor: Mayor Burrows reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council staff has participated in several transit studies for the southern portion of Salt Lake County including an Alternatives Analysis Study completed in 2006. Copies of a Resolution adopting a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for Draper Transit Corridor along with copies of a map showing LPA in the Draper Transit Corridor Study Area were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Ned Hacker stated that the Draper Transit Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) started in fall 2007, and that the draft EIS for the project is anticipated in the fall of 2008. He introduced Mary DeLoretto, Project Manager for the Utah Transit Authority.

Ms. DeLoretto distributed copies of a map showing the Draper Transit Corridor. She discussed the six potential station locations and noted that station locations are still under review in Sandy (10600 and 11400 South) and Draper (11800 S./700 E., 12300 South, 1300 E./13900 S., and 14600 South).

Mr. Hacker stated that UTA is requesting that the Regional Council formally adopt the LPA at this time so the Project can continue to move forward. He noted that the LPA being proposed is consistent with the WFRC's Regional Transportation Plans adopted in May 2007. He also stated that the Regional Council's approval of the LPA will complete the requirements for UTA to continue to move the project forward into engineering and construction.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Regional Council approve the Resolution to adopt the Draper Transit Corridor Locally Preferred Alternative. The motion was seconded by Councilman Christensen and passed unanimously.

Information – Recommendations to Quality Growth Commission: Mayor Burrows asked Mr. Hacker to report the Quality Growth Commission (QGC) request that jurisdictions identify their need for planning assistance.

Mr. Hacker stated that this request would help the Commission fulfill their responsibilities to the legislature by 1) advising the legislature and the Governor on growth issues and 2) assisting local governments with Quality Growth Planning. He stated that the RGC recommended that the WFRC staff draft a letter to the QGC, identifying the regional planning need. Copies of the *draft* letter to John Bennett with the Utah Quality Growth Commission were included in Council members' packets. He reviewed the following points that were included in the letter:

- The desire to coordinate the ideals of smart growth promoted by both Quality Growth

- Principles and the Growth Principles found in our own Wasatch Choice 2040 document.
- The need to continue to preserve adequate corridors for future transportation projects.
 - Additional training of local planning officials, especially those in smaller towns that are experiencing high growth rates.
 - The development, coordination, and distribution of planner education tools.
 - Ongoing GOPB staff and financial support for various regional projects and studies.

Council members had no additional items to include.

Councilman Jensen moved that the *draft* letter be finalized and forwarded to the Utah Quality Growth Commission, as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Mayor Burrows presented a brief update on **Green Infrastructure and Visioning Wasatch Choices 2040**. He noted that an “impressive” interactive CD is being completed and will be available soon for Council members.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

ACTION – Board Modification to 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program: Mr. Wuthrich reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council has received a request to modify the current 2008-2013 TIP (Amendment 6) as follows:

County	Sponsor	Roadway	PIN	Project Location	Concept / Type of Improvement	Funding Source	Project Estimated Cost	Currently Funded Amount	Action	Funding Amount	Year
Existing Project Listing											
Salt Lake	UDOT	11400 South	6485	11400 South; Jordan River to 1300 West	New Construction	ST_APPROP (State Appropriated Budget)	\$70,010,000	\$10,000			'08
						ST_GF_CHN (State General Fund – Critical Highway Needs)		\$70,000 ,000			'08-'11
NEW – Additional Project Listing											
Salt Lake	UDOT	11400 South	7263	11400 South; 1300 West to Bangerter Highway	New Construction	ST_GF_CHN (State General Fund – Critical Highway Needs)	\$80,000,000	\$0	New Funds	\$80,000000	2012

Mr. Wuthrich stated that because the amendment is included in Phase 1 of the RTP, it does not need to be reviewed for conformity nor consistency with the State Implementation Plan. He also noted that because this is a Board Modification, the amendment does not require a 30-day public comment period. Copies of a Resolution to amend the 2008-2013 TIP were included in Council members’ packets.

Commissioner Dearden moved that the Regional Council approve the Resolution to modify the 2008-2013 TIP, as listed above. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jensen and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Adopt the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program: Mr. Wuthrich reported that the *draft* 2009-2014 TIP was made available for public review [from June 25 through July 31, 2008] following a review by Trans Com at their June 2008 meeting. He stated

that an analysis of the TIP completed by the WFRC staff shows that the 2009-2014 TIP conforms to the state air quality plans. Copies of a Resolution approving the 2009-2014 TIP along with a table summary of the *draft* 2009-2014 TIP were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Wuthrich explained the TIP, which is a six-year program of highway and transit projects funded by federal, state, and local revenues. He noted that the WFRC staff works 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 the TIP.

Mr. Wuthrich reported that two comments were received pertaining to the TIP as follows:

1. Support for the 7800 South project, and
2. Concerns that the 11400 South project and the project on 10600/10400 South would be underway at the same time. (UDOT plans to schedule the construction of these two projects so that parallel sections are not under construction at the same time.)

Councilman Jensen moved that the Regional Council adopt the resolution approving the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the conformity finding for the 2009-2014 TIP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Adopt FY 2009 Self-Certification of the Transportation Planning Process: Mr. Wuthrich reported that each year when the Regional Council approves the TIP, the Council [along with UDOT] need to certify that the transportation planning process meets all federal planning requirements. He stated that the WFRC and UDOT staffs have worked together to evaluate how well the federal requirements are being met. Copies of a joint resolution certifying the transportation planning process were included in Council members' packets.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Regional Council approve the Resolution certifying the transportation planning process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dearden and passed unanimously.

ACTION - Approve Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan: Mr. Hattery reported that improvement is needed in transportation services for persons with disabilities, seniors, and low income persons. He stated that the WFRC staff in cooperation with UDOT, UTA, and other local agencies has prepared a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for the five counties in the Wasatch Front Region. Besides identifying needs, the Plan also recommends some strategies for addressing these needs. Copies of a summary of the needs and strategies in the draft Plan was included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Hattery stated that the Plan was made available for public review and comment during July. He noted that several comments were received related to the transportation needs of persons with disabilities and their desires for more bus and paratransit service to meet their needs.

Council members discussed the Plan and recommendations. Mr. Hattery noted that UTA doesn't have the money to provide all of the needed services. Mr. English stated that a system

needs to be designed that would cover the region border to border. He felt it was time that all agencies pool their resources and coordinate and consolidate the available services, which hopefully would mean that services wouldn't need to be cut.

Commissioner Dearden moved that the Regional Council approve the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for the five counties in the Wasatch Front Region. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Information - Federal surface transportation funds: Mr. Chappell discussed the federal highway trust fund which he stated was about to go bankrupt. Mr. Jon Cox from Senator Bennett's office stated there was a concern that there would be a shortfall in FY-09. He stated that there was a possibility that \$8 billion from the general fund would be shifted to the highway trust fund, although he noted that the Senate hasn't acted on it yet. He stated that President Bush wants to take money from transit funds, which could become part of the continuing resolution. He encouraged Council members to contact their Senators and Legislators.

Mr. Braceras stated that UDOT is only contracting for projects that they can comfortably pay for, while they wait for the FY-10 reauthorization.

Mr. Njord invited Regional Council members to attend the Legacy Parkway grand opening on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. He noted that the grand opening would be held at the 5th South intersection. He stated that parking would be available by the auto auction and shuttles from the auto auction to the grand opening would be available. He noted that the events would include a bicycle/run charity event that would start at 8:30 a.m.

Information - Local government funding: meetings with Legislators:

Other Business

Councilmen Jensen thanked Mr. Njord, and noted that Mr. Njord, by partnering with other government entities including the Central Utah Project, has helped to save money for the Salt Lake County tax payers.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on October 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Topics for the meeting include:

- Appoint nominating committee
- Audit report
- Annual revisit of lobbyist contract
- Federal fund status