



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of October 23, 2008

Mayor Petroff, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:10 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Carlton Christensen	Councilmember, Salt Lake City
Peter Corroon	Mayor, Salt Lake County
J. Lynn Crane	Mayor, Herriman
Craig L. Dearden	Commissioner, Weber County
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy
Louenda Downs	Representative, Utah Association of Counties
Michael H. Jensen	Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
Kent Money	Mayor, South Jordan
John Njord	Utah Department of Transportation
John Petroff, Jr.	Mayor, West Point
Ron Russell	Mayor, Centerville
Bruce Sanders	Councilmember, Morgan County
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale
Russ Wall	Representative, Utah League of Cities and Towns

Members Not Present

Byron Anderson - excused	Mayor, Grantsville
Bruce Burrows - excused	Mayor, Riverdale
Matthew Godfrey - excused	Mayor, Ogden
John English	Utah Transit Authority
Robert Grow	Representative, Envision Utah
Joe L. Johnson	Mayor, Bountiful
Todd Kiser	Representative, Utah State Legislature
Dennis Nordfelt - excused	Mayor, West Valley City
Carlene M. Walker	Senator, Utah State Legislature

Alternate Members Present

Robert Gray	Mayor, South Salt Lake
Neka Roundy	Mayor, Kaysville
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper
Jenny Wilson	Council member, Salt Lake County
Jan Zogmaister	Commissioner, Weber County

Other Officials Present

Meghan Holbrook	Utah Transportation Commission
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Others Present

James Andrus	Wilson, Smith, Racker & Prescott
Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC Staff
Wayne Bennion	WFRC Staff
Bryce Bird	UDAQ
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves
Steve Call	FHWA
Chuck Chappell	WFRC Staff
Janelle Erickson	UTA
Sharon Gray	WFRC Staff
Ned Hacker	WFRC Staff
Doug Hattery	WFRC Staff
Jeff Hawker	Riverton City
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Ahmad Jaber	UDOT
Jory Johner	WFRC Staff
Hal Johnson	UTA
Sam Klemm	WFRC Staff
Teri Newell	UDOT
Elizabeth Scanlon	UTA
Barbara Thomas	WFRC Staff
Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC Staff

Mayor Byron Anderson, Mayor Burrows, Mayor Godfrey and Mayor Nordfelt were excused from the meeting.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda

ACTION - Minutes of the WFRC meeting of August 28, 2008 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for July and August, 2008: Copies of the August 28, 2008 minutes, as well as copies of the financial statements and Check Registers for July and August, 2008 were included in Council members' packets.

Councilman Jensen moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the WFRC meeting of August 23, 2008 and the financial statements and check registers for July and August, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

ACTION - Appoint Nominating Committee: Mr. Chappell reported that Council Bylaws require Council members to appoint [at the last meeting of the year] a nominating committee to recruit and nominate the following officers:

1. Council Chair
2. Council Vice-Chair

Mr. Chappell stated that the Nominating Committee may also make recommendations to the Chair for the following appointments:

1. Regional Growth Committee Chair
2. Transportation Committee Chair
3. Budget Committee Chair

Mayor Petroff stated that he would like the following Council members to serve on the Nominating Committee:

1. Mayor Anderson
2. Councilman Sanders
3. Commissioner Millburn
4. Mayor Corroon
5. Commissioner Bischoff

Commissioner Dearden moved that the Council members, listed above, be appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee to recruit and nominate officers for WFRC and Committee Chairmen for 2009. The motion was seconded by Mayor Crane and passed unanimously.

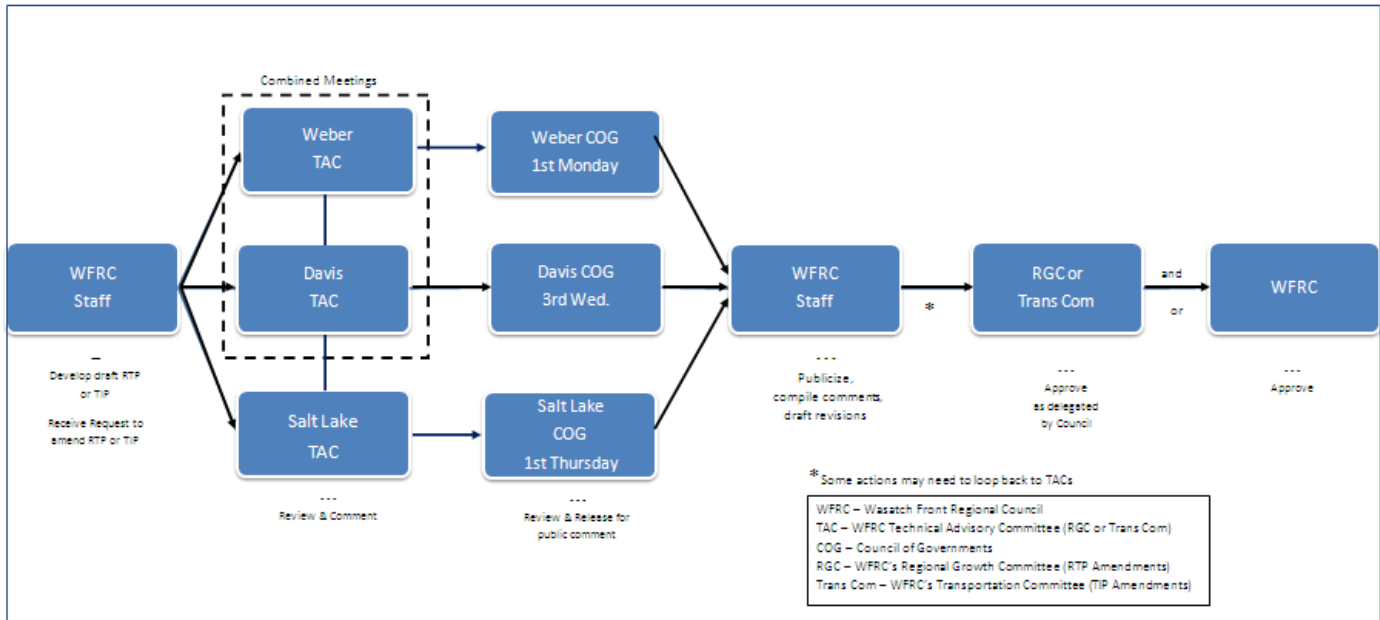
ACTION – WFRC/COG Coordination:

Mr. Chappell reported that he has attended meetings with the three urban county Councils of Governments, and stated that they have each approved the general process for approving the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and amendments. He stated that it will be the COG's responsibility to review and recommend changes to the TIP and RTP. A copy of the flow chart is shown on the following page.

Mayor Corroon moved that the Council approve the revised process and instruct the staff to follow the process effective January 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dearden and passed unanimously.



Regional Transportation Plan / Transportation Improvement Program



Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Budget Committee Report

ACTION – Audit Report: Commissioner Dearden reported that an annual audit of the Council's financial records was performed and a final draft of the report issued as a result of that audit, copies of which were included in Council members' packets. Additional copies of the audit were distributed to those needing a copy. He stated that the Budget Committee met with James Andrus from the auditing firm of Wisan, Smith, Racker and Prescott prior to the Council meeting to review the final draft of the audit report. He asked Mr. Andrus to explain their findings to Council members.

Mr. Andrus stated that the firm of Wisan, Smith, Racker and Prescott have issued an unqualified opinion with no reportable conditions, no instances of non-compliance and no audit findings. These findings were for the Council's financial statements, their internal control, and also compliance with the State of Utah's general requirements. He noted that a summary of the audit results can be found on page 32 of the audit report. He briefly explained the process as well as new standards.

Commissioner Bischoff moved that the Council accept the audit report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jensen and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dearden thanked Ms. Baumgardner for her work and noted that she is the reason the Council has such a great audit.

ACTION – Selection of lobbyist: Commissioner Dearden reported that the Council's contract with their lobbyist will expire at the end of the calendar year. He noted that the contract is not eligible for renewal since this has already been done twice, which is the contractual limit.

Commissioner Dearden stated that Requests for Proposals (RFP's) were sent to known general lobbyists registered on the Lt. Governor's website and a legal notice was published in the Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune. He stated that the Council received five responses by October 15, 2008, which was the closing date on the notice.

Commissioner Dearden reported that the Budget Committee met prior to the Council meeting and reviewed the five proposals. He stated that the Budget Committee recommends staying with RRJ Consulting, and noted that their fee is similar to what is currently budgeted.

Mayor Petroff moved that the Council select RRJ Consulting as the Council's lobbyist for 2009, and approve a contract with them. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn and passed unanimously.

ACTION – to amend FY 2009 Budget: Commissioner Dearden reported that the Council's FY 2009 budget needs to be amended to include the following two studies:

1. Mobility Management Study
2. Livable Corridors Project

Copies of the draft Amended Budget FY2009 were included in Council members' packets.

Commissioner Dearden asked Mr. Chappell to discuss these studies.

Mr. Chappell reported that the WFRC has been asked to serve as the Local Lead Agency for a Mobility Management Study in cooperation with Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), Utah Transit Authority (UTA) and Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). He stated that WFRC funding for the project will come from the following sources: \$35,000 from UTA, \$212,000 from an FTA Grant through UDOT, \$8,000 from MAG and \$10,000 from WFRC. He stated that WFRC's portion will be paid from funds currently in the budget under the category called "UTA Project Support". He noted that this budget amendment will increase WFRC FY2009 budget by \$255,000 and will be used to pay the cost of a consultant to perform the work.

Mr. Chappell reported that the amendment to include the Livable Corridors Project would require an increase in funding of \$50,000 from participating partners. He stated that in addition, WFRC would use \$50,000 of its CPG funds currently in the budget to be directed to paying a consultant for the project work. He added that this project will proceed only if matching funds are received from the county and involved cities.

Commissioner Dearden stated that the Budget Committee discussed these two amendments at their meeting prior to the Council meeting and recommended amending the Council's budget by \$320,000.00 to fund these two projects.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Council approve the two amendments to the Council's FY09 Budget. The motion was seconded by Mayor Crane and passed unanimously.

Information – Executive Director's employment contract: Mayor Petroff reported that the Council's Executive Director's contract will expire in January 2009. He briefly discussed a proposed new contract [approved by the Budget Committee] which is substantially the same as the one currently in effect, with added provisions requiring the Director to allow 90 day's notice of leaving and periodic evaluation of the Director's performance. The contract would include a one year guarantee with an option for a second year. He stated the contract would also add five days of vacation to the accrual and noted that a merit increase could be received following an evaluation by the Chairman or the Executive Committee.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Council's Executive Director's contract be renewed with the changes listed above, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn and passed unanimously.

Councilman Jensen stated that when Mr. Chappell was hired, he was the Council's number one candidate, unanimously. He felt he has done a good job for the Council and that his salary is fair, based on what Directors make in like agencies.

Regional Growth Committee (RGC)

ACTION – Amendment #3 to the Regional Transportation Plan: Mayor Seghini asked Mr. Hacker to report on Amendment #3 to the Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Hacker reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) released for public comment the proposed amendments (#3) to the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030 and the accompanying air quality conformity analysis. He noted that the comment period was September 6, 2008 – October 7, 2008. Copies of the comment summary on the Proposed Amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan and copies of a map of the proposed amendments were included in Council members' packets. Mr. Hacker distributed updated copies of the list of amendments, the 2030 RTP Highway Phasing Amendments map, and the comments received during the comment period to those in attendance.

Mr. 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 amendments are 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 5600 West

The City of Riverton recommends a change in the functional classification of 13400 South (from 2700 West to 5600 West) from a major collector to minor arterial in Phase 1. 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) in Phase 1 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 in Scope to Phase 1 of the RTP, the section of 13400 South from 3600 West to MVC.]

Council members briefly discussed the projects and timelines.

Mr. Hacker noted that because construction costs have gone up, revenue assumptions will change and there may be additional adjustments to the current plan.

Mr. Chappell stated that although projects may be eligible for funding, funding is not guaranteed. He noted that projects will be prioritized in the TIP.

Councilman Jensen moved that the Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dolan and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION – New Air Quality Committee: Mayor Seghini reminded Council members that at their August 28, 2008 meeting, the Council approved the creation of an Air Quality Committee (AQC) as a sub-committee to the Regional Growth Committee to address developing issues related to air quality including the challenges of more restrictive air quality standards. Copies of a chart showing the suggested structure for the WFRC Air Quality Committee were included in Council members' packets. Mayor Seghini reported that the membership of the committee will include local elected officials, representatives from state and local agencies, and others as needed.

Mr. Billings distributed copies of a list of potential members for the Committee to Council members for their consideration in recommending membership to the AQC. He also distributed copies of a Resolution of the Wasatch Front Regional Council creating the Air Quality Committee, and a description & organization of the Air Quality Committee.

Mr. Chappell reported that there are four air quality activities going on in the region and include:

1. Salt Lake COG Air Quality Committee
2. UTA – reports to the Legislature
3. Salt Lake Solutions
4. The “new” WFRC Air Quality Committee

Mr. Chappell stated that the first action of business will to decide how best for the four groups to work together. He also noted that the Council will have a big responsibility in the future as preparations are made for the State Implementation Plan for air quality and the amendments that will occur. He also noted that Mountainland Association of Governments will be invited to be part of the Council’s committee.

Mayor Seghini reported that the following Council members have been suggested as members of the WFRC Air Quality Committee:

1. Chair (elected official) - Mayor Ralph Becker
2. UAQB (municipal government) – Mayor Darrell Smith, Draper
3. DQA (director/executive) – Cheryl Heying
4. UDOT (director/executive) – Ahmad Jaber
5. UTA (director/executive) – Jerry Benson
6. WFRC (director/executive) – Chuck Chappell
7. WFRC Council (Weber County – Commissioner Jan Zogmaister
8. WFRC Council (Davis County) – Commissioner Louenda Downs
9. WFRC Council (Salt Lake County) – Mayor JoAnn Seghini

Mayor Seghini noted that support would be received from WFRC staff by Kip Billings. She also noted that additional invitations to the committee would be given, as needed, to WFRC, DAQ, UDOT, and UTA, as well as other citizen groups and stakeholders.

Commissioner Dearden moved to approve the creation of an Air Quality Committee (AQC) as a sub-committee to the Regional Growth Committee, with membership as listed above. The motion was seconded by Mayor Crane and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Locally preferred alternative for the 5600 West Transit Corridor: Mr. Hacker reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council staff has participated in several transit studies for Salt Lake County including the Mountain View Corridor Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed in 2008. He stated that the 5600 West Transit Corridor is a component of the Mountain View Corridor project and was included in the EIS. Copies of Resolution Adopting the Mountain View Corridor Locally Preferred Transit Alternative and copies of a graphic of the Locally Preferred Transit Alternative on 5600 West were included in Council members’ packets. Additional copies of the Resolution and map were distributed to those in attendance.

Mayor Petroff moved that the Council adopt the Mountain View Corridor Locally Preferred Transit Alternative (LPA) on 5600 West. The motion was seconded by Councilman Christensen and passed unanimously.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

ACTION - Board Modification to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program:
Mayor Crane asked Mr. Wuthrich to discuss the Board Modification to the 2009-2014 TIP.

Mr. Wuthrich reported that the Wasatch Front Regional Council has received a request to modify the current 2009-2014 TIP. He stated that this modification requires action from the Regional Council and the Transportation Commission but does not require a new conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Copies of a Resolution to amend the 2009-2014 TIP were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Wuthrich explained the increase in funding for the UDOT project on I-80 for the Tie Fork Rest Areas Turning Lanes. He noted that this project has been completed. He also explained the revised scope and fund transfer for UDOT's project on SR-108 from Syracuse Northerly in Davis County and UDOT's project on SR-193, Extension from 2000 West to I-15.

Commissioner Zogmaister moved that the Council approve the Resolution to modify the 2009-2014 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mayor Petroff and passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Chappell expressed his appreciation for the Council's approval in extending his contract with the Council as Executive Director.

Other Business

Councilmember Bruce Sanders expressed his appreciation for being able to serve on the Council, and noted that this would be his last meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on January 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.