



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of January 22, 2009

Mayor Petroff, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:02 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Byron Anderson
Bruce Burrows
Sid Creager
Louenda Downs
Matthew Godfrey
Michael H. Jensen
Todd Kiser
Bret Millburn
Kent Money
John Njord
John Petroff, Jr.
Neka Roundy
Ron Russell
JoAnn B. Seghini
Russ Wall

Mayor, Grantsville
Mayor, Riverdale
Councilmember, Morgan County
Representative, Utah Association of Counties
Mayor, Ogden
Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Representative, Utah State Legislature
Commissioner, Davis County
Mayor, South Jordan
Utah Department of Transportation
Commissioner, Davis County
Mayor, Kaysville
Mayor, Centerville
Mayor, Midvale
Representative, Utah League of Cities and Towns

Members Not Present

Ken Bischoff - excused
Ralph Becker
Peter Corroon - excused
J. Lynn Crane - excused
Craig L. Dearden - excused
Tom Dolan - excused
John English
Robert Grow
Dennis Nordfelt - excused

Commissioner, Weber County
Mayor, Salt Lake City
Mayor, Salt Lake County
Mayor, Herriman
Commissioner, Weber County
Mayor, Sandy
Utah Transit Authority
Representative, Envision Utah
Mayor, West Valley City

Alternate Members Present

Claudia Anderson
William Applegarth
Erik Craythorne
Robert Gray
Shanna Schaefermeyer
Todd Stevenson

Mayor, Bluffdale
Mayor, Riverton
Mayor, West Point
Mayor, South Salt Lake
Mayor, North Salt Lake
Mayor, Fruit Heights

Darrell H. Smith
Jan Zogmaister

Mayor, Draper
Commissioner, Weber County

Other Officials Present

Gordon Thomas

Councilman, Cottonwood Heights

Others Present

Loveit Baumgardner
Wayne Bennion
Roger Borgenicht
Steve Call
Chuck Chappell
Scott Cooley
David Cox
LaNiece Davenport
Scott Festin
DeeEll Fifield
Sharon Gray
Ned Hacker
Val Halford
Doug Hattery
Jeff Hawker
John Hiskey
Ahmad Jaber
Jory Johner
Sam Klemm
Kelly Lund
Bartly Mathews
Rick McKeague
Ed Rufener
John Taylor
Barbara Thomas
Ben Wuthrich

WFRC Staff
WFRC Staff
Future Moves
FHWA
WFRC Staff
South Jordan
FHWA
WFRC Staff
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WFRC Staff
WFRC Staff
WFRC Staff
WFRC Staff
WFRC Staff
Riverton City
Sandy City
UDOT
WFRC Staff
WFRC Staff
FHWA
WFRC Staff
Utah Division of Air Quality
South Salt Lake
Taylorsville
WFRC Staff
WFRC Staff

Mayor Crane, Mayor Corroon, Commissioner Bischoff, Commissioner Dearden, Councilman Christensen, Mayor Dolan and Mayor Nordfelt were excused from the meeting.

Welcome and seat new members

Mayor Petroff welcomed new members and alternates to the Council. Copies of the new Council membership list for 2009 were distributed to those in attendance.

New Council members for 2009 included: Mayor Neka Roundy (Kaysville), Councilman Sid Creager (Morgan County), and Mayor Ralph Becker (Salt Lake City).

New Alternate Council members for 2009 included: Mayor Shanna Schaefermeyer (No. Salt Lake), Mayor Erik Craythorne (West Point), Councilman Carlton Christensen (Salt Lake City), and Councilmember Kathy Hilton (West Jordan).

Mayor Petroff thanked outgoing Council members for their service. The outgoing members included: Mayor Joe Johnson (Bountiful), Councilman Bruce Sanders (Morgan County), and Councilman Carlton Christensen (Salt Lake City).

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda

ACTION – Minutes of the WFRC meeting of October 23, 2008: Copies of the October 23, 2008 minutes were included in Council members' packets.

Councilman Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of October 23, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Financial Statements and Check Registers for September, October, and November, 2008: Copies of the Financial Statements and Check Registers for September, October, and November, 2008 were included in Council members' packets.

Councilman Jensen moved to approve the financial statements and check registers for September, October, and November, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mayor Russell and passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Report from the Nominating Committee: Commissioner Millburn, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee has met and recommends that Councilman Jensen, serve as Chair, and Commissioner Dearden serve as Vice-Chair for a two year term. Commissioner Millburn then asked Council members if there were any additional nominations. It was noted that Commissioner Millburn, Mayor Corroon, Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Bischoff, and Councilman Creager served on the Nominating Committee.

With no additional nominations, Mayor Seghini moved to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation that Councilman Jensen serve as Chair, and Commissioner Dearden serve as Vice-Chair, for a two year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zogmaister and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Trans Com Appointments: Councilman Jensen reported that the Nominating Committee has recommended that Commissioner Millburn serve as Chair and Mayor Crane serve as Vice-Chair of Trans Com. He noted that the appointments to Trans Com from the WFRC were Mayor Crane, Commissioner Millburn, Commissioner Bischoff, Councilman Creager, and Mayor Anderson. He also noted that the appointments for alternate members to Trans Com from the WFRC were Mayor Dolan, Mayor Russell, and Mayor Godfrey.

Commissioner Petroff moved that the Council accept the Nominating Committee recommendation that Commissioner Millburn serve as Chair and Mayor Crane serve as Vice-

Chair of Trans Com, and accept membership appointments on Trans Com as listed above. The motion was seconded by Mayor Roundy and passed unanimously.

Regional Growth Committee Appointments: Councilman Jensen reported that the Nominating Committee has recommended that Mayor Burrows serve as Chair and Mayor Seghini serve as Vice-Chair of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC). He noted that the appointments to the RGC from the WFRC were Mayor Corroon, Mayor Roundy, Mayor Burrows, Councilman Creager, and Mayor Anderson. He also noted that the appointments for alternate members to the RGC from the WFRC were Mayor Money, Commissioner Petroff, and Commissioner Dearden.

Mayor Seghini moved that the Council accept the Nominating Committee recommendation that Mayor Burrows serve as Chair and Mayor Seghini serve as Vice-Chair of the RGC, and accept membership appointments on the RGC as listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn and passed unanimously.

JPAC Appointments: Mr. Chappell briefly explained that JPAC is an information sharing committee with membership from the MPOs in Utah, along with members from UDOT and UTA. He stated that the committee has no binding authority. After a brief discussion the following members were recommended for membership: Mayor J. Lynn Crane, Mayor Russ Wall, Mayor Darrell H. Smith, Commissioner John Petroff, Mayor Ralph Becker, Councilman Michael H. Jensen, Mayor Dennis Nordfelt, Commissioner Bret Millburn, Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, and Chuck Chappell, Executive Director.

Commissioner Millburn moved that the membership on JPAC, as listed above, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mayor Anderson and passed unanimously.

Budget Committee Appointments: Mr. Chappell explained that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council serve on the Budget Committee along with one Council member from each county. He stated that the Nominating Committee has recommended that Mayor Corroon, Commissioner Millburn, Commissioner Bischoff, Councilman Creager, and Mayor Anderson serve with Councilman Jensen (the new Chairman) and Commissioner Dearden (the new Vice-Chairman).

Mayor Seghini moved that the membership on the Budget Committee, as listed above, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mayor Roundy and passed unanimously.

Air Quality Committee: Mr. Chappell reported that a *new* Air Quality Committee is being established. He stated that Mayor Ralph Becker has been asked to serve as Chairman of the Committee. He noted that a Vice-Chairman has not been appointed as this time. Members of the committee and the organization they represent are listed in the table below:

Members	
1. Chair (elected official)	Mayor Ralph Becker
2. UAQB (municipal government)	Mayor Darrell H. Smith, Draper
3. DAQ (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 John Petroff, Jr.

9. WFRC Council (Salt Lake County)	Mayor JoAnn Seghini
Support Staff	
10. WFRC Staff - <i>agendas, summaries, research</i>	Kip Billings
By Invitation or As Needed	
Other Staff	WFRC, DAQ, UDOT, UTA
Citizen groups & stakeholders	Salt Lake Solutions, Chamber of Commerce, Utah Manufacturers Association, Physicians for a Healthy Environment, Mothers for Clean Air, Sierra Club, Wasatch Clean Air Coalition, Mountainland Association of Governments

Commissioner Millburn moved to accept the appointments to the Air Quality Committee, as listed above. The motion was seconded by Mayor Roundy and passed unanimously.

Water Committee: Mr. Chappell reported that the Water Committee meets once a year, generally in May. He stated that all Council members are invited to attend this “very informative” meeting. He asked for volunteers to serve as Chair of the Water Committee. With no volunteers, Council members asked that Mayor Dolan be contacted to see if he would serve as Chairman of the Water Committee.

ACTION – SL Chamber transportation funding statement: Mr. Klemm reported that the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee adopted a Resolution on January 13, 2009, that stated the following:

“The Salt Lake Chamber Transportation Committee supports transportation investment as a means to strengthen the Utah economy today and in the future. To keep our economy strong, we seek to restore the \$3.9 billion and 30 projects that were put on hold last fall, including, but not limited to, the reconstruction of I-15 in Utah County and the construction of the Mountain View Corridor. In the 2009 legislative session we support user fees to pay for vital transportation projects. We support Governor Huntsman’s proposal for higher motor vehicle registration fees, a sensible fuel tax increase that grows over time and maintaining the existing earmark of sales tax to transportation.”

Mr. Klemm asked for Council input regarding the revenue statement for funding.

After a brief discussion on the statement, Mayor Russell moved that the Council support the Resolution, with the exclusion of “support user fees”, which they felt needed clarification as it was too general, and could include toll roads which are not supported. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

ACTION – WFRC role in the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP): Mr. DeeEll Fifield reported on the State Division of Homeland Security’s proposal to provide each of the AOGs in the state with a \$41,867 grant for planning, training and exercises related to the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP). Copies of a handout titled **Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)** were included in Council members’ packets.

Mr. Fifield briefly explained the program and stated that AOG's would promote national and state program initiatives to elected officials, and public safety first responders. He discussed several problems relating to communication, which are fragmented with agencies outside of the Wasatch Front area. He encouraged Council members to endorse WFRC participation in the IECGP and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the State Division of Homeland Security.

Mayor Russell moved to approve authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the State Division of Homeland Security. The motion was seconded by Mayor Burrows and passed unanimously.

Recognition of outgoing WFRC members / officers

Councilman Jensen and Mr. Chappell thanked Mayor Johnson, Councilman Sanders, Councilman Christensen and Senator Walker for their service on the Council during the calendar year 2008.

A presentation of plaque noting that he was a “steady even decision maker” was presented to Commissioner Petroff [formerly Mayor Petroff] for his service as Chairman of the Council during the calendar years 2007 and 2008. Mr. Chappell stated that he looked forward to continued work with him as a Commissioner and member of the Council.



Economic Stimulus

Mr. Ahmad Jaber distributed copies of a list of ***FY 2009 Economic Recovery Projects*** that could be included in the federal Economic Stimulus bill. He briefly discussed the bill, and noted that it changes almost every minute. He stated that the intent of the federal Stimulus bill is to generate jobs as soon as possible. He stated that UDOT is expecting approval of the bill by the middle of February.

Mr. Mick Crandall reported that UTA doesn't have a list of projects, as they get different information every day. He stated that Utah is in better shape than anywhere else, and noted that UTA feels fairly comfortable that any money they receive can be spent very quickly.

Mr. John Njord commented that we are uniquely positioned in Utah to take advantage of any funding available because there are so many projects that could started within 120 days. In answer to a question, he stated that UDOT has 1) \$3.9 billion of projects ready to go, 2) the ability to move smaller projects quickly, and 3) a "very significant" large project which would be key in creating jobs.

Council members discussed possible ways the money could be allocated and the importance of setting priorities for projects.

Mr. Chappell noted that a February 26, 2009 WFRC meeting may be needed to approve projects.

Regional Growth Committee

ACTION – Approve Regional Transportation Amendment Process: Mayor Seghini asked Mr. Val Halford to report on the Regional Transportation Amendment Process. Copies of a ***draft Regional Transportation Plan Revision Process*** were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Halford reported that a written procedure to successfully address requests to modify or amend the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has been developed and is currently being reviewed by representatives from UDOT, UTA, and FHWA. He added that to simplify the amendment process, three levels of modification to the RTP, ranging from a simple staff modification to a full amendment that requires a new air conformity determination, have been outlined as follows:

- I. Level 1 - Staff Modification
These types of amendments are minor in nature and would require only change, clarification, or correction in the RTP document wording, mapping, and project information.
- II. Level 2 – Board Modification For Non-Regionally Significant Projects
These types of RTP modifications would involve a change in the scope, alignment, or phasing of a non-regionally significant project, including minor arterial or collector facilities. For transit purposes, a Level 2 amendment would be necessary for any change or modification in scope, alignment, or phasing of any project other than a fixed guideway facility.
- III. Level 3 - Full Amendment For Regionally Significant Projects
These types of RTP amendments would involve any change or modification to a regionally significant project as defined by either the RTP or through interagency

consultation. The RTP defines a project to be regionally significant if it “serves regional transportation needs, such as access to or from areas outside of the region, major activity centers, major planned developments, or transportation terminals. Included as regionally significant projects would be all projects on principal arterial highways and all fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel.” A regionally significant project could also be determined by interagency consultation or based on the results and analysis provided by the WFRC travel model. This level of RTP amendment would also require a new air quality conformity determination and consistency with the WFRC’s Congestion Management Program.

Mr. Halford reported that both UDOT and FHWA have reviewed this process and have no concerns. He also noted that on January 15, 2009, the RGC voted to forward a recommendation for adoption of this process to the WFRC.

Mayor Seghini moved that the Regional Council adopt the proposed RTP Amendment Process as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zogmaister and passed unanimously.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

ACTION – Approve amendments to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Commissioner Millburn asked Mr. Wuthrich to report on the amendments to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.

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. The additional funding would come from money transferred back from the I-15; Gordon Ave project, and from additional Equity Bonus (MG Funds). The amendment would add additional funding to the project already on the TIP to purchase Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) Equipment & Signage for UDOT for the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on I-15 in Salt Lake and Davis Counties.

Mr. Njord noted that the purchase of Electronic Toll Collection Equipment and Signage will allow UDOT to move to the next generation which will allow drivers to pay when they’re in the lane.

Commissioner Millburn moved that the Council approve the 2009-2014 TIP Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Smith and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION – Report on Board Modification to 2009-2014 TIP: Mr. Wuthrich reported that since the last meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Council was requested to modify the current 2009-2014 TIP. He stated that the modification required action from Trans Com [since WFRC was not meeting] and the Transportation Commission, but did not require a new conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Copies of the modification [***2009-2014 TIP Resolution Two***] were included in Council members’ packets.

Mr. Wuthrich reported that the project on 2000 West (SR-208); 1300 N to 2300 N was sponsored by Clinton City. The improvements will widen shoulders, provide a center median, and make intersection improvements.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Executive Director's Report

2009 schedule for the Council, Trans Com, RGC, Executive Committee, and Breakfasts during the Legislature: Mr. Chappell noted that copies of the 2009 WFRC Council schedule which included WFRC, Trans Com, RGC, Budget Committee, TAC, and Executive Committee meetings were included in Council members' packets. He stated that Breakfast meetings will be held at the Capitol Cafeteria starting next Thursday at 8:00 a.m. for all WFRC, Trans Com, and RGC officers, and any other interested elected officials.

Mr. Chappell noted that the next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on March 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. He stated that there was a possibility that a meeting would need to be held on February 26, 2009.

Mobility Management Study: Mr. Doug Hattery reported that the WFRC has received a FTA grant through UDOT to help pay for the mobility management study. As part of the grant contract, the Executive Director needs to sign several certifications. Our attorney needs to review these certifications and sign them, but he asked that the Regional Council confirm and put in the minutes the fact that they had authorized the Executive Director to sign the contract and certifications.

Commissioner Petroff moved that the Council confirm that the Executive Director is authorized to sign the contract and required certifications for the Mobility Management grant with UDOT. The motion was seconded by Mayor Money and passed unanimously.

Report on Legislation: Mr. Klemm briefly reported on current legislation that is being discussed by the Legislature, including possible gas tax increases.

Mr. Klemm reported that the Legislature has opened a window which would allow the WFRC to move to the non-contributory system [from the contributory system] with the State Retirement Office. He stated that this bill has a small impact to the Retirement System but would provide a financial benefit to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. He noted that this window is only open to the WFRC and two other small agencies.

Mayor Seghini moved that the Council support the bill allowing the WFRC to move to the non-contributory system with the State Retirement Office. The motion was seconded by Mayor Russell and passed unanimously.

Mr. Klemm stated that the \$70,000 the Council receives annually from the State will be an uphill battle to get this year because of budget constraints.

The following agenda items were postponed:

10a – Potential economic development district

10c – LaNiece Davenport appointed to Great Salt Lake Legacy Parkway Scenic Byway Study

10d – 2008 WFRC Accomplishments

10g – Wasatch Choices 2040 Visual Library tool

Other Business

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on March 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.