



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of March 26, 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

Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Ralph Becker	Mayor, 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
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
John Petroff, Jr.	Commissioner, Davis County
Neka Roundy	Mayor, Kaysville
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
Sid Creager - excused	Councilmember, Morgan County
Matthew Godfrey - excused	Mayor, Ogden
John Inghish	Utah Transit Authority
John Njord	Utah Department of Transportation
Ron Russell - excused	Mayor, Centerville
Robert Grow	Representative, Envision Utah

Alternate Members Present

Claudia Anderson	Mayor, Bluffdale
William Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
Erik Craythorne	Mayor, West Point

Todd Stevenson
Darrell H. Smith

Mayor, Fruit Heights
Mayor, Draper

Other Officials Present

Gordon Thomas

Councilman, Cottonwood Heights

Others Present

Loveit Baumgardner
Kip Billings
Chuck Chappell
Stephen Glain
Sharon Gray
Ned Hacker
Val Halford
Doug Hattery
Jeff Hawker
John Hiskey
Ahmad Jaber
Jory Johner
Sam Klemm
Andy Li
Bartly Mathews
Ben McAdams
John Taylor
Tim Taylor
Barbara Thomas
Eloise Thomson
Gary Whatcott
Ben Wuthrich
Steve

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Riverton City
Sandy City
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Salt Lake City
Taylorsville
Kennecott Land/WCEC Engineers
WFRC Staff
WFRC Staff
South Jordan City
WFRC Staff
West Jordan City

Mayor Byron Anderson, Mayor Burrows, Councilman Creager, Mayor Godfrey, Mayor Russell, and Mr. English were excused from the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Money moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of January 22, 2009 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for December 2008, and January, 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Important WFRC Policy Retreat on June 25, 2009, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.: Mr. Chappell reported that WFRC members are invited to attend a Policy Retreat on June 25, 2009 to develop goals for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He stated that the retreat would be interesting, short (2 hour

retreat), and would provide direction for the WFRC staff. He stated that the retreat would either confirm the way work is done now or provide a new emphasis and input as to the direction Council members would like the staff to head.

CDBG Regional Rating and Ranking Committee: Mr. Hattery reported that beginning in June 2009, the Wasatch Front Region will be required to alter its CDBG program procedures. He stated that all AOGs in the State will be required to allocate CDBG funds by Region. He noted that our Region is made up of the non-entitlement cities and counties of Davis, Morgan, Tooele and Weber.

Mr. Hattery stated that a regional RRC is required in order to allocate funds by Region. He stated that the committee will be tasked with setting regional priorities, creating a system to fund projects that meet these priorities (known as rating and ranking), and will ultimately determine grant recipients. He stated that the Regional Council staff recommends that the Wasatch Front Regional Council act as policy committee to the Regional RRC, and oversee funding for the program. [As the policy committee, the Regional Council will approve the RRC membership and will review and approve future RRC recommendations.]

Mr. Hattery noted that the Regional RRC has been created and is made up of two officials from each county. These officials were appointed by County COGs in March 2009. Members of the RRC include: Mayor Joe Johnson (Bountiful City), Scott Hess (Davis County staff), Tina Kelley (Morgan County Council), Garth Day (Morgan County staff), Jerry Hurst (Tooele County Commission and our Region's current CDBG Policy Committee Representative), Cindy Coombs (Tooele County staff), Jan Zogmaister (Weber County Commission), Robert Scott (Weber County staff), LaNiece Davenport (Wasatch Front Regional Council staff).

Commissioner Millburn moved to appoint the Wasatch Front Regional Council as the policy committee to the newly formed Regional RRC. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Award: Mr. Ahmad Jaber reported that the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has recognized the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) and others for adopting a Unified Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan in May 2007. He noted that the Award highlights the cooperation between WFRC and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) and the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization in the preparation of the Plan. He stated that the Utah Department of Transportation accepted the award for all cooperating agencies at AASHTO's annual meeting in the fall of 2008.

Councilman Jensen expressed his appreciation to all staff members for their good work.



Ahmed Jaber, Director of Planning and Programming for UDOT, presenting Regional Council Chairman Michael Jensen and Executive Director Charles W. Chappell a national award from AASHTO for the Statewide Unified Long Range Transportation Plan at the Council meeting on March 26, 2009.

Budget Committee Report

ACTION: to amend FY09 Budget: Councilman Jensen reported that Mayor Corroon was appointed as Chair and Commissioner Millburn as Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee at their meeting prior to the Council meeting.

Commissioner Dearden reported that funding in the amount of \$41,867 has been made available from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to WFRC for work on the Statewide Interoperable Emergency Communications plan. He stated that it is anticipated that the funds will be used to provide training for local elected officials regarding the need for coordinating communication between public safety personnel in their respective jurisdictions. WFRC will use these funds to pay for the services of a contract employee to assist in this effort.

Commissioner Dearden distributed copies of a handout titled **Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)** that explained the proposed Work Plan.

Commissioner Dearden also reported that in October 2008 WFRC amended the FY09 Budget to include funds for a State Street Livability Project. He noted that at that time anticipated funds for the project totaled \$100,000. He stated that subsequent to that budget amendment an additional \$20,000 has been made available from various project sponsors. As with the original funding, these additional funds will be used to pay the services of a consultant.

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

Mayor Corroon moved that the Council accept and approve the amendments to the FY09 Budget and the Unified Planning Work Program, as listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bischoff and passed unanimously.

Regional Growth Committee (RGC)

ACTION: Recommend Adoption of Proposed Amendment (#4) to the RTP: Mayor Seghini, Vice-Chair of the RGC, asked Mr. Ned Hacker to report on Amendment #4 to the RTP. Copies of the Regional Transportation Plan Revision Process, adopted January 22, 2009, and copies of the *draft* Resolution of the Wasatch Front Regional Council Approving Amendment 4 to the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030, March 26, 2009 were included in Council members' packets.

Mr. Hacker reported that the projects in the amendment include two continuous flow intersections (CFI) at 5400 South and Bangarter and 4700 South and Bangarter and a reversible lanes/capacity improvement project on 5400 South between Bangarter and Interstate-15. He stated that these projects were identified as near term improvements in the Salt Lake County East-West Transportation Planning Study, completed in August 2008 and presented to the state legislature in September in response to HB 108.

Mr. Hacker explained that the State Legislature has approved funding to construct reversible lanes/capacity improvement on 5400 South between Bangarter Highway (SR 154) and Interstate-15. He stated that UDOT's intent is to construct reversible lanes using a series of signals and signage rather than barrier separated lanes.

Mr. Hacker reported that the intersection improvements are not included in the Regional Transportation Plan. He noted however, that the reversible lanes/capacity improvement project requires an amendment since it constitutes a change in scope and phase of the existing 5400 South widening project, which is in the Plan. He stated that the proposed amendment to the Plan is a Level-2 Board Modification which does not warrant a 30 day public comment period or air quality conformity analysis. He also noted that the reversible lanes/capacity improvement project does not replace the 5400 South project in the RTP.

Council members briefly discussed the amendments. In answer to a question, Mr. Hacker stated that no projects will need to be eliminated or moved to fund this amendment.

Mayor Crane moved that the Regional Council adopt the proposed amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan, as follows:

- Approve Amendment 4 to the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030
- Find that Amendment 4 to the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030 includes a reasonable Financial Plan and addresses the requirements identified in SAFETEA-LU
- Find that the development of the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030 conforms to the air quality requirements.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petroff and passed unanimously.

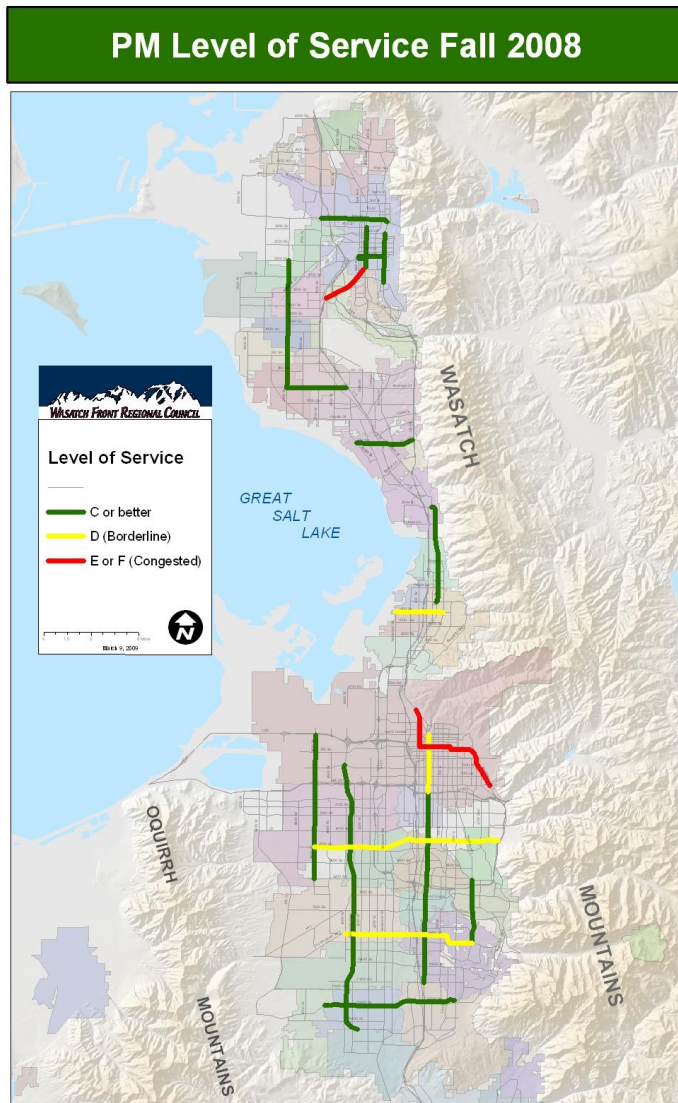
Congestion Management Report: Mayor Seghini, Vice-Chair of the RGC, asked Mr. Kip Billings to report on the federal regulations relating to the Congestion Management Process. Copies of the *draft WFRC Congestion Report – March 2009*, were included in Council

members' packets.

Mr. Billings presented a PowerPoint presentation titled **WFRC Traffic Congestion Report – March 2009**. He distributed copies of the updated PowerPoint slides to those in attendance.

Mr. Billings noted that the staff will report to the Council annually on the status and trends of traffic congestion along the Wasatch Front. He stated that informing policy makers on congestion performance measures will provide the basis for setting congestion management goals and help guide the planning and project selection process of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Billings explained the quality of congestion on arterial streets on the following map:



WFRC Air Quality Committee Report: Mayor Seghini reported that the WFRC Air Quality Committee held its first meeting on February 25, 2009. She stated that the committee discussed the impacts of the recent PM_{2.5} designations in Utah and the purpose of the Air Quality Committee. She noted that the Committee will meet at least quarterly, with additional meetings as needed. She noted that the WFRC staff has drafted the purpose statements and will review them with Mayor Becker and committee members who will determine, by consensus, the final purpose statement for the Air Quality Committee.

Mayor Seghini stated that the Legislature has cut funding in the Air Quality Budget. She stated that the Committee felt it would be worthwhile to apply for stimulus funds to help with the Air Quality budget and for monitoring.

Mr. Chappell stated that Air Quality got hit hard with funding cuts. He noted that DAQ will be focusing on new standards and will develop SIPs for them.

After a brief discussion, Council members directed Mr. Chappell to ask the state to look into applying for stimulus funding.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

Report on TIP Modifications since last meeting: Commissioner Millburn reported that since the Council's last meeting, Trans Com acted to modify the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality (CMAQ) programs on the current 2009-2014 TIP and also approve American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding for several projects using funds allocated to the WFRC, UDOT, and UTA. He stated that both modifications 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 modifications were included in Council members' packets, listed as 1) 2009-2014 TIP Resolution Four and 2) 2009-2014 TIP Resolution Five.

ACTION: to modify 2009-2014 TIP: Commissioner Millburn asked Mr. Ben Wuthrich to report on the modifications 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 the 2009-2014 TIP Resolution Six were included in Council members' packets.

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

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Executive Director's Report

Utah State Legislative Update: Mr. Chappell thanked Mr. Sam Klemm for his efforts and time spent with the Legislature during this past session. He asked him to report on the Legislative Issues that pertained to the Council.

Mr. Klemm discussed the following Legislative Issues affecting transportation during the recent Legislative General Session, copies of which were included in Council members' packets:

Wasatch Front Regional Council Summary of Legislative Issues

Bill #	Sponsor	Title	Bill Summary	Status	Support
SB 057	Okerlund	Local Option Transportation Corridor Preservation Amendments	This bill clarifies the law on interest earned on locally generated corridor preservation funds. Presently, the interest is being held by the State Tax Commission. The bill places the interest into the counties individual accounts. An amendment in the House puts all the interest from the inception of the Funds back into the individual accounts where they belong.	Passed	Support
SB 072	Valentine	Taxes on Motor Fuels	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
SB 134	Urquhart	Transportation Funding Amendments	This bill prohibits the state, counties, and municipalities from expending federal highway funds earmarked through a congressional transportation authorization act unless the project is on the Transportation Improvement Program.	Passed	Monitor
SB 136	Bell	Diesel-powered Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program Amendments	This bill exempts diesel powered farm equipment from opacity emission tests that are over 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and diesel pick-up trucks that are used exclusively for farms.	Passed	Monitor
SB 178	Van Tassell	Class B and C Road Amendments	This bill would have raised the bid limit requirement for B & C highway projects from \$125,000 to \$500,000	Returned to Senate Rules	Monitor
SB 221	Madsen	Dedication and Abandonment of a Highway	This bill would have set standards by which a private road would become public domain through ten years of continuous public use.	Returned to Senate Rules	Monitor
SB 234	Okerlund	Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	This bill would have Increased motor vehicle registration fees by \$1 through fiscal 2012 and given those additional funds to the State Tax Commission for operational costs	Enacting Clause Stricken on Sen. floor	Monitor
SB 239	Killpack	Transportation Revisions	This bill authorizes the sale of bonds in the amount of \$2.207 Billion for the reconstruction of I-15 in Utah County and the construction of the Mountain View Corridor in Salt Lake County and the Southern Corridor in St. George.	Passed	Support
SB 248	Bell	Tax Amendments	This bill would have allowed Salt Lake City to raise sales tax rates for highway and transit projects. Upon the appropriation of funds in HB 185, this bill was amended to apply only to St. George.	Passed	
SB 251	Mayne	Transportation Funding Modifications	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor

HB 140	Frank	Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Amendments	This bill would have increased certain motor vehicle registration fees by \$2 through 2012 and provided that those funds be deposited in the Public Safety Restricted Account to pay for a portion of the costs to employ highway patrol officers.	Tabled in the Senate	Monitor
HB 143	Sumsion	Vehicle Inspection & Emissions Testing Exemptions	This bill defines a street rod and a custom vehicle; includes street rod in the definition of a vintage vehicle; provides that a custom vehicle is exempt from having a certificate of emissions inspection as a condition of registration or renewal of registration; and makes technical changes	Passed	Monitor
HB 161	Wiley	Motor Vehicle Insurance Fee	This bill would have created the Automated License Plate Recognition System Restricted Account to administer an automated license plate recognition system program through the imposition of a 50 cent annual fee on every vehicle covered under a policy of insurance purchased to satisfy the owner's security requirement.	Held by the House Trans. Committee	Monitor
HB 164	Oda	Migratory Bird Production Areas	The original bill would have given a property owner or owners with 500 contiguous acres or more in an unincorporated area of a county the right to declare the area a migratory bird production area. That area would then have been exempt from most eminent domain procedures. The objectionable portions of the bill were amended out on the Senate floor.	Passed	Oppose
HB 185	Harper	Transportation Amendments	This bill re-directs certain funds from the 'County of the First Class Highway Projects Fund' to provide \$20 million for the North Temple Viaduct, \$4.5 million for 13 th East in Sandy, \$3.5 million for a south Salt Lake County commuter rail stop, \$1 million for Murray City roads and \$15 million for two intersection projects on Bangerter Highway and a reversible lanes project on 5400 south in Taylorsville.	Passed	Monitor
HB 203	Sumsion	High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Amendments	This bill would have required the Dept. of Transportation to allow for continuous permitted access into and out of all high occupancy vehicle lanes by marking the lane with a single dotted normal white line.	Never given a Committee Assignment	Monitor
HB 278	Noel	B & C Roads Fund Amendment	This bill allows certain counties to divert 30% of their B & C road money to fund legal action over the RS 2477 issue	Passed	Monitor
HB 343	Bird	Safety Inspection and Emission Amendments	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
HB 371	Harper	Transportation Governance	This bill will re-organize the Utah State Transportation Commission with four commissioners selected by region and three at large. All appointments will be non-partisan. The bill was amended in the Senate to include a reduction in the size of the UTA Board and certain modifications as to who may be appointed to the Board	In Conference Committee	Monitor
HB 392	Ipson	Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel Rates	This bill allows the Public Service Commission to permit Questar to charge less than the market rate for natural gas to be used in vehicles.	Passed	Monitor
HB 434	Edwards	Division of Air Quality Board Appointments	This bill would have created three additional seats on the Air Quality Board and assigned one of them to a representative from a local board of health	Pulled by sponsor	Monitor
HB 452	Lockhart	Transportation Provisions	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor

State Street Livability study award: Mr. Chappell reported that the contract for the State Street Livability Study has been awarded, and thanked those that had contributed. He noted that this study will be an example of how to do this type of study.

Other Business

Mr. Chappell asked Mr. Bartley Mathews to provide a presentation on Wasatch Choices 2040 Visual Library – a Four County Land-Use and Transportation Vision.

Mr. Bartley gave a brief overview of the presentation. He noted that the presentation includes the 9 growth principles and 10 strategies.

DVDs of the presentation were distributed to those in attendance. The presentation can also be viewed on the Council's web-site at http://www.wfrc.org/cms/image_library/home.html.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on May 28, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.