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## MINUTES

### Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of October 27, 2011

Commissioner Craig Dearden, 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

Len Arave  
Craig Dearden  
Tom Dolan  
Louenda Downs  
Richard Harris  
Scott Jenkins  
Michael H. Jensen  
Tina Kelley  
Brent Marshall  
Bret Millburn  
John Njord  
John Petroff  
JoAnn Seghini  
Darrell Smith  
Jan Zogmaister

Mayor, North Salt Lake  
Commissioner, Weber County  
Mayor, Sandy City  
Commissioner, Davis County / UAC  
Mayor, North Ogden  
Senator, Utah State Senator  
Councilman, Salt Lake County  
Councilmember, Morgan County  
Mayor, Grantsville City  
Commissioner, Davis County  
Utah Department of Transportation  
Commissioner, Davis County  
Mayor, Midvale City  
Mayor, Draper City  
Commissioner, Weber County

#### Alternate Members Present

Bill Applegarth  
Carlton Christensen

Mayor, Riverton City  
Councilman, Salt Lake City

#### Other Officials Present

Bob Rice

City Manager, Syracuse City

#### Others Present

Roger Borgenicht  
Jesse Glidden  
Rob Jepps  
Bill Lawrence  
Alan Matheson  
Matt Sibul  
Gary Whatcott  
Loveit Baumgardner  
Wayne Bennion  
Kip Billings  
LaNiece Davenport  
Andrew Gruber

Future Moves  
UDOT Region 1  
Salt Lake County Mayor's Office  
UDOT  
Governor's Office  
Utah Transit Authority  
South Jordan City  
WFRC Staff  
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Ned Hacker	WFRC Staff
Jory Johner	WFRC Staff
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC Staff
Sam Klemm	WFRC Staff
Suzie Swim	WFRC Staff
Barbara Thomas	WFRC Staff
Eloise Thomson	WFRC Staff
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC Staff

Mayor Peter Corroon and Mayor Ralph Becker were excused from the meeting.

### **Welcome**

Commissioner Craig Dearden welcomed Council members and visitors and introductions were made.

### **Consent Agenda**

**ACTION:** Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held August 25, 2011 and the financial statements and check registers for July and August 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Petroff and passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments

### **Budget Committee Report**

**Information – Audit Report FY 2011:** Councilman Michael Jensen reported that the Budget Committee met with Mr. Tim Rees from the auditing firm of Karren Hendrix Stagg & Allen prior to Council meeting to review the final draft of the audit report. He said that the auditors have issued an unqualified opinion with no reportable conditions and no instances of non-compliance. Councilman Jensen noted that a printed version of the audit is available for those who would like a copy.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to accept the Audit Report as presented. Mayor JoAnn Seghini seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION – Establish a Special Planning and Projects Fund:** Councilman Jensen reported that currently the Council's general fund includes both funds that are intended to be used for future matching requirements and special planning projects and funds that are for operating expenses. He said that establishing a Special Revenue-Planning and Projects Fund gives the Council more ability to save funds for future projects and enables the Council to track these funds separately from operating funds. He noted that this will take some of the variances out of the General Fund, make the General Fund more operational, and create an easier process to budget for standard operating expenses in the General Fund.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved that the Council establish a Special Revenue Planning and Projects Fund and reclassify \$300,000 thereto. Commissioner Bret Millburn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

***ACTION – Amend FY2012 Budget:*** Councilman Jensen reported that the need to amend the FY2012 Budget includes: 1) Carry Forwards; 2) New funding for projects; and 3) Decrease in amount budgeted and actual contract awarded. He asked that Council Members refer to the information included in their packets. The following information was discussed:

WFRC receives fund / grant contracts for projects that are multi-year projects. The contracts are added to the budget for the entire amount of the project and a footnote is included to indicate what portion of the funds are intended to be spent in future years. FY2011 and FY2012 are notable in that there are at least three substantial multi-year projects – 1) the Travel Survey, 2) the HUD Sustainable Communities project, and 3) the Mobility Management project. Most of the funds for these projects will be used to pay for the services of a contract consultant to do the work.

The funding changes being proposed include:

CDBG Small Cities – When the FY2012 Budget was amended in May 2011, WFRC anticipated receiving a grant of \$62,000 for work on the CDBG small cities program. The contract that was actually received was for \$50,000 requiring a downward adjustment for this program.

MAG Modeling Assistance – Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) is providing \$65,000 in funding to help pay for the services of a consultant for travel model support. The regional travel model includes Utah County in addition to Davis, Salt Lake and Weber Counties.

Mobility Management – Included in the FY2012 budget were funds to support the ongoing work of a staff member to oversee the Mobility Management project. Additional Federal funds have been made available through FTA grants with the total award being \$724,471 for a two-year program.

Councilman Jensen asked Mary Guy-Sell, Wasatch Mobility Manager, to discuss the mobility management funding which is an example of an increase in funding as well as a carry forward. Mary Guy-Sell then gave a PowerPoint presentation update on Mobility Management in the region. She said through a Memorandum of Agreement between WFRC and Mountainland Association of Governments, the Wasatch Mobility Management effort now includes Utah County.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to amend the Fiscal Year 2012 budget to include carry-forward adjustments, CDBG Contract adjustment, funding from Mountainland Association of Governments for travel model support, and Mobility Management Funds. The motion was seconded by Mayor Tom Dolan and passed unanimously.

***ACTION – Authorize Executive Committee to select a State Lobbyist:*** Councilman Jensen reported that the WFRC's lobbyist contract with RRJ Consulting will expire at the end of the calendar year. A selection process, including a Request for Proposal (RFP) is needed to select a legislative consultant for the 2012 Legislative session. Councilman Jensen said that the Budget Committee recommends that the Regional Council authorize the Executive Committee and anyone else that would like to be a part of the selection committee, to proceed by selecting and entering into a contract with a legislative consultant. It was noted that the annual cost of the contract would remain the same as last year (\$40,000) and be paid for with local funds that have already been budgeted for this purpose. The selection committee members are: Commissioner Craig Dearden, Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, Commissioner Bret Millburn, Councilman Michael Jensen, Mayor Darrell Smith and Mayor Tom Dolan.

Mayor Tom Dolan moved to authorize the Executive Committee to proceed with a selection process for a legislative consultant including finalization of a contract. Commissioner Bret Millburn seconded the Motion. The motion passed with Senator Scott Jenkins expressing his opposition.

## **Regional Growth Committee**

**Information – Report on October RGC Meeting:** Commissioner Zogmaister reported on the informative presentation Leonard Blackham, Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food made at the Regional Growth Committee meeting held on October 20, 2011. The presentation included some of the agricultural issues the State of Utah faces today, trends in farming and recommendations to assist in protecting our productive agricultural land. Commissioner Blackham also discussed recommendations to assist and guide the region in protecting agricultural lands into the future.

**Information – Wasatch Choice for 2040 Update:** Commissioner Zogmaister gave a brief update on the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Consortium meeting that was held in the Salt Palace on September 26, 2011. There were 339 people and many members of the Council in attendance. The comments and information received at the group discussions will help the staff focus and continue their efforts to move forward. Staff is consolidating comments from the meeting and will provide a summary in the near future. Also noted was that there have been 80 organizations that have signed “Consortium Member Letters of Intent”. Those who have not yet committed to support the Wasatch Choice for 2040 by signing a letter were encouraged to consider doing so.

**ACTION – Support for establishment of an Economic Development District:** LaNiece Davenport reported that enhancing the regional economy is one of the nine regional growth principles adopted by the Regional Council. It is also an element of the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision. To further this goal, the Wasatch Front Regional Council received a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to create an Economic Development District (EDD) for the WFRC five-county area (Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele and Weber), and to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

Ms. Davenport said that the Economic Development Administration requires the creation of a separate 501(c)(3) organization when forming the Economic Development District. The EDD Board of Directors membership will include elected officials and/or employees of general purpose units of government as a majority of its membership; senior management officials or executives holding key decision making positions with for-profit enterprises; executive directors of Chambers of Commerce; representatives of institutions of post-secondary education; and workforce development groups or labor groups to make up the remaining membership.

Ms. Davenport reviewed the information sheet included in Council member packets that included detailed information on the following:

- The Vision – economic development is one of nine regional growth principles. It is also an element of the Wasatch Front Regional Council’s Vision for 2040.
- The Project – EDA makes strategic investments in the nation’s most economically distressed communities that encourage private sector collaboration and creation of higher-skill, higher wage jobs.
- Next Steps – create, educate, innovate and collaborate.

- The Benefits – supports the development of a successful economic region and moves toward regional collaboration.

Andrew Gruber commented that the reason for establishing an Economic Development District for our region is because we know how important it is to consider economic development issues when we do our work in transportation and community development planning. He further noted that unless and until we follow the process outlined, our region is not eligible to receive millions of dollars in federal funding for economic development projects for infrastructure and other projects.

Mayor Brent Marshall moved to approve the creation of an Economic Development District as a 501(c)(3) organization. Councilmember Tina Kelley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Information – Emerging Technology to view and understand projects and data:** Eloise Thomson reported that in order to keep up with emerging technology to view transportation projects and data, WFRC has uploaded information about RTP projects to the “cloud”. She demonstrated with an online presentation to the Council how to access the data and view the projects and project information. Ms. Thomson said that this technology will also be used to access other data such as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Mobility Management, and Green Infrastructure in the near future.

The WFRC Regional Transportation Plan map may be found by going to <http://www.arcgis.com> and searching for “WFRC RTP”. Since the ArcGIS Explorer is “Flash” based, iPad users will need to download the ArcGIS for iOS application from the App Store on their device. The map can then be found by searching for the “WFRC RTP”.

### **Air Quality Committee**

**Information – Air Quality Score Card:** Kip Billings presented the semi-annual report of observed air quality conditions along the Wasatch Front based on Department of Air Quality (DAQ) air monitor data. He said that for each of the four WFRC counties with air quality data (Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele and Weber), four pollutants are reported: carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), coarse particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>), and fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). Mr. Billings briefly discussed and reviewed each County report card and noted that Davis, Salt Lake and Weber each received a grade of “B” as these counties were not meeting federal standards for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. However, Tooele County received a grade of “A” as they are below the PM<sub>2.5</sub> federal standard nor do they have a carbon monoxide monitor.

Mr. Billings said that WFRC, along with several other partners, are working with the Division of Air Quality to develop a State Implementation Plan to reduce and control PM<sub>2.5</sub> related emissions to reach the federal air quality standards by 2014 or by 2019 if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants an extension.

Although not part of the scorecard, Mr. Billings also provided information on carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). He noted that it is difficult because the DAQ doesn’t have measurements for CO<sub>2</sub>, there isn’t a federal standard for CO<sub>2</sub>, and there aren’t federal models to estimate what carbon dioxide emissions are. He discussed his findings and reported that the information provided is from model estimates of carbon dioxide coming from vehicles only and does not include CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from other sources. Vehicle emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> are directly related to how much vehicle travel there is, as well as to the fuel economy of the vehicles. He noted that there is not

a federal standard for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### **Transportation Committee (Trans Com)**

***ACTION – Board Modification to the 2012-2017 TIP:*** Mr. Ben Wuthrich reported requests had been received from the Utah Department of Transportation to modify the current 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The modifications require action from the Regional Council and the Transportation Commission but does not require a new conformity analysis or 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wuthrich reviewed the modifications and noted that a copy of the revised 2012-2017 TIP Amendment One was included in member packets.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the Resolution to modify the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program as requested. Commissioner Jan Zogmaister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Andrew Gruber reported the following:

- Federal Transportation Funding – it appears that right now, a consensus is building to maintain funding at their current levels through FY2012. That's just for the next year – that does not address what happens in years beyond that. We not only need appropriations authority but we also need authorization for the entire program. He said there are positive signs but still a long way to go before Federal transportation funding issues are resolved.
- Mr. Gruber said that he made a presentation at the Railvolution Conference held in Washington, DC on October 19. He was also in Dallas, TX on October 26 and met with the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. He noted that many people around the country are interested in what we are doing here in our region and the collaborative spirit and the successes that we have had here. He said it's good to get national recognition.
- Andrew said that the WFRC staff is continually making an effort to improve the way that we communicate with the public. He said we do that, in part, through public involvement and making sure that people understand what we're trying to achieve. He said one of the things WFRC is going to do in the next few months is a "communications audit". We're going to assess our objectives for public outreach and communication and get some suggestions of how we can do a better job communicating. We're also going to look at revamping our website and our electronic tools. We want to make sure the WFRC is staying abreast of the way people are gathering information and update our approaches in that regard.

### **Other Business**

The next Council meeting will be held on **January 26, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.