



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of August 28, 2014

Commissioner Bret Millburn, 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

Stuart Adams	Senator, Utah State Senate
Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake City
Ralph Becker	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Brad Dee	Representative, Utah State House
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
Louenda Downs	Commissioner, Davis County – UAC
Kerry Gibson	Commissioner, Weber County
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Ben McAdams	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City

Alternate Members Present

Ari Bruening	Envision Utah
Carmen Freeman	Mayor, Herriman City
Shane Marshall	Utah Department of Transportation
Matt Sibul	Utah Transit Authority

Others Present

Steve Call	FHWA
Lee Davidson	Salt Lake Tribune
Bryan Dillon	FHWA
Jeff Harris	UDOT
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Linda Johnson	League of Women Voters-Salt Lake/Breathe Utah
Nathan Lee	UDOT
Kelly Lund	FHWA
Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Scott Festin	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC

Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Andy Li	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Greg Scott	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Megan Townsend	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Karen Cronin, Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Commissioner John Petroff, and Commissioner Jan Zogmaister were excused from the meeting.

Welcome

Commissioner Millburn welcomed Council members and guests and introductions were made.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held May 22, 2014 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for May and June 2014. Mayor Tom Dolan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Information: Service Award

Ben Wuthrich, Senior Transportation Engineer, was recognized and presented with a certificate for his twenty years of excellent and dedicated service.

Information: WFRC FY 2014 Activities and Accomplishments Report, FY 2014

Fiscal year 2014 was a productive year at the Wasatch Front Regional Council. WFRC and partners have worked on numerous fronts to help member communities along the Wasatch Front. The Report highlights and outlines the Regional Transportation Plan, Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, Transportation Funding efforts, Local Community Assistance, the Wasatch Choice for 2040, and Organizational Improvements. The complete Report may be found on the WFRC website: www.wfrc.org under the "Publications" tab.

Public Comment

There were no public comments

Regional Growth Committee

ACTION: Approve 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Five

The Wasatch Front Regional Council approved the release of Amendment Number 5 for public comment and review on May 22, 2014. In accordance with adopted policy, the WFRC advertised Amendment Number 5 in local newspapers and initiated a 30-day public comment period from June 28, to August 2, 2014. No comments on the amendments were received at the public open house or by e-mail. Adequate financial resources have been identified for all four projects and all applicable air quality conformity requirements have been met. A detailed description of each of the projects included in Amendment 5 was included in Council member packets and may also be found on the WFRC website.

Mayor JoAnn Seghini moved that the 2011-2040 RTP Amendment Five, as presented, be amended into the 2011-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Councilman Michael Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Information: Regional Transportation Plan and Utah's Unified Transportation Plan Update

The 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan is updated every four years, it must be financially constrained, conform to the emission budgets within the State Implementation Plan, and include projects for roadway, transit, and bicycles. WFRC staff is currently in the third year of the four year process to update the Plan. It was noted that for the first time in the development of this Plan, Programmatic Line Items will be included. The phased, financially constrained RTP is scheduled to be developed by Fall 2014. WFRC staff will then seek review and comments from the local governments through small area meetings in January and February 2015. The final adoption of the 2015-2040 RTP is scheduled for Spring 2015. The adopted 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan will then be incorporated into the next version of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

Information: Report on Board Modifications to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received a request to modify the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Since the Regional Council was not meeting, Trans Com, by delegated authority, reviewed the request and approved the modifications. It was noted that the modifications in Amendment Seven and the Resolution were included in member packets. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

ACTION: Approve Board Modifications to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

The WFRC received requests to modify the current 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (Amendment Eight). A copy of the resolution and a list of projects were included in Council member packets. 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.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the resolution to modify the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, as requested. Mayor Carmen Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Approve 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity finding

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a six-year program of highway and transit projects for the Salt Lake-West Valley and the Ogden-Layton urbanized areas. It is a compilation of projects from the various federal, state, and local funding programs. The TIP is for all the cities and counties in the Region, as well as for the Utah Department of Transportation and the Utah Transit Authority. Federal regulations require that the TIP be financially constrained and conform to State Air Quality Plans. The draft TIP and conformity determination were made available for public review and comment from June 28 through August 2, 2014. A list of comments received with appropriate responses from staff was included in Council member packets.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to adopt the Resolution approving the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and the air quality conformity determination as presented. Mayor JoAnn Seghini seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

ACTION: Approve Self-Certification of the transportation planning process

Each year the Regional Council and the Department of Transportation certify to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that the transportation planning process is addressing the major transportation planning issues facing the metropolitan area and is being conducted in accordance with all requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The WFRC, UDOT, and UTA staffs have worked together to evaluate how well the federal requirements are being met. Based on this review, the WFRC staff prepared a Resolution certifying the planning process for the region. A description of the technical process, coordination efforts, and other elements of the planning process was included in Council member packets.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the Resolution certifying the transportation planning process. Mayor Carmen Freeman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices and on the WFRC website.

Air Quality Committee Report

Three informational items of current interest were discussed:

1. The 2014 Clear the Air Challenge, sponsored by the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce concluded on July 31. This year's contest featured nearly 6,900 participants and a reduction of 2.2 million vehicle miles over 140,000 vehicle trips.
2. The September meeting of the Utah Air Quality Board, Division of Air Quality will present a revised PM2.5 SIP seeking approval to release the document for a 30-day public comment period. The revised SIP addresses concerns about satisfying legal requirements known as "Subpart 4" of the Clean Air Act. Following the public comment period, the SIP will be presented to the UAQB in December for approval to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.
3. As of 2014, emissions from vehicles on the road are estimated to be less than half (48%) of all PM2.5 related emissions along the Wasatch Front.

Active Transportation Committee Report

Highlighted in the ATC report:

- Mobile Active Transportation Tours (MATTs) – these tours provide an opportunity to ride and walk on various type of facilities and have a dialogue with elected officials, planners, and engineers on how they have made progress, overcome hurdles, and how support was gained. Tour schedule includes: Salt Lake City-May, 2014; Provo-June, 2014; Farmington-August, 2014; Ogden-September 17, 2014; Moab-October 9-10, 2014; and St. George-Spring 2015.
- An effort is currently taking place to review the future direction of the ATC. A core team is discussing this question and has asked members and attendees of the ATC for input on specific categories that include: Plans/Policies/Programs; Design/Engineering;

Costs/Funding; Benefits; Education/Outreach/Consensus-building; and Organizational Structure.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Gruber's report included the following:

1. Wasatch Choice for 2040 Consortium being held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Salt Palace Convention Center. There will be a keynote speaker and lunch will be provided. Registration is \$25. A flier was distributed with details of the event. Members were encouraged to register by visiting the WFRC website.
2. Also distributed was information detailing the Programs Administered by the Wasatch Front Regional Council. There are six different programs administered by the WFRC that provide resources for local governments. The information provides detail on timelines, eligibility, etc. Members were encouraged to review the materials and participate in these programs which provide resources that assist local governments in their planning efforts. It was noted that Letters of Intent to apply for these programs are due October 30, 2014.
3. Transportation Funding: WFRC is continuing to assist the Transportation Interim Committee in evaluating how we meet the needs in the Unified Plan.

Other Business

The next Council meeting will be held on October 23, 2014 (immediately following the Consortium meeting) from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Salt Palace – room to be determined.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org under 'committees' 'Wasatch Front Regional Council' '2014 meetings' "recordings"