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Wasatch Front Regional Council
Meeting of August 27, 2015

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

Members Present

Michael Allegra	Utah Transit Authority
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Mike Caldwell	Mayor, Ogden City
Karen Cronin	Mayor, Perry City
Kelvyn Cullimore	Mayor, Cottonwood Heights City
Evan Curtis	Governor's Office of Management & Budget
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville City
Ben McAdams	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Bob Stevenson	Mayor, Layton City
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale City
Logan Wilde	Councilman, Morgan County

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

Jerry Benson	Utah Transit Authority
Steve Call	Federal Highway Administration
Travis Campbell	Rep. Rob Bishop's Office
Jordan Giles	Rep. Chris Stewart's Office
Jeff Harris	Utah Department of Transportation
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Robin Hutcheson	Salt Lake City
Brigitte Mandel	Federal Highway Administration
Ivan Marrero	Federal Highway Administration
Nathan Lee	Utah Department of Transportation
Barry McLerran	Congresswoman Mia Love's Office
Justin Morgan	Federal Highway Administration
Travis Pate	Citizen, Ogden City
Patrick Reimmerr	Salt Lake County
David Schwartz	Utah Department of Transportation
Arie Van De Graaff	Utah Association of Counties

Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC
Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Kip Billings	WFRC
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Michelle Bjorklund	WFRC
Rena Bodily	WFRC
Julia Collins	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Val John Halford	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Xiao Li	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC
Suzie Swim	WFRC
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC

Mayor Mark Allen, Mayor Ralph Becker, Commissioner Matthew Bell, Commissioner Kerry Gibson, Commissioner John Petroff, Carlos Braceras, and Robert Grow were excused from the meeting.

Welcome

Mayor Tom Dolan welcomed Council members and guests and introductions were made.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mayor Derk Timothy moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held May 28, 2015 and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for May, June and July 2015. Commissioner Bret Millburn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Travis Pate, Ogden citizen, commented that the locally preferred alternative that came out of the Ogden-Weber State University Transportation Corridor Study suggested Bus Rapid Transit as the mode. Mr. Pate suggested to the Council to look for and find funding so that streetcar can be a reality. He said that streetcar versus bus rapid transit would attract more ridership, generate more economic growth and overall be a better return on investment.

Chairman's Report

Mayor Dolan recognized Michael Allegra, retiring as general manager from the Utah Transit Authority. He was presented with a Resolution honoring him for nearly 40 years of service to the people of Utah.

Mayor Dolan expressed appreciation to the mayors and county commissioners across the Wasatch Front who made an effort to get the Local Option Sales Tax on the ballot this fall. The measure will need to be approved by the voters to be enacted. HB 362 Transportation

Infrastructure Funding has two main provisions: 1) Gas Tax Reform and Increase—changes the state gas tax from the current 24.5 cents per gallon to a percentage; and 2) Local Option Transportation Sales Tax—gives local communities a tool to address their transportation needs.

Information: Service Awards

Loveit Baumgardner – 20 years of service, Sam Klemm – 15 years of service, and Andrew Gruber – 5 years of service were each recognized and presented with a certificate for their dedicated service and contributions to the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

WFRC FY 2015 Activities and Accomplishments Report

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, discussed the Wasatch Front Regional Council Fiscal Year 2015 Activities and Accomplishments Report. Mr. Gruber highlighted the five goals from the report and commented on how the goals have been accomplished:

1. Develop the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan
2. Implement Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision
3. Fund Utah's Unified Transportation Plan
4. Benefit Local Communities through Wasatch Front Regional Council Programs
5. Improve Organizational Excellence

Copies of the Report were provided to Council members and others and may also be found on the WFRC website under the publications tab.

ACTION: WFRC FY 2016 Goals and Priorities

Andrew Gruber discussed the WFRC draft goals and priority areas for FY2016. He noted that many of the items reflect a continuation of ongoing agency priorities. The list is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all the WFRC's activities. The goals and priority areas discussed are:

- Begin development of the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, and updated Wasatch Choice land use and development.
- Support efforts to fund the needs identified in the 2015-2040 Utah's Unified Transportation Plan.
- Further develop, integrate and promote WFRC programs that benefit local communities.
- Strive for organizational excellence including maximizing employee job satisfaction and performance

Mayor Carmen Freeman made a motion to approve the WFRC goals for FY2016 as presented. Mayor Brent Marshall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Information: WFRC Programs for Local Governments

The Wasatch Front Regional Council administers six programs that provide resources for local governments. A presentation was given with each program manager describing their respective program, to increase awareness of funding resource opportunities, as well as to encourage efficiency and coordination between the programs for applicants. The following programs were discussed:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)—Ben Wuthrich
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)—Ben Wuthrich
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)—Ben Wuthrich
- The Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)—LaNiece Davenport
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)—LaNiece Davenport and Sam Klemm
- Local Planning Resource Program—Julia Collins

An exhibit detailing each program along with a one-page information sheet listing letter of intent due date, application due date, and contact information for each program manager, and etc. was provided in Council member packets and may also be found the WFRC website.

Regional Growth Committee

Information: Regional Transportation Plan 2019-2050 Objectives and Approach

Ted Knowlton, WFRC, reported that with the adoption of the 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan in May, staff are beginning to outline the planning process for the 2019-2050 RTP. He said that the Regional Growth Committee, as the steering committee for the Regional Transportation Plan, has provided direction to the process. Staff will explore further the idea of grassroots involvement and bringing issues together in an integrated discussion. He suggested that the approach may be to bring three or four contiguous communities together to have a conversation on those issues.

Mr. Knowlton said the Regional Growth Committee in their role as steering committee for the Regional Transportation Plan will continue to refine the process with an eye toward developing the overall approach and will continue to provide updates to the Council.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

The Wasatch Front Regional Council received requests to modify the current 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (Amendment Nine). 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. Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reviewed the modifications in Amendment Nine for Council members.

Councilman Michael Jensen moved to approve the Resolution to modify the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program as requested. Mayor Brent Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is available in the Council offices.

ACTION: Approve 2016-2021 TIP 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 July 6 through August 8, 2015. No comments pertaining to the TIP were received during the public review and comment period.

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to adopt the Resolution approving the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the air quality conformity determination as presented. Councilman Michael Jensen 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

The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), each year, certify to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that the transportation planning process meets all federal planning requirements.

The WFRC, UDOT, and UTA staffs have worked together to confirm that the federal requirements are being met. Based on their review, the WFRC staff have 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.

Mayor Bill Applegarth moved to approve the Resolution certifying the transportation planning process. Councilman Michael Jensen 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

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Air Quality Committee Chairman, reported arrangements have been made for members of the Air Quality Committee to tour the Tesoro refinery on October 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Tesoro. Members of the Wasatch Front Regional Council are invited to attend. RSVP's will be required as seating is limited.

Active Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Mike Caldwell, Chair of the Active Transportation Committee, report included:

- WFRC recently hired Scott Hess as the new Active Transportation Planner.
- The Active Transportation Health Summit will be held in Ogden City at the Eccles Conference Center on September 8, 2015. Elected officials, staff and local stakeholders, and community partners are encouraged to attend.
- Two upcoming Mobile Active Transportation tours: Draper on September 10 and Riverdale on October 7. The tours are open to 30-60 attendees including elected officials, staff, advocates, and the general public.
- Two local studies kicking off soon: 1) Active Transportation Benefits Study which will focus on the health, economic and environmental benefits of Active Transportation; and 2) GREENbike Regionalization which will review policies and procedures for expanding GREENbike to Ogden and Provo areas, with consideration for statewide implementation.
- Expressed appreciation to the Miller Family for sponsoring the Tour of Utah which just wrapped up – it was a really exciting regional event that promotes active healthy lifestyles.

Other Business

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

Next meeting: October 22, 2015

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' '2015 meetings' "recordings"