



MPO Technical Advisory Committee MINUTES | January 8, 2024 | 1:30 pm

UCHD: 151 S Univ. Ave., Room 1600, Provo, UT
[Recording](#)

Attending:

Andy Spencer
Ben Hunter
Brad Kenison
Brandon Larsen
Britton Tveten
Chris Trusty
Danielle Nixon
Eric Rasband
Geoff McLaughlin
Janelle Robertson
Jason Bond
Jeff Anderson
Jered Johnson
Jill Spencer, Chair
John Dorny
Kevin Croshaw
Kim Struthers
Lars Anderson
Loretta Markham
Luke Seegmiller
Mary Martin
Matt Parker
Mike West
Naseem Ghandor
Nick Wilcox
Patrick James
Richard Nielson
Rob Hunter
Sarah Carroll
Seth Barrus
Vern Keeslar

Representing:

Highland
American Fork
Lehi
Eagle Mountain
Pleasant Grove
Eagle Mountain
Provo
UDOT
Public Attendee (Provo)
UTA
Santaquin
Springville
Spanish Fork
Payson
Orem
Avenue Consultants
Lehi
Conсор
AECOM/UTA
Lehi
Spanish Fork
UDOT
Lehi
Vineyard
UTA
Vineyard
Utah County
Mapleton
Saratoga Springs
Mapleton
Provo

MAG Staff:

Melanie Haws	Kendall Willardson	Bob Allen	Tim Hereth
Shawn Eliot	Calvin Clark	Matthew Silski	Andrew Wooley

Jill Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.

Public Comment (0:50)

None

Approve MPO TAC Minutes November 23, 2023 (1:12)

Rob Hunter moved to approve the TAC meeting minutes from November 23, 2023.

Vern Keeslar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Corridor Preservation - Provo 820 North *Calvin Clark, MAG Transportation Project Manager*
(2:16)

Provo City is requesting funds to purchase an existing residence located at 941 W 820 N. MPO Board has authorized the purchase of multiple properties on this corridor for project H42 on the RTP. The seller contacted Provo City as a willing seller to start the negotiations.

Corridor #38, 820 N Provo

Appraised Value: \$535,000

Estimated Closing Costs: \$900

Total Request: \$535,900

Unobligated fund: \$9,281,588

This request is within the purpose and policies of the Corridor Preservation Fund Program; the fund has an adequate balance, and the property is apparently needed for future widening of 820 N.

Brad Kenison moved that the MPO TAC recommend to the MPO Board approval of this Provo City request for \$535,900 from the Corridor Preservation Fund. Richard Nielson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Study and Projects Update - FrontRunner South *Janelle Robertson, UTA* (5:03)

The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is studying an extension of the FrontRunner commuter rail service from Provo to Payson primarily along UTA-owned property with proposed stations in Springville, Spanish Fork, and Payson. These efforts are building upon the South Valley Transit Study completed in 2022, which identified the FrontRunner extension as the Locally

Preferred Alternative. The project's current phase includes an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and a preliminary design for the proposed commuter rail extension.

There is ongoing coordination with the cities, UDOT, and the Station Area Planning teams at the following proposed FrontRunner Stations:

1. Springville Station
2. Spanish Fork Station
3. Payson FrontRunner Station

Questions and concerns were raised about the location and accessibility of the future Payson FrontRunner Station. Jill Spencer said that consideration for choosing the location is based on future population growth and the interchange that will be built. There will be access for walking and biking.

See [FrontRunner South Presentation](#) for detailed information

FHWA/FTA MPO Certification Review Results *Shawn Eliot, MAG Transportation Manager*
([26:36](#))

On August 22-23, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted the certification review of the transportation planning process for the Provo-Orem urbanized area. FHWA and FTA are required to jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process for each urbanized area with a population over 200,000 at least every four years to determine if the process meets the Federal planning requirements.

MAG is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Provo-Orem urbanized area in Utah County. UDOT is the responsible state transportation agency and UTA is the responsible public transportation operator. Current membership of the MAG MPO consists of elected officials and citizens from the political jurisdictions in Utah County. The study area includes all the populated regions of Utah County, with the City of Provo as the largest population center.

The scope of the federal review of the metropolitan transportation planning process was comprehensive, covering the transportation planning process for the entire area. The federal review team's work consisted of reviewing the products of the planning process, reviewing the ongoing oversight activities conducted by the FHWA and the FTA, and an onsite review.

As a result of this Certification Review, the Provo-Orem metropolitan planning process performed principally by MAG, UDOT, and UTA is certified through November 1, 2027. The report outlined five areas of commendation, five areas where improvement is recommended, and four corrective actions. MPO staff will move forward to implement the recommendations, and corrective actions listed in the review report.

See [MAG Certification Review Final Report](#) for details.

Community Profiles *Tim Hereth, MAG Analytics Manager (34:41)*

The Community Profiles application houses the combined data of Census and MAG products for easy access to these data for each community. It was built as part of accomplishing the goals of the MAG Planning Analytics Division to 1) Create up-to-date and innovative data, maps, and information to support MAG's studies, plans, and objectives and to support our member local governments and 2) Improve access and usability of MAG's products, including data, maps, and models.

An overview of the website was provided www.mountainland.org/community-profiles

Unified Transportation Plan Update *Shawn Eliot, MAG Transportation Manager (47:10)*

Mountainland MPO, WFRC, Cache MPO, Dixie MPO, UDOT), and UTA have finalized Utah's Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) 2023-2050. The Unified Plan incorporates projects, revenues, and costs of the MPO's Regional Transportation Plans and UDOT's rural transportation plan, all recently adopted. This nationally recognized process comprehensively includes all modes of transportation (roadway, transit, and active transportation). It collectively identifies new capacity needs to accommodate for growth in travel demand and the maintenance, preservation, and operation of the transportation system. It also includes a financial plan.

The UTP identifies \$153 billion (2023 dollars) of total transportation needs statewide between now and 2050, and is fiscally constrained to \$113 billion of these needs, based on the revenues that are projected to be available during that period.

The UTP is a shared vision for how transportation can support key quality of life outcomes through better mobility, good health, connected communities, and a strong economy.

An updated interactive map is available on [the plan website](#) to review capacity projects. A user can view projects by Planning Area, Mode of transportation, Phase of time, UDOT Region, Senate District, and House District.

Other Business and Adjournment [\(54:58\)](#)

Bob Allen reminded TAC members that the next round of concept reports is due February 12, 2024. The Workflow process is in development. MAG staff welcome feedback and requests as the program is being developed.

The next MPO TAC meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024.

Brad Kenison moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m. Richard Nielson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.