

MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
 March 28, 2024

WFRC Council meeting was held at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom. The following were present:

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2024		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Lee Perry	yes	Monica Zoltanski, Sandy City Mayor
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Jeff Acerson, UTA Trustee
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Michelle Larsen, UTA
Brandon Stanger	yes	Shule Bishop, UTA
Mark Shepherd	yes	Dina Blaes, SLCo
Joy Petro	yes	Blaine Fackrell, Morgan County
Bob Stevenson	yes	Heather McLaughlin-Kolb, SLC
MORGAN COUNTY		Ken Phippen, Farr West Mayor
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Dave Maughan, Syracuse Mayor
Alternate - Robert McConnell	no	Marcus Stevenson, Midvale Mayor
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Rob Vanderwood, West Haven Mayor
Jenny Wilson	yes	Nando Meli, Stockton Town Mayor
Erin Mendenhall	yes	Mike Weichers, Cottonwood Heights Mayor
Dawn Ramsey	yes	Camron Diehl, ULCT
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Rex Harris, FHWA
Robert Dahle	yes	Kim Bell, Sandy City Deputy Mayor
Dirk Burton	yes	Nathan Cherpesci, Herriman City
Kristie Overson	yes	Wendy Thomas, Herriman City
TOOELE COUNTY		Alexander Johnson, Congressman Owens
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	Aspen Hawkes
Alternate - Debbie Winn	no	Spencer Shaver, Save Our Canyons
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Alixel Cabnara
Gage Froerer	yes	Wendelin Knobloch, Midvale City
Jim Harvey	yes	Benjamin Wood, City Weekly
Robert Dandoy	yes	
Ben Nadolski	yes	WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Miranda Jones Cox, Ted Knowlton, Nate Currey, Kevrine Wells,
UDOT & UTA		
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	no	Tim Watkins, Madison Aviles, Christy Dahlberg,
Alternate - Ben Huot, UDOT	yes	Marian Florence, Matt Ryan, Ben Wuthrich,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Julie Bjornstad, Wayne Bennion, Kip Billings,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Hugh Van Wagenen, Byron Head, Jory Johner,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		Marcia White, Megan Townsend, Bert Granberg,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	no	Sarah Lawless, Josh Reynolds, Suzie Swim,
Troy Walker - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Chad Worthen, Rosie Hernandez,
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	no	Jackson Richards, Jordon Chandler,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Andrea Pearson
Calvin Musselman - State House of Representatives	yes	
Laura Hanson - State Planning Coordinator	yes	

1. Welcome and Consent Agenda [00:00:20]

At 1:37pm, Council Vice Chair, Commissioner Bob Stevenson welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests. Commissioner Stevenson excused Council Chair Mayor Dawn Ramsey. Introductions were made around the table, and online via roll call.

[00:05:20] ACTION: Commissioner Stevenson brought attention to th- the minutes of the January 25, 2024 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for December 2023 & January 2024 and

Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to approve all the documents as presented and Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:06:22]

a. 2024 Utah Legislative Session Overview

Commissioner Stevenson introduced Representative Calvin Musselman, who shared his thoughts on the Session. [00:18:19] Senator Wayne Harper also provided remarks about some legislative outcomes. [00:17:28; 00:21:18] The Council also heard from Andrew Gruber and Miranda Jones Cox, both with WFRC, who explained the legislation that is pertinent to the region. [00:29:19] Mayor Erin Mendenhall commented on the Power District development project, which could include a major league baseball stadium. WFRC members can continue to keep themselves apprised of notable legislation by referencing WFRC's [bill tracker](#), found on WFRC's website.

3. Public Comment [00:44:27]

Commissioner Stevenson opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments.

4. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [00:44:56]

a. Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair, stated that since the last meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), requests were received to modify the current 2024-2029 TIP. The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the Utah Transportation Commission but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modification is attached to the approved resolution.

b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [00:45:10]

Mayor Shepherd then turned the time to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC. Mr. Wuthrich continued the report by briefly describing the modification requests to the current 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). [00:55:10] **ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

c. ACTION: Roadway Safety Resolution [00:57:45]

Mayor Shepherd continued the Trans Com report by asking Kip Billings, WFRC, to explain the collaborative effort of developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for all roadway users in the WFRC region. An analysis of safety needs was completed last fall, which included crash history, roadway risk factors, and input from communities throughout Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele, Morgan, and southern Box Elder counties. Strategies and project types to address these safety needs have recently been shared and discussed with communities at a series of 12 geographic focus area meetings. The needs analysis and recommended strategies, along with other elements of this planning effort are being documented in the [draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan](#). As part of the Action Plan, a resolution has been prepared to establish a goal to work towards zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries. This resolution will affirm WFRC's commitment to improving roadway safety. Trans Com reviewed and unanimously recommended the adoption of this safety resolution at their February 15 meeting. [01:13:48] **ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd made a motion to adopt the resolution to work towards zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries, and delegate to Trans Com the authority to adopt the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Commissioner Lee Perry seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

d. Report on Obligations of federal transportation funds during FY23 [01:14:15]

Mayor Shepherd turned the time back to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC. Mr. Wuthrich presented information on the annual obligations of federal transportation funds during FY23.

5. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [01:18:16]

Commissioner Stevenson brought attention to the agenda order, stating the Item 5b will be discussed prior to Item 5a, and turned the time to Mayor Bob Dandoy, RGC Chair. Mayor Dandoy introduced Megan Townsend, WFRC, who provided the report, assisted by Byron Head, also with WFRC.

a. **ACTION: RTP Amendment Process update [01:31:57]** Mayor Dandoy then turned the time over to Julie Bjornstad, WFRC, who outlined the proposed clarifications and minor adjustments to the Amendment Process for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). **[01:38:44] ACTION:** Mayor Bob Dandoy, made a motion directing WFRC staff to update the RTP amendment process as presented, and make any minor technical modifications as needed in consultation with the RGC Chair and Vice Chair, as well as adding a notification to all affected entities. Mayor Brandon Stanger seconded the motion. After no further discussion on the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. **Planning Technical Assistance for Local Governments [01:18:58]**

1. Ms. Townsend reviewed technical assistance programs as well as the 11 Awards for the Transportation and Land Use Connection Program for 2024.

2. **[01:23:37]** Mr. Head gave an overview of Station Area Planning and introduced the seven stations up for review in West Jordan and Midvale. Mayor Dirk Burton expressed appreciation for this opportunity for his city. **[01:28:02] ACTION:** Mayor Dirk Burton made a motion to recommend certification of the Station Area Plan covering the following stations in West Jordan: Bingham Junction, Historic Gardner, & West Jordan City Center. Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

3. **[01:29:21]** Mr. Head then gave an introduction to Midvale's four station areas, and turned some time over Marcus Stevenson, Midvale City Mayor. **[01:30:50] ACTION:** Mayor Bob Dandoy made a motion to recommend certification of the Station Area Plan covering the following stations in Midvale: Bingham Junction, Historic Gardner, Midvale Fort Union & Midvale Center. Mayor Dirk Burton seconded the motion. After no further discussion on the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Budget Committee [01:39:20]**

Commissioner Stevenson then brought the group's attention to Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, WFRC Budget Committee Chair, for the WFRC Budget Committee report.

a. **ACTION: Release the Draft FY25 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment**

Councilmember Winder Newton gave a brief introduction and then turned the time over to Andrew Gruber, WFRC, who provided an overview on the process for the FY25 Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Gruber provided a high-level summary of WFRC's FY25 Goals and the UPWP. **[01:45:14]** Marian Florence, WFRC, presented the FY25 Draft WFRC Budget, discussing the two major changes to the budget: consulting, and staffing. **[01:50:50] ACTION:** Councilmember Winder Newton made a motion to release the draft FY25 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment. Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion. With no further discussion, releasing the three FY25 documents for public comment was approved unanimously.

7. **Reports [01:51:23]**

a. **Key findings from the 2023 Utah Moves Transportation Survey**

Commissioner Stevenson stated that due to the time, this item will be tabled for another meeting.

b. **[01:51:33] Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update**

Commissioner Stevenson invited Mayor Troy Walker, ATC Chair, to provide an update. Mayor Walker discussed the Beehive Bikeways effort, the Utah Trail Network progress, and reminded the group about the Golden Spoke Ride on May 11, in celebrating May as National Bike Month.

c. **[01:55:15] Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update**

Commissioner Stevenson invited Commissioner Gage Froerer, WFEDD Chair, to provide an update.

Commissioner Froerer informed the group that the WFEDD is implementing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy tasks and has internally prioritized four key anchors for 2024: Promoting City and Town Centers, Facilitating Economic Development Capacity, Supporting Human Capital Development, and Leveraging a Diverse Business Environment.

d. [01:58:30] Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards announcement

Christy Dahlberg, WFRC, presented the 2023 Project Awards List for CDBG.

e. Executive Director's Report [01:59:37]

Commissioner Stevenson turned the time to Andrew Gruber, WFRC, who gave a brief look-ahead regarding the tabled Item 7a. There will be more information compiled and provided to the group, sharing the data that was gathered during the Utah Moves Transportation Survey.

8. Other Business and Adjournment [02:01:31]

Commissioner Stevenson stated that the next Council meeting will be held on May 23, 2024, and pointed out the upcoming events on the bottom of the meeting agenda. With no further business, the Commissioner adjourned the meeting at 3:39pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org