

MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
August 22, 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	no	Monica Zoltanski, Sandy City Mayor
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Tamara Tran, Kaysville Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Mike Weichers, Cottonwood Heights Mayor
Brandon Stanger	yes	Lorin Palmer, Herriman Mayor
Mark Shepherd	yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
Joy Petro	no	Rex Harris, FHWA
Bob Stevenson	yes	Catherine Raney Norman
MORGAN COUNTY		Colin Hilton; Michael Huerta
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Rachel Otto, SLCity
Alternate - Robert McConnell	no	Katie Williams, Farr West City Council
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Michelle Larsen, UTA
Jenny Wilson	no	Dave Maughn, Syracuse Mayor
Erin Mendenhall	no	Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
Dawn Ramsey	yes	Silvia Catten, Millcreek City Council
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Cameron Diehl, ULCT
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Ajla Hadzialijagic
Robert Dahle	yes	HD Sanderson - Rep. Curtis
Dirk Burton	no	Jamie Dansie, SLCo; Joe Taylor, SLCo
Kristie Overson	yes	Benjamin Wood, City Weekly
TOOELE COUNTY		Jordan Sackley; Alex Johnson
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	Nathan Cherpesci, Herriman
Alternate - Debbie Winn	yes	Sherry Stevens
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Terrah Anderson, GOPB
Gage Froerer	yes	Andrew Gemperline, Avenue Consultants
Jim Harvey	no	Jack Henneman, Avenue Consultants
Robert Dandoy	yes	Brad McIlrath, Clearfield City
Ben Nadolski	yes	Duane Huffman, West Bountiful City
UDOT & UTA		Erika Chunielewski, GSBS Consulting
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	yes	Steve Van Maren, Forest
Alternate - Ben Huot, UDOT	yes	WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Miranda Jones Cox,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Ted Knowlton, Madison Aviles, Suzie Swim,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Marian Florence, Byron Head, Josh Reynolds,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		Kip Billings, Wayne Bennion, Ben Wuthrich,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	no	Lauren Victor, Megan Townsend, Jory Johner,
Troy Walker - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Marcia White, Bill Hereth, Bert Granberg,
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	Matt Ryan, Tim Watkins, Andy Li, Chad Worthen,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	yes	Chris Day, Dallin Borrowman, Kevrine Wells,
Calvin Musselman - State House of Representatives	yes	Rosie Hernandez, Jordon Chandler,
Laura Hanson - State Planning Coordinator	yes	Andrea Pearson

1. Welcome and Consent Agenda [00:00:05]

At 1:40pm, Council Chair Mayor Dawn Ramsey welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests. Introductions were made around the table, and online via roll call. [00:04:28]

ACTION: Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the first item on the agenda - the minutes of the May 23, 2024 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for April, May, and June 2024 and

Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve all the documents as presented and Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:05:21]

a. Looking Ahead to the 2034 Olympics - Transportation and our Communities

As Utah looks forward to again hosting the Olympics in 2034, WFRC and many other partner agencies are beginning preparations to welcome the world – and consider what we want our communities, region, and state to be in 2034 and beyond. Mayor Ramsey turned the meeting to special guests Catherine Raney Norman, Chair of the Utah Olympic Committee, and Colin Hilton, President/CEO of the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, and Michael Huerta, former U.S. DOT official and part of the Utah Olympic Committee.

b. WFRC FY24 Activities and Accomplishments Report [00:37:40]

Mayor Ramsey introduced Andrew Gruber, Executive Director of Wasatch Front Regional Council, who gave an overview of the WFRC FY24 Activities and Accomplishments Report, and how it aligns with agency goals and showcases some of WFRC's projects implemented over the past year.

3. Public Comment [00:58:10]

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:58:33]

a. ACTION: Station Area Planning: Clearfield Station, Murray North Station (Murray, Millcreek) Woods Cross Station (West Bountiful)

Mayor Ramsey directed the meeting to Mayor Bob Dandoy, Chair of RGC, for an update. The Regional Growth Committee made a recommendation to the Council to certify three station area plans in Clearfield, Murray / Millcreek, and Woods Cross / West Bountiful. Mayor Dandoy stated that Station Area Planning is the local effort to plan and zone around transit stations, which are key areas to effectively accommodate growth. WFRC is given the responsibility to certify that the SAPs satisfy the statutory requirements. Mayor Dandoy then turned the time to Megan Townsend, WFRC, for the presentation. **[01:12:10] ACTION:** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion, supported by the Regional Growth Committee and WFRC staff, to recommend adoption and certification of the three Station Area Plans as presented. Mayor Bob Dandoy seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:12:57]

Mayor Ramsey moved on to the next item on the agenda, calling on Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair.

a. Report: Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [01:13:15]

Mayor Shepherd 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). The modification is attached to the approved resolution.

b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 (TIP) [01:14:15]

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). **[01:15:05] ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

c. ACTION: Approve the 2025-2030 TIP [01:15:45]

Mr. Wuthrich then presented an overview of the 2025-2030 TIP, the types of projects and the requirements needed to be considered. Mr. Wuthrich discussed the process of the TIP, and the recent public comment period and open houses that were held. **[01:27:17] ACTION** Mayor

Mark Shepherd made a motion to Approve the 2025-2030 TIP. UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

d. Self-Certification of Planning Process [01:28:10]

Mayor Shepherd explained that when the TIP is submitted to FHWA and FTA, WFRC is required to certify along with UDOT that the regional planning process complies with federal regulations. The TransCom committee reviewed the process with staff, and recommended that the council approve the certification. **[01:28:35] ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve Self-Certification of the Planning Process. Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion was approved unanimously,

6. Reports [01:29:06]

a. WFRC funding opportunities for local governments

Wayne Bennion, and Megan Townsend, both with WFRC, discussed the WFRC funding opportunities for local governments , as well as deadlines and contact information. An email containing further information about sending in letters of intent will be sent out to all communities early next week.

b. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update [01:37:06]

Commissioner Gage Froerer, WFEDD Chair, reminded the group that promoting city and town centers is one of the Key Anchors in the 2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The last WFEDD meeting focused on the Layton City Economic Development Strategy Plan. This effort, funded through the Transportation and Land Use Connection program, is still underway and focuses on how the promotion of city and town centers is important to the growth and economic vitality of Layton City. In addition, WFEDD hosted the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to talk about two funding opportunities from the state: the Utah APEX Accelerator, and the Utah Innovation Center.

c. Executive Director's report [01:39:21]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, reminded the group about the upcoming Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO) conference that will be held the last week of September. WFRC is honored to be the host city.

7. Other Business and Adjournment [01:40:53]

Mayor Ramsey noted the upcoming events on the agenda. The next meeting of the WFRC Council will be held on October 24, 2024. Mayor Ramsey also noted several upcoming conferences - ULCT, UAC, and AMPO and that the Wasatch Choice Vision Fall 2024 Workshops have been scheduled for between October 16 - November 18 and calendar appointments have been sent. **[01:41:39]** Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Ben Nadolski. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:22pm.