

MPO Board Meeting

May 8, 2025 | 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Board Member Attendees	Present	Alternates/ Others in Attendance
Mayor Carla Merrill, Alpine	✓	Eric Ellis, Alternate for Mayor Fullmer
Mayor Brad Frost, American Fork - Vice Chair	✓	Ezra Nair, Alternate for Commissioner Gordon
Mayor Wyatt Cook, Cedar Fort	✓	
Mayor Denise Andersen, Cedar Hills	✓	Boyd Humpherys, UDOT
Mayor Troy Walker, Draper		Dede Murray, UTA
Mayor Tom Westmorland, Eagle Mountain		Jeff Lewis, UDOT
Mayor Robert Haddock, Elk Ridge		Chandler Beutler, UTA
Mayor Hollie McKinney, Fairfield		Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Mayor Neil Brown, Genola		Jaron Robertson
Mayor Steven Staheli, Goshen		Tonya
Mayor Kurt Ostler, Highland	✓	
Mayor Mark Johnson, Lehi	✓	
Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon	✓	
Mayor Dallas Hakes, Mapleton		
Mayor David Young, Orem	✓	
Mayor Bill Wright, Payson - Chair	✓	
Mayor Guy Fugal, Pleasant Grove	✓	
Mayor Michelle Kaufusi, Provo	✓	
Mayor Kurt Christensen, Salem		
Mayor Daniel Olson, Santaquin	✓	
Mayor Jim Miller, Saratoga Springs	✓	
Mayor Mike Mendenhall, Spanish Fork		
Mayor Matt Packard, Springville	✓	
Mayor Julie Fullmer, Vineyard		
Mayor Brent Winder, Woodland Hills		
Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County		
Commissioner Brandon Gordon, Utah County		
Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County		
Bryce Bird, Utah Division of Air Quality	✓	
Carlos Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation	✓	
Trustee Jeff Acerson, Utah Transit Authority	✓	
Mayor Natalie Hall, Bluffdale*		
BG Shawn M. Fuellenbach, Camp Williams*	✓	
Trisha Sharma, FHWA*		
Peter Hadley, FTA*		
Jered Johnson, MPO TAC Chair*	✓	
MAG STAFF		
April Crane, Finance Director		
Andrew Wooley, IT Manager		
Bob Allen, Sr. Transportation Planner		
Calvin Clark, Transportation Project Manager		
Johnathon Knapton, Communications Manager		
Kendall Willardson, Transportation Planner		
Kimberly Brenneman, Executive Assistant		
LaNiece Davenport, MPO Director		
Michelle Carroll, Executive Director		
Shauna Mecham, Planner/ Air Quality Analyst		
Spencer Foster, Local Administrative Advisor		
Tim Hereth, Analytics Manager		

DISCUSSION & AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order (00:00:05)

Chair Mayor Bill Wright opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Public Comment (00:05:40)

Chair Mayor Bill Wright opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments.

Minutes - Action (00:06:53)

Mayor Denise Anderson moved to approve the minutes from April 10, 2025.

Mayor Mark Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

TIP Modification - Orem 1600 N/400 E Roundabout - Scope Change (00:07:34)

Bob Allen presented a modification request for the Orem 1600 North 400 East roundabout project. Originally, the project aimed to improve safety at an intersection where the Murdock Canal Trail crosses diagonally, following a previous fatality. Initially planned as a roundabout, Orem City determined that a roundabout would not effectively address the safety issues. Instead, they proposed pedestrian-specific safety improvements while continuing to pursue long-term funding for a potential grade separation (bridge or tunnel). The total cost for these pedestrian improvements would be \$390,000, with approximately \$1 million returning to the fund. Multiple Board Members discussed the challenges of implementing a grade separation, including utility and power line complications. Specific comments made by the Board Members included confirming the intersection is currently dangerous, with significant pedestrian and cyclist traffic, the trail sees over 1 million travels per year between Orem and Lindon, and emphasizing the importance of making the area safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Commissioner Skyler Beltran moved to approve modifications to the Orem 1600 N 400 E Roundabout project to include pedestrian intersection improvements as presented.

Mayor Carolyn Lundberg seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

Corridor Preservation Provo 800 North (00:20:43)

Calvin Clark presented a Corridor Preservation request for the Provo 800 North corridor. The property in question is located at 825 West, 800 North, and is a single-family home on the east side of the river. The home was appraised at \$700,000, with estimated closing costs of \$575, bringing the total request to \$700,575. Calvin Clark noted that the property owner approached the city as a willing seller. The property is one of the last homes before the river and will be needed for straightening the road for the ultimate RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) project. The total unobligated funds in the corridor preservation pot are approximately \$7.8 million.

Mayor Matt Packard moved to approve the city of Provo's request for \$700,575 from the Corridor Preservation Fund, finding that it adheres to the fund's requirements.

Mayor Jim Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

Appoint Legislators to MPO Board (00:23:24)

LaNiece Davenport presented the staff report on appointing Legislators to the MPO Board. She explained that the Board's bylaws allow for legislative representatives as voting members, with the goal of strengthening collaboration and helping legislators better understand regional transportation and infrastructure issues. After engaging with legislative leadership, they identified two potential representatives: Senator Mike McKell, who is in leadership and represents District 25, and Representative David Shallenberger, a new legislator who sits on the Transportation and Infrastructure Appropriation SubCommittee. LaNiece Davenport noted that they reached out to leadership to get recommendations and then directly contacted the legislators to confirm their interest.

Mayor Michelle Kaufusi moved to appoint the following legislators to serve as members of the MPO Board: Senator Mike McKell and Representative David Shallenberger with the adjustments that they will be re-appointment annually or biennial with staff exploring a North County Legislator.

Mayor Jim Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

MAG MPO FY2026 Work Plan (UPWP) Draft (00:37:37)

LaNiece Davenport presented the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2026, a required annual document that outlines the MPO's planned work and funding allocations from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The document describes the MPO's work in addressing 10 federal planning requirements, including economic vitality, safety, security, access, mobility, environmental support, connectivity, system preservation, resiliency, and travel and tourism. The program aligns with Federal, State, and local goals, particularly through the ongoing development of the 2027 Regional Transportation Plan. Four key planning priorities were identified: regional policy framework, transportation grid network, data and transportation planning, and safety. The document breaks down revenue sources, expenses, and five core programs: long-range transportation planning, short-range planning, travel demand and socio-economic forecasting, technical planning assistance, and administration and coordination. LaNiece Davenport noted they are about 90% successful in accomplishing the previous year's planned tasks and will seek Board approval for an amended version in the July meeting. The comprehensive plan details responsible parties, major tasks, timelines, and anticipated costs for each work task.

Other Business and Adjournment (00:53:40)

Chair Mayor Bill Wright stated the next MPO Board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025.

Mayor Mark Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Eric Ellis seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.