

# MPO Board Meeting

July 10, 2025 | 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Board Member Attendees	Present	Alternates/ Others in Attendance
Mayor Carla Merrill, Alpine		Gordon Haight, Provo alternate
Mayor Brad Frost, American Fork - Vice Chair	✓	Ryan Clark, Orem alternate
Mayor Wyatt Cook, Cedar Fort		Jim Evans, UDOT alternate
Mayor Denise Andersen, Cedar Hills	✓	Paige Albrecht, Lehi alternate
Mayor Troy Walker, Draper		Morgan Brim, Vineyard alternate
Mayor Tom Westmorland, Eagle Mountain		Rich Wood, Eagle Mountain alternate
Mayor Robert Haddock, Elk Ridge		Ivan Marrero, FHWA alternate
Mayor Hollie McKinney, Fairfield		Holly Sweeten, Legislative Offices
Mayor Neil Brown, Genola	✓	Dede Murray, UTA
Mayor Steven Staheli, Goshen		Alex Beim, UTA
Mayor Kurt Ostler, Highland	✓	Rob Clayton, UDOT
Mayor Mark Johnson, Lehi		Jack Henneman, Fehr & Peers
Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon	✓	Jackie Larson
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 Bracerias, Utah Department of Transportation	✓	
Trustee Jeff Acerson, Utah Transit Authority	✓	
Mayor Natalie Hall, Bluffdale*		
BG Shawn M. Fuellenbach, Camp Williams*		
Zane Pulver, FHWA*		
Peter Hadley, FTA*		
Jered Johnson, MPO TAC Chair*		
		<b>MAG STAFF</b>
		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

## DISCUSSION & AGENDA ITEMS

### **Call to Order (00:00:09)**

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

### **Public Comment (00:03:51)**

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

### **Minutes - Action (00:04:06)**

Mayor Dan Olson moved to approve the minutes from June 26, 2025.

Mayor Denise Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

### **2024 UTA On Board Survey report (00:04:42)**

Dede Murray from UTA's Strategic Planning Department presented the results of the 2024 onboard survey, which is conducted every four years to fulfill FTA Title VI requirements and to inform planning efforts. The survey, managed by consultant RSG, included both origin-destination and on/off surveys, and for the first time, covered on-demand services and weekend riders. Key findings showed that over half of UTA riders earn less than \$45,000 annually, the majority identify as white or Caucasian, and there has been an increase in zero-vehicle households. Most riders access transit by walking, and electronic cards are the most popular fare payment method. The survey also revealed that 74% of on-demand users are transit-reliant and nearly 80% lack a driver's license. Dede Murray noted that while the survey provides valuable demographic and usage data, it does not capture total ridership or detailed information such as walking distances to transit. She addressed questions about survey methodology, including the use of randomized, in-person sampling and the potential for more frequent or digital surveys. Board members discussed the possibility of comparing results with similar agencies nationwide and suggested improvements for future data collection. Dede Murray welcomed further input from the Board to enhance future surveys and planning efforts.

### **Corridor Preservation - Saratoga Springs - Pony Express Parkway (00:18:06)**

Calvin Clark presented a Corridor Preservation funding request for the Pony Express Parkway project in Saratoga Springs. He explained that the request was a follow-up to a previous approval, necessitated by unforeseen circumstances such as increased property values and the omission of closing costs in the original request. The updated request sought an additional \$187,500 to cover these changes. Calvin Clark detailed that two of the four properties involved had already closed, while the remaining two, owned by the same individual, required updated appraisals. Board members questioned the high estimated closing costs, particularly the survey expenses, suggesting they seemed excessive compared to typical rates. Calvin Clark responded that the estimates were intentionally conservative to avoid returning for further approvals and that costs could vary by city and property type. He also clarified the process for handling any surplus property, noting that any excess land would be sold and proceeds returned to the fund.

Mayor Kurt Ostler moved to approve the addition of \$187,500 to the Saratoga Springs Pony Express Corridor Preservation project for the listed property acquisitions subject to verifying a competitive survey price.

Mayor Matt Packard seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

**Corridor Preservation - Utah County - Loafer Mountain Parkway (00:27:18)**

Calvin Clark presented a Corridor Preservation funding request for the Loafer Mountain Parkway project in Utah County. He explained that the request involved acquiring portions of two parcels totaling 4.56 acres, needed for the extension of the parkway and the construction of a five-lane cross section. Calvin Clark provided details on the parcels, including the presence of some older buildings and the need for a full take of one parcel due to the road's alignment. He shared appraisal values for each parcel and estimated closing costs, bringing the total funding request to \$2,725,300. Calvin Clark used maps to illustrate the project's location and the impact on the parcels.

Gordon Haight moved to approve Utah County's Corridor Preservation request for \$2,725,300 for the presented properties for the Loafer Mountain Parkway.

Mayor Brad Frost seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

**Corridor Preservation - Provo - 2230 North (00:31:22)**

Calvin Clark presented a Corridor Preservation funding request for a property on Provo 2230 North. He explained that the city was approached by a willing seller of a single-family home, and the appraised value of the property was \$650,000, with estimated closing costs of \$1,625, bringing the total request to \$651,625. Calvin Clark noted that the closing costs were lower than in other projects because Provo City could handle many services in-house, reducing extra fees. He provided an overview of the corridor, highlighting its importance and previous acquisitions along the same route.

Mayor Brad Frost moved to approve this Provo City Corridor Preservation Fund request for \$651,625.

Mayor Dan Olson seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

**MPO Board Bylaws Amendment - Legislative Membership (00:34:31)**

LaNiece Davenport presented draft updates to the MPO Board Bylaws, prompted by the recent appointment of two legislators to the Board. She explained that the changes were designed to formalize a process for ensuring meaningful engagement and participation by legislative members. The updated bylaws introduce a biannual review, during which the Board Chair, with staff support, will assess the legislators' contributions and alignment with the MPO's mission, and then recommend whether they should continue or be dismissed. LaNiece Davenport guided the Board through the relevant sections of the redlined bylaws and addressed questions, including a lighthearted discussion about the correct spelling of "biannually".

Mayor Matt Packard moved to approve the updated MPO Board and TAC Bylaws.

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

**TIP Modification - Springville - 800 S 800 E Roundabout - Additional Funds (00:37:56)**

Bob Allen presented a TIP modification for a roundabout project at the intersection of 800 South and 800 East in Springville. He explained that the project, originally awarded \$795,750 in County funds, now requires additional funding due to inflation, with the current estimate rising to over \$2.2 million. Springville has agreed to handle construction management and inspections themselves to help reduce costs. The roundabout will feature a five-leg design to improve connectivity in the area. Bob Allen detailed the project's design and funding needs. A Board member commended Springville for their willingness to take on extra responsibilities to keep costs down.

Mayor Dan Olson moved to add \$1,331,000 to the Springville 800 S 800 E intersection Project.

Mayor Denise Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

**TIP Modification - Springville - Canyon Rd Trailhead - Additional Funds (00:41:04)**

Bob Allen presented a TIP modification request for the Springville Canyon Road Trailhead project. He explained that the project, originally awarded \$607,000 in federal funds for active transportation, aims to build a new trailhead at the intersection of the Mapleton Lateral Canal Trail and the Hobble Creek Trail—two of the region's most heavily used trails. Due to increased construction costs, the project estimate has risen to over \$728,000. With available contingency funds applied, the Board was asked to approve an additional \$61,008 to cover the funding gap. Bob Allen described the project's location and significance.

Mayor Brad Frost moved to approve to add \$61,008 to the Springville Canyon Road Trailhead Project.

Mayor Matt Packard seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

**TIP Modification - Vineyard - Regional Trail Enhancements - Scope Change and Additional Funds (00:43:26)**

Bob Allen informed the Board that the project listed as agenda item 7c would be tabled for the time being. He explained that there had been changes to the project request since it was last reviewed by the MPO TAC, necessitating further review before it could proceed. Bob Allen stated that the project would be brought back for consideration at a future meeting.

Page Albrecht moved to continue the request from Vineyard until a future meeting.

Mayor Matt Packard seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

**RTP: 2027 Process Development Update (00:44:00)**

Kendall Willardson and Jack Henneman introduced the kickoff of the 2027 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development process. Kendall Willardson emphasized the collaborative effort between MAG staff and the team at Fehr & Peers, highlighting the importance of involving board members and stakeholders throughout the two-year planning period. Jack Henneman outlined the structured workflow for the RTP, identifying five key decision points: understanding current and future trends, exploring a range of solutions, choosing and prioritizing investments, and implementing the plan. He stressed the importance of transparency, clear timelines, and active engagement with board members, including small group and one-on-one sessions,

workshops, and regular opportunities for feedback. Both presenters encouraged board members to participate fully, ensuring the plan reflects the region's needs and priorities, and expressed enthusiasm for working together to develop a comprehensive transportation strategy for Utah County through 2055.

#### **2026 TIP Draft (Public Comment) (00:53:55)**

Bob Allen updated the Board on the 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) draft and the public comment process. He noted that while there are no new MAG-funded projects this year, UDOT and UTA have added significant projects, including a new interchange at Santaquin Main Street and the widening of the freeway in south Utah County. Bob Allen explained that the TIP is currently open for public comment, with information available online and at an upcoming open house. He encouraged board members and the public to review the TIP and submit feedback, and mentioned that the Board will be asked to formally adopt the updated TIP at the next meeting.

#### **Other Business and Adjournment (00:56:08)**

LaNiece Davenport expressed gratitude to UTA and the Transportation Commission for approving a \$5 million Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study focused on improving east-west transportation connections in northern Utah County, including the feasibility of a bridge across Utah Lake. She highlighted the study's importance for understanding permit requirements, feasibility, and costs, and anticipated close coordination with UTA. Rob Clayton from UDOT then provided additional highlights from the recent Transportation Commission meeting, noting several significant projects that received funding or approval. These included the Provo sub rail consolidation project, a safety and mobility improvement in Lindon, a grade separation at the intersection of US 6 and US 89 in Spanish Fork Canyon, the widening of I-15 from Payson to Santaquin, and the reconstruction of the US 6 interchange. Rob Clayton emphasized the collaborative planning and foresight of local cities and the Transportation Commission in advancing these important transportation initiatives.

Mayor Carolyn Lundberg brought attention to an unintended consequence of a new state law (HB 309) that requires all users of wildlife management areas—including hikers and joggers—to pay a \$40 hunting or fishing license fee. She explained that this has impacted segments of the popular Bonneville Shoreline Trail, where users are now being stopped and informed they must pay the fee, causing confusion and frustration among the public. Other board members shared similar experiences in their communities and noted that the issue is currently being enforced. A board member reported that legislators recognize the problem as an oversight and are working to address it, but enforcement continues in the meantime. The Board discussed the possibility of drafting a letter to legislators to request an exemption for the trail, with several mayors expressing support for a collective response.

Chair Mayor Bill Wright stated the next MPO Board meeting is scheduled for August 14th.

Mayor Carolyn Lundberg moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Matt Packard seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.