



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
May 22, 2025

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

1. Welcome & Consent Agenda [00:00:22]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey called the Council meeting to order at 1:38pm. Introductions were completed for those attending in person and online. **[00:06:51] ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for February & March 2025 and Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to approve all the documents as presented and Mayor Dustin Gettel seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:08:00]

Mayor Ramsey opted to forgo a formal report to proceed directly to the substantive items on the agenda.

3. Public Comment [00:08:12]

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting for public comment. No public comments were received.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:09:09]

Mayor Ramsey turned to Mayor Bob Dandoy, who reported on the recent RGC meeting, which included the approval of Amendment #3 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Amendment #3 involved 11 project modifications, five reviewed and approved by RGC, and six by staff in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair. The WFRC team consulted with all affected communities on amendments to the RTP.

a. Wasatch Choice Vision Mid-Cycle Land Use Update [00:11:50]

The Wasatch Choice Vision, the shared framework for transportation, land use, and economic development, had a major land use update reflecting community frameworks for addressing growth. This vision is crucial for housing and directly impacts transportation projects in the Regional Transportation Plan and Utah's Unified Transportation Plan. Ted Knowlton, WFRC Deputy Director, stated that communities collaborated extensively, and conveyed thoughts on land use as it relates to transportation through an extensive input process. Tim Watkins, WFRC Community Planner, provided information about how new land use is actively developed, and how significant interest and buy-in is important for creating centers.

b. ACTION: Station Area Plan Certification [00:23:44]

Mayor Dandoy, continued the RGC report, introducing Meg Padjen, WFRC Community and Economic Development Director, who discussed this item and recommended that the Council certify Station Area Plans (SAPs) for Draper City, Taylorsville City, and West Jordan City. WFRC is responsible for certifying that SAPs meet statutory requirements. **[00:39:34] ACTION:** A motion was made by Mayor Kristie Overson to certify the Draper Town Center, West Jordan 5600 West, and Taylorsville Expressway Station Area Plans, and was seconded by Commissioner Jim Harvey. This motion was approved unanimously.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [00:40:56]

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Mayor Mark Shepherd, Chair of Trans Com, who introduced Ben Wuthrich, Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator at WFRC.

a. Board Modifications to the 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [00:48:53] Mr. Wuthrich stated that WFRC staff has again received requests to modify the current 2025-2030 TIP and he briefly discussed each project on the list, also included in the meeting materials. **[00:48:53] ACTION:** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2025-2030 TIP as requested. Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

b. ACTION: Approve Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects for the 2026-2031 TIP [00:50:00] Mr. Wuthrich continued, providing a brief overview of the process for developing recommendations for adding new projects to the four federal funding programs: STP, CMAQ, TAP, and CRP. He then gave an overview of the projects slated for inclusion in these programs for the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **[01:04:49] ACTION:** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the addition of

the new projects that have been reviewed and recommended by Trans Com in the four programs: STP, CMAQ, TAP, and CRP. Mayor Monica Zoltanski seconded the motion. The affirmative motion passed unanimously.

6. WFRC Budget Committee [01:06:16]

Mayor Ramsey excused WFRC Budget Committee Chair, Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, and turned the time to Vice Chair Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, who reported that the Budget Committee met earlier this month and is bringing one action item and one informational item before the Council.

a. Public Hearing and ACTION: Approve the FY26 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The FY26 WFRC goals, budget, and Unified Planning Work Program, outlining WFRC activities for fiscal year 2026, were provided in the packets. These materials were prepared by staff in coordination with the Budget Committee, and were previously presented to the Council in March, authorizing their release for public and COG review and comment. The Budget Committee reviewed them again on May 8. Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, briefly summarized the FY26 goals, and WFRC CFO Marian Florence summarized the budget, noting that there are no changes since the March review. **ACTION:** A motion was made by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, and seconded by UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen, to open a Public Hearing to discuss the WFRC FY26 goals, budget, and Unified Planning Work Program. **ACTION:** After the discussion, there was a motion made by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, and seconded by Councilmember Scott Wardle and Public Hearing was closed. **[01:18:33]** **ACTION:** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to approve the WFRC fiscal year 2026 Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The motion was seconded by Mayor Mark Shepherd, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

b. Fraud Risk Assessment FY25 [01:19:10]

WFRC completed its annual fraud risk assessment as required by the Office of the Utah State Auditor. The Budget Committee reviewed this item at its last meeting. WFRC remains in the "very low risk" category due to robust internal controls, separation of duties, trained staff, careful policies, and transparent structure and processes. The assessment and accompanying memo were available in the packets for review prior to submission to the Utah State Auditor.

7. Reports [01:19:53]

a. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update

Mayor Ramsey noted that ATC Chair, Mayor Troy Walker was offline and unable to provide the report on the Active Transportation Committee. Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC's Active Transportation Planner, covered the information.

New Jersey Transportation Safety Tour: WFRC, with Bike Utah, led a group of over 30 people to tour Hoboken and Jersey City. These communities have not had a traffic-related death in the last seven years (including drivers, pedestrians, and bikers). Participants were guided by local staff to observe infrastructure projects and discuss policies contributing to safety success.

Golden Spoke and Mayor's Bike Ride: The eighth annual Golden Spoke Ride took place on Saturday, May 10, celebrating the 350+ miles of the Golden Spoke Trail and supporting network. Six hundred people registered to ride portions of the network from Ogden to Provo. Draper hosted a ride with the Mayor, experiencing great turnout and a fun ride. Special thanks to the Jordan River Commission and other partners.

Bikeways Existing Infrastructure Map: WFRC and partners created a statewide Utah Bikeways Map available online at bikeways.utah.gov. The map aims to be the most up-to-date resource for existing bikeways, showcasing various route options based on preferences.

b. Executive Director's report - federal issues update [01:27:28]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, and Miranda Jones Cox, Government Affairs Manager, provided an update on federal legislation. The current multi-year surface transportation authorization legislation (IIJA) expires in September 2026. Federal transportation funding and policy are vital for maintaining state roads, enhancing transit systems, and funding local projects, so Utah's transportation agencies and partners jointly developed principles for considerations with federal partners. Utah's four MPOs, UTA, and UDOT individually developed separate, yet consistent, planning, roadway, and transit policy recommendations. These joint principles and policy recommendations have been shared with Utah's Congressional Delegation, particularly members with transportation jurisdiction. These efforts were coordinated with partners at NARC and AMPO. MPO priorities were reviewed.

[01:43:27] Mr. Gruber then introduced WFRC Communications Manager, Johnnae Nardone, who gave a brief statement about her work and offered herself as a resource. Ms. Nardone encouraged the group to follow WFRC on social media, and announced that a new website and URL will launch later this summer.

8. Other Business and Adjournment [01:45:28]

Mayor Ramsey stated that the next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 and noted that upcoming events are listed at the bottom of the agenda. She entertained a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mayor Dustin Gettel and seconded by Commissioner Jim Harvey. The affirmative vote was unanimously approved.

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2025 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				Box Elder Comm. Tyler Vincent
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Bountiful Mayor Kendalyn Harris
Alternate -	Dennis Bott, Mayor	Brigham City	No	South SLC Mayor, Cherie Wood
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS				Herriman Mayor Lorin Palmer
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor	Layton	Yes	Midvale Mayor Dustin Gettel
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor	Clearfield	Yes	SLCo Councilm. Laurie Stringham
Member -	Brandon Stanger, Mayor	Clinton	Yes	Hooper Mayor Sheri Bingham
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Davis County	Yes	Weber Comm. Sharon Bolos
MORGAN COUNTY				FarrWest Mayor Ken Phippen
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Morgan City Mayor Steve Gale
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	ULCT Executive Dr Cameron Diehl
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS				Chandler Beutler, UTA
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	Yes	Taylor Jensen, West Jordan
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor	Salt Lake City	No	Mike Barker, Draper City
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor (Chair)	South Jordan	Yes	Kellie Challburg, Draper City
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	No	Todd Taylor, Draper City
Member -	Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor	Millcreek	Yes	Ajla Hadzialijogic, GOPB
Member -	Monica Zoltanski, Mayor	Sandy	Yes	Chloe Hall, GOPB
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	No	Terrah Anderson, GOPB
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	Yes	Val Potter, Senator Curtis
TOOELE COUNTY				Forrest Turner
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	Yes	Isaac Higham
Alternate -	Debbie Winn, Mayor	Tooele City	No	Jeff Reinert
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS				Jenney Rees
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Jennifer Jastremsky
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Joe Taylor, SLC
Member -	Robert Dandoy, Mayor	Roy	Yes	Sherry Stevens
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor	Ogden	Yes	Rob Jolley, RRJ Consulting
UDOT & UTA				Kim Bell, Sandy City
Member -	Carlos Braceras, Executive Director	UDOT	Yes	Benjamin Wood
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	Yes	Katie Balakir
Member -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA	Yes	Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Tim Watkins, Meg Padjen, Suzie Swim,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS				Lauren Victor, Marcia White,
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co Commissioner	Utah Association of Counties	No	Josh Reynolds, Sarah Lawless,
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor	Utah League of Cities and Towns	Yes	Julie Bjornstad, Hugh Van Wagenen,
Member -	Jason Brown, Interim Executive Director	Envision Utah	No	Miranda Jones Cox, Marian Florence,
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper	Utah State Senate	Yes	Ben Wuthrich, Jordon Chandler,
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay	Utah State House of Representatives	Yes	Rosie Hernandez, Andrea Pearson
Member -	Laura Hanson, UT State Planning Director	GOPB	Yes	

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