



**WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**  
**WFRC || Transportation Coordinating Committee**  
August 21, 2025

WFRC Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting was held at WFRC Office, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

**1. Welcome & Consent Agenda [00:00:15]**

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01pm and excused Vice Chair Jim Harvey. He welcomed committee members and guests. Introductions were made around the table for those attending in person and for those attending online.

**a. [00:02:47] ACTION: Approval of the June 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, seconded by Councilmember Dan Dugan, that the minutes of the June 19, 2025 meeting be approved. The motion was carried unanimously.

**2. Chair Report [00:03:07]**

Mayor Shepherd asked Andrew Gruber, WFRC, who gave a preview of the discussion with Congressman Burgess Owens, upcoming later in the meeting.

**3. Public Comment [00:04:01]**

Mayor Shepherd opened the public comment portion of the meeting. There were two comments made by public participants..

**4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [00:10:10]**

**a. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2025-2030 TIP**

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, reported that since the last meeting of Trans Com, WFRC has received requests to modify the current 2025-2030 TIP. This modification required action from the WFRC Council and the Transportation Commission / UDOT but does not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wuthrich reviewed each of these projects with the Committee members. **[00:22:30]** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to recommend that the WFRC Council approve the resolution to modify the 2025-2030 TIP as requested, seconded by Mayor Joe Smolka. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

**b. ACTION: Recommend Approval of 2026-2031 TIP - [00:23:49]**

Mr. Wuthrich continued by presenting the 2026-2031 TIP. A draft 2026-2031 TIP was reviewed by Trans Com in June (as delegated by the WFRC Council) and approved for release for public review and comment. The public comment period extended from June 28 through August 2, 2025. The extensive outreach included distribution to thousands of stakeholders about opportunities to provide public comment, an interactive map on WFRC's website, a news release, two open houses, coordination with UDOT and UTA, and social media posts. A summary of the public comments with respective responses was included in the meeting materials, along with the list of individual comments received. WFRC staff will work with local governments, UDOT, and UTA to address individual comments as appropriate. An analysis of the TIP completed by the WFRC staff shows that the 2026-2031 TIP conforms to the state air quality plans. **[00:38:54]** UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen made a motion to recommend to the WFRC Council the adoption of the resolution approving the 2026-2031 TIP and the corresponding air quality conformity finding. Councilmember Dan Dugan seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

**5. WFRC Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities for Local Governments [00:39:45]**

Mayor Shepherd turned the time over to Wayne Bennion, WFRC, who provided an overview of the Funding and Technical Assistance Programs for fiscal year 2026. The Wasatch Front

Regional Council administers or assists with nine programs that provide resources for local governments, totaling approximately \$50 million annually.

These programs include:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC)
- Station Area Plan Technical Assistance (SAP)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Community Impact Board (CIB)
- Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)

The Committee was encouraged to reach out to WFRC staff should they want more detailed information on these programs and how to apply for funding.

**6. Transportation Investment Fund/Transit Transportation Investment Fund Nomination Process [00:47:39]**

Mayor Shepherd introduced Andrea Olson, UDOT Planning Director, who provided an overview of these programs and their ties to regional planning processes, as well as outlining a recent change in the nomination process. More information can be found at <https://projectprioritization.udot.utah.gov>.

**7. ACTION: Self-Certification of Transportation Planning Process [00:53:13]**

Mayor Shepherd again called on Wayne Bennion, WFRC, who briefly reviewed information in the draft Urban Transportation Planning Process Certification exhibit. He stated that each year when the WFRC Council approves the TIP, WFRC and UDOT also need to certify that the transportation planning process meets all federal planning requirements. The staff at WFRC, UDOT, and UTA have worked together to confirm that the federal requirements are being met. **[00:54:08]** Mayor Dirk Burton made a motion to recommend that the WFRC Council approve the resolution as presented. UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

**8. Discussion with Congressman Burgess Owens [00:55:13]**

Mayor Shepherd introduced U.S. Congressman Burgess Owens who is joining the committee to share his perspective as a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, particularly as it relates to the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization.

**9. Other Business & Adjournment [01:22:40]**

Mayor Shepherd announced that the next Trans Com meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 1:30pm. With no further business to discuss, Mayor Shepherd asked for a motion to adjourn. UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Dan Dugan. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 3:27pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.utah.gov](http://www.wfrc.utah.gov).

## Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) Aug 21, 2025

| 2025 TRANS COM MEMBERS |                             |                  |  | Present | Others in attendance      |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--|---------|---------------------------|
| BOX ELDER COUNTY       |                             |                  |  |         | Dawn Ramsey, South Jordan |
| Member -               | Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor        | Perry City       |  | Yes     | Chandler Beutler, UTA     |
| Alternate -            | Tyler Vincent, Commissioner | Box Elder County |  | No      | Elizabeth Slade, UDAQ     |

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|--|--------------------------|
| <b>DAVIS COUNTY</b>       |                                              |                                         |     |  | Jamie Dansie, SLCo       |
| Member -                  | Mark Shepherd, Mayor (Chair)                 | Clearfield                              | Yes |  | Paul Egbert, UDOT        |
| Alternate -               | Scott Wiggill, Mayor                         | Sunset                                  | Yes |  | Kendall Draney           |
| Member -                  | Kendalyn Harris, Mayor                       | Bountiful                               | Yes |  | Maxwell Workman          |
| Alternate -               | Brian Vincent, Mayor                         | West Point                              | No  |  | Brooke Stewart, Weber Co |
| <b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>      |                                              |                                         |     |  | Andrea Olson, UDOT       |
| Member-                   | Steve Gale, Mayor                            | Morgan City                             | Yes |  | Chris Firmage, SLCo      |
| Alternate -               | Raelene Blocker, Commissioner                | Morgan County                           | Yes |  | Ryan Leavitt             |
| <b>SALT LAKE COUNTY</b>   |                                              |                                         |     |  | Frederick Jenny          |
| Member -                  | Dirk Burton, Mayor                           | West Jordan                             | Yes |  | Cong. Burgess Owens      |
| Alternate -               | Lorin Palmer, Mayor                          | Herriman                                | Yes |  | Alex (guest)             |
| Member -                  | Natalie Hall, Mayor                          | Bluffdale                               | Yes |  | Porter (guest)           |
| Member -                  | Rob Dahle, Mayor                             | Holladay                                | Yes |  | Michael Kroil            |
| Member -                  | Joe Smolka, Mayor                            | Emigration Township                     | Yes |  | Leif Elder, UDOT         |
| Alternate -               | Mike Weichers, Mayor                         | Cottonwood Heights                      | Yes |  |                          |
| Alternate -               | Laurie Stringham, Councilmember              | Salt Lake County Council                | Yes |  |                          |
| Alternate -               | Dan Dugan, Councilmember                     | Salt Lake City Council                  | Yes |  |                          |
| <b>TOOELE COUNTY</b>      |                                              |                                         |     |  |                          |
| Member -                  | Jared Hamner, Councilmember                  | Tooele County                           | No  |  |                          |
| Alternate -               | Craig Smith, Councilmember                   | Erda City                               | No  |  |                          |
| <b>WEBER COUNTY</b>       |                                              |                                         |     |  |                          |
| Member -                  | Jim Harvey, Commissioner (Vice Chair)        | Weber County                            | No  |  | WFRC Staff:              |
| Alternate -               | Ken Richey, Councilmember                    | Ogden City                              | No  |  | Andrew Gruber            |
| Member -                  | Sheri Bingham, Mayor                         | Hooper                                  | Yes |  | Wayne Bennion            |
| Alternate -               | Braden Mitchell, Mayor                       | Riverdale                               | No  |  | Ben Wuthrich             |
| <b>OTHER APPOINTMENTS</b> |                                              |                                         |     |  | Hugh Van Wagenen         |
| Member -                  | Tom Jacobson, Commissioner                   | Utah Transportation Commission          | No  |  | Matt Ryan                |
| Member -                  | Natalie Gochmour, Commissioner               | Utah Transportation Commission          | No  |  | Sarah Lawless            |
| Member -                  | Carlton Christensen, Trustee                 | UTA                                     | Yes |  | Kip Billings             |
| Member -                  | Beth Holbrook, Trustee                       | UTA                                     | Yes |  | Jordon Chandler          |
| Member -                  | Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek Mayor            | Utah Air Quality Board                  | Yes |  | Rosie Hernandez          |
| <b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b> |                                              |                                         |     |  | Andrea Pearson           |
| Member -                  | Ben Huot, Deputy Director                    | UDOT                                    | Yes |  | Ted Knowlton             |
| Alternate -               | Tiffany Pocock, Program Development Dir.     | UDOT                                    | No  |  | Christy Dahlberg         |
| Member -                  | Nichol Bourdeaux, Chief Planning & Engmt Ofc | UTA                                     | Yes |  | Samantha DeSeelhorst     |
| Alternate -               | Jaron Robertson, Planning Director           | UTA                                     | Yes |  |                          |
| Member                    | Bryce Bird, Director                         | Department of Air Quality               | No  |  |                          |
| Member                    | Ivan Marrero                                 | Federal Highway Administration          | No  |  |                          |
| Member                    | Trisha Sharma                                | Federal Highway Administration          | Yes |  |                          |
| Member                    | Jim Miller, Saratoga Springs Mayor           | Mountainland Association of Governments | No  |  |                          |