

MPO Board Meeting

August 14, 2025 | 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Board Member Attendees	Present	Alternates/ Others in Attendance
Mayor Carla Merrill, Alpine		Ezra Nair, Utah County Alternate
Mayor Brad Frost, American Fork - Vice Chair	✓	Vern Keeslar, Provo Alternate
Mayor Wyatt Cook, Cedar Fort	✓	Councilmember Mardi Sifuentes, Vineyard
Mayor Denise Andersen, Cedar Hills	✓	Alternate
Mayor Troy Walker, Draper		Ginger Zamora, UDAQ Alternate
Mayor Tom Westmorland, Eagle Mountain	✓	Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC
Mayor Robert Haddock, Elk Ridge		Laurel Price, Utah County
Mayor Hollie McKinney, Fairfield		Sheryl Finch
Mayor Neil Brown, Genola	✓	Kenny Parcell
Mayor Steven Staheli, Goshen	✓	Marianne
Mayor Kurt Ostler, Highland	✓	
Mayor Mark Johnson, Lehi	✓	
Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon	✓	
Representative David Shallenberger, Legislator	✓	
Senator Michael K. McKell, Legislator	✓	
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	✓	MAG STAFF
Mayor Jim Miller, Saratoga Springs	✓	Andrew Wooley, IT Manager
Mayor Mike Mendenhall, Spanish Fork		Bob Allen, Sr. Transportation Planner
Mayor Matt Packard, Springville	✓	Dan Wayne, Community Planning Manager
Mayor Julie Fullmer, Vineyard		Kendall Willardson, Transportation Planner
Mayor Brent Winder, Woodland Hills		Kimberly Brenneman, Executive Assistant
Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County	✓	LaNiece Davenport, MPO Director
Commissioner Brandon Gordon, Utah County	✓	Matthew Silski, GIS Analyst
Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County		Michelle Carroll, Executive Director
Bryce Bird, Utah Division of Air Quality		Spencer Foster, Local Administrative Advisor
Carlos Bracerias, Utah Department of Transportation	✓	Tim Hereth, Analytics Manager
Trustee Jeff Acerson, Utah Transit Authority		Karol Patterson, Economic Dev. Specialist
Mayor Natalie Hall, Bluffdale*		
BG Shawn M. Fuellenbach, Camp Williams*		
Ivan Marrero, FHWA*	✓	
Peter Hadley, FTA*		
Jered Johnson, MPO TAC Chair*	✓	

DISCUSSION & AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order (00:00:05)

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

Public Comment (00:03:12)

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

Minutes - Action (00:03:39)

Commissioner Brandon Gordon moved to approve the minutes from July 10, 2025.

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

2026 TIP Adoption (00:04:08)

Bob Allen presented the adoption of the 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), explaining that the MPO is responsible for preparing a TIP listing all transportation projects and programs in the region for fiscal years 2026–2030, with conceptual projects through 2031. He highlighted major projects, including the I-15 widening from Payson south to the county line and the reconstruction of the Santaquin Main Street interchange, noting the significant funding allocated to these efforts. Bob Allen clarified the process of combining MAG, UDOT, and UTA projects into the TIP, which then integrates into the statewide plan (STIP). He emphasized that all projects must be regionally significant and conform to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Bob Allen also described the public involvement process, including a 30-day comment period and an open house, and confirmed that the TIP meets air quality and fiscal requirements, with no significant public comments requiring changes.

Mayor Brad Frost moved to adopt the 2026 TIP as presented, including the Air Quality Conformity Determination.

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

Representative David Shallenberger introduced himself as a new member of the Utah House representing District 25 in Utah County. He expressed his enthusiasm for joining the MPO Board and learning from others, noting that he recently completed his first legislative session. Representative David Shallenberger highlighted the rapid growth in Utah County, projecting it will soon surpass Salt Lake County in size, and emphasized the importance of cities working together with a unified mindset to ensure the county thrives as it grows, rather than each city acting independently.

Corridor Preservation, Payson 800 South (00:11:00)

Kendall Willardson presented a request for Corridor Preservation funding for the Payson 800 South corridor, explaining that the project qualifies because it is listed on the Regional Transportation Plan's Corridor Preservation map. He described two undeveloped parcels, both from willing sellers, and outlined the total funding request of approximately \$1.06 million, noting the current fund balance is sufficient. Mayor Bill Wright added that purchasing the entire property is strategic due to favorable pricing and the need to avoid future

complications from imminent development. Commissioner Brandon Gordon inquired about the potential to surplus unused land, to which Mayor Wright responded that while it's possible, the current purchase is justified by the project's needs.

Mayor Denise Andersen moved to approve Payson's Corridor Preservation request for \$1,055,700 for the presented properties for the 800 South corridor.

Mayor Steve Staheli seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

2027 RTP: Process Development Update (Work Plan) (00:16:23)

Kendall Willardson presented the 2027 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) work plan, outlining its comprehensive approach to identifying and prioritizing transportation needs for the next 30 years. He described the plan's phases, including understanding trends, exploring options, prioritizing projects, and finalizing the plan by June 2027. Kendall Willardson emphasized the importance of ongoing board and stakeholder engagement throughout the process, with multiple opportunities for input and workshops. Consulting project manager Jack Henneman highlighted the critical role of workshops in developing the project list and ensuring that project prioritization aligns with financial constraints. Board members raised questions about planning for long-term growth, particularly beyond 2055, and Kendall Willardson confirmed that build-out scenarios would be included.

Carlos Bracerias moved to approve the MAG 2027 RTP Work Plan.

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

Senator Mike McKell introduced himself and expressed appreciation for being included in the meeting, noting the recent addition of lawmakers to the MPO Board to improve communication between legislators and board members. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and unity among county and legislative leaders, discouraging internal competition and encouraging celebration of each other's successes. Senator Mike McKell stated his commitment to reporting back to the Utah County caucus and fostering a positive, cooperative environment to benefit the entire county.

2027 RTP: Wasatch Choice Vision, Land Use Vision Draft (00:28:30)

Dan Wayne updated the board on the Wasatch Choice Vision, a centers-based land use strategy that guides sustainable growth and development across the region and supports the 2027 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He described the process of updating the Utah County portion of the vision, which began with input from local governments and the identification of new centers for growth. Dan Wayne explained that technical analyses, including a market-based assessment by a real estate consultant and travel demand modeling, are being used to reality-check local assumptions and understand the impact of projected growth on transportation infrastructure. These analyses help identify where growth is likely and inform recommendations for local governments, such as adjusting the number or size of centers. The next steps involve consulting with cities to refine the vision, finalizing recommendations, and bringing the updated vision back to the board for approval and integration into the 2027 RTP.

TIP Environmental Guidance (00:36:18)

Bob Allen presented an environmental guidance document designed to help local governments understand and comply with federal and state environmental requirements for transportation projects. He explained that the guidance, developed with the help of an environmental consulting firm, serves as a user-friendly checklist to clarify which permits and processes apply to different types of projects, streamlining compliance and reducing confusion. The document is structured to guide project sponsors through key questions and direct them to relevant laws and permitting agencies. Bob Allen emphasized that the guidance is not a new regulatory process but a practical tool to make project development more efficient. He addressed questions about keeping the document current, stating that updates will be made as official regulations change, and confirmed that the guidance will be publicly available online once finalized. Bob Allen also identified himself as the main contact for updates and coordination with agencies like the Department of Environmental Quality.

2023 RTP: Amendment #3 Overview (00:43:31)

Kendall Willardson presented the third amendment to the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), explaining the different levels of amendments based on project significance and regulatory requirements. He described administrative amendments for minor projects and detailed the major changes included in this amendment, such as the widening of I-15 from Payson to Santaquin and the reconstruction of the Santaquin Main Street interchange—both significant projects requiring additional air quality analysis and public comment. Kendall Willardson also mentioned other local road projects being added at the administrative level. He concluded by outlining the next steps, which include bringing the amendment back to the board for approval after completing the necessary conformity and public review processes.

Other Business and Adjournment (00:48:53)

Chair Mayor Bill Wright stated the next MPO Board meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2025.

Chair Mayor Bill Wright adjourned the meeting.