

MPO TAC Meeting

August 25, 2025 | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm



Member Attendees	Present	MAG Staff	Present
Ryan Robinson, Alpine		LaNiece Davenport, MPO Director	✓
Ben Hunter, American Fork - Vice Chair	✓	Bob Allen, Sr. Transportation Planner	✓
Mayor Wyatt Cook, Cedar Fort	✓	Kimberly Brenneman, Executive Assistant	✓
Chandler Goodwin, Cedar Hills		Andrew Wooley, IT Manager	✓
, Draper		Dan Wayne, Community Planning Manager	✓
David Salazar, Eagle Mountain	✓	Kendall Willardson, Transportation Planner	✓
Royce Swenson, Elk Ridge		Tim Hereth, Analytics Manager	✓
Mayor Hollie McKinney, Fairfield		Spencer Foster, LAA	✓
Mayor Neil Brown, Genola			
Mayor Steven Staheli, Goshen			
Chris Trusty, Highland	✓		
Brad Kenison, Lehi	✓		
Noah Gordon, Lindon			
Rob Hunter, Mapleton	✓		
Taggart Bowen, Orem	✓		
Jill Spencer, Payson			
Neal Winterton, Pleasant Grove			
Vern Keeslar, Provo			
, Salem			
Jason Bond, Santaquin	✓		
Jeremy Lapin, Saratoga Springs	✓		
Jered Johnson, Spanish Fork - Chair	✓		
Brad Stapley, Springville			
Rob Clayton, UDOT - Region 3	✓		
Alex Beim, UTA	✓		
Ezra Nair, Utah County			
Richard Nielson, Utah County	✓		
Eric Ellis, Vineyard			
, Woodland Hills			
COL Jason T. Wilde, Camp Williams*			
Bruce Katchner, Bluffdale*			
Kelly Lund, FHWA*			
Peter Hadley, FTA*			
Elizabeth Slade, Utah Air Quality Board*	✓		
Alternates/ Others in Attendance			
Mike Florance, Lindon Alternate		Jack Henneman, Pher & Peers	
Danielle Nixon, Provo Alternate		Kathrine Skollingsberg, Pher & Peers	
Nick Wilcox, UTA Alternate		Kim Struthers, Lehi	
Ajla Hadzialijagic		Brandon Larsen, Eagle Mountain	
Derek Bruton, CUWCD		Richard Jensen, Pleasant View Neighborhood	
Luke Seegmiller, Lehi		Dede Murray, UTA	
Michael Baker		Marcus Bennett, UTA POM Transit	
Mickie Mills		Alma Haskell, UTA	
Mike West, Lehi		Dillon Muirbrook, Spanish Fork	
Seth Barrus, Mapleton		Morgan Brim, Alternate for Vineyard	
Todd Draper, Draper		Jim Golden, UDOT	
Todd Taylor, Draper			

DISCUSSION & AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order (00:00:06)

Chair Jered Johnson opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Public Comment (00:01:06)

Chair Jered Johnson opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments.

Minutes - Action (00:01:20)

Ben Hunter moved to approve the minutes from July 28, 2025.

Richard Nielson seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

TIP Modification - Cedar Hills 4000 N (00:02:00)

Bob Allen introduced the TIP modification for the Cedar Hills 4000 North project, explaining its joint sponsorship between Cedar Hills and Pleasant Grove and outlining the original scope, which included a roundabout and various road improvements. Neal Winterton with Pleasant Grove then detailed the challenges encountered, such as underestimated costs, significant drainage issues, and right-of-way complications, which led to a substantial increase in the project's estimated cost. The team described efforts to trim the project scope and costs, including removing the roundabout in favor of a four-way stop, which was supported by a level of service study. MPO TAC members raised concerns about scope creep, the appropriateness of funding off-site drainage improvements, and the size of the contingency fund. The discussion included clarifications on project length, the impact of design changes, and the city's commitment to matching funds. Ultimately, the group acknowledged the need for careful oversight to ensure only project-relevant expenses are funded.

Brad Kennison moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve the scope change for the Cedar Hills 4000 N project and the addition of \$4,675,503.

Jeremy Lapine seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

Corridor Preservation - Provo 2230 N (00:44:55)

Kendall Willardson presented an action item regarding corridor preservation for Provo's 2230 North, explaining that the city was approached by a willing seller for a single-family property needed for future road widening. The appraised value and estimated closing costs were outlined, with the total request amounting to \$736,400. Kendall Willardson provided context on the corridor's significance and the city's ongoing efforts to secure necessary parcels. Richard Nielson inquired whether the acquisition would impact the existing home and if the city planned to widen both sides of the road. The response clarified that only the front portion of the property would be used, allowing the house to remain intact and livable.

Brad Kennison moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve this Provo City Corridor Preservation Fund request for \$736,400.

Richard Nielson seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

Corridor Preservation - Provo 820 N (00:48:39)

Kendall Willardson introduced a second corridor preservation request, this time for a single-family property along Provo's 820 North corridor. He explained that the city was approached by a willing seller, with the appraised value and estimated closing costs bringing the total funding request to \$597,533. Kendall Willardson provided a map to show the property's location and highlighted its importance for future right-of-way needs as part of the ongoing corridor preservation efforts.

Aaron Wilson moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve this Provo City Corridor Preservation Fund request for \$597,533.

Taggart Bowen seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

2023 RTP: Amendment #3 (Public Comment) (00:50:35)

Kendall Willardson presented the 2023 RTP Amendment 3, outlining the amendment process and providing updated information, including the air quality conformity report. He described the three levels of amendments, focusing on two level-one administrative amendments: one for Lindon's 400 West and another for Spanish Fork's 300 East, both of which involve changes to the needs-based plan without fiscal constraints. During the discussion, a question was raised about the alignment of the Spanish Fork 300 East connection, particularly its routing in relation to the river bottoms and Woodland Hills Drive. Kendall Willardson acknowledged the feedback and assured the group that the map would be updated to accurately reflect the intended connection as the study progresses.

Richard Nielson moved to recommend that the MPO Board approve the draft Conformity Determination Report for the 2023 RTP Amendment 3, noting that the plan conforms to all federal air quality regulations.

Ben Hunter seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

Point of the Mountain Study Update (00:57:19)

Jim Golden of UDOT provided an update on the Point of the Mountain Environmental Assessment, focusing on the evaluation of high-capacity transit options between Draper and Lehi. He explained that the study identified light rail transit as the locally preferred alternative due to its potential for economic growth, high ridership, and integration with existing transit networks. The project is planned to be implemented in phases, with an initial focus on innovative mobility zones and dedicated shuttles, and eventual full light rail buildout, though significant additional funding will be required. Jim Golden discussed the estimated capital and long-term maintenance costs, as well as the importance of aligning transit planning with future development. Public feedback was generally supportive of light rail but included questions about alignment choices and the exclusion of a Blue Line extension. Concern from Lehi was expressed about the alignment and the city's preference for a parallel route to the FrontRunner, to which Jim Golden and his team responded that the current plan does not preclude future extensions or changes. The discussion clarified that UDOT, after considering input from cities and stakeholders,

is responsible for selecting the preferred alternative, and the process remains flexible to accommodate future needs and feedback.

2027 RTP: Goals and Objectives Discussion (01:09:58)

Kendall Willardson and Jack Henneman led a discussion on the 2027 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update, focusing on refining the plan's goals and objectives to better reflect the values and priorities of Utah County. Kendall Willardson introduced the effort to update both projects and policies, emphasizing the importance of aligning transportation investments with broader community goals such as safety, livability, and fiscal responsibility. Jack Henneman outlined the RTP update process, stressing the need to understand current and future trends and to clearly define regional challenges that the plan should address. The team presented the integration of the Wasatch Choice Vision framework and proposed five primary goals to guide the RTP, seeking feedback on their relevance and effectiveness in capturing both short- and long-term outcomes. They highlighted the importance of ensuring these goals are meaningful, actionable, and capable of guiding project prioritization and performance measurement, inviting participants to provide input to ensure the plan remains responsive to the region's evolving needs.

Other Business and Adjournment (01:32:38)

Tim Hereth gave a brief update on the statewide grid study, expressing appreciation for the feedback received from participants on grid projects. He informed the group that in September, he would return to gather additional input on a short list of projects, as the team is currently evaluating the performance of these projects. Tim Hereth's remarks served as both a thank you and a status update on the ongoing study.

Dan Wayne announced the launch of a new round of technical assistance through the TAG (Technical Assistance Grant) program, noting its success in funding over \$3 million in projects for 24 MPO cities and towns. He encouraged communities that have not yet participated to reach out and discuss potential projects, emphasizing the program's collaborative approach to developing meaningful scopes of work. Dan Wayne explained the two-part application process—starting with a concept submission for feedback, followed by a final application—and mentioned that updated program guidelines would soon be available on the MAG website. He invited anyone with questions or interest in technical assistance to contact him directly.

Bob Allen informed the group that, beginning in 2026, the MPO TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) meetings will move from their traditional schedule of the fourth Thursday of each month to the first Monday of the month. This change is being made to better align with the MPO Board meeting, which is the second Thursday. Bob Allen asked participants to notify him if the new schedule creates any significant issues for them.

Brad Kenison inquired about the timing of MAG's biennial update on the project selection process and related reports, noting that such updates usually occur around this time every two years. Bob Allen responded that the project selection subcommittee is currently reviewing possible adjustments to the process, and that a draft of any proposed changes will be presented at the next meeting, with final decisions and the kickoff of the new selection process to follow in the subsequent meeting.

Chair Jered Johnson stated the next MPO TAC meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025.

Brad Kennison moved to adjourn the meeting.

Danielle Nixon seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.