



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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.

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

DAVIS COUNTY				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
MORGAN COUNTY				Andrea Olson, UDOT
Member-	Steve Gale, Mayor	Morgan City	Yes	Chris Firmage, SLCo
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Ryan Leavitt
SALT LAKE COUNTY				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	
TOOELE COUNTY				
Member -	Jared Hamner, Councilmember	Tooele County	No	
Alternate -	Craig Smith, Councilmember	Erda City	No	
WEBER COUNTY				
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
OTHER APPOINTMENTS				Hugh Van Wagenen
Member -	Tom Jacobson, Commissioner	Utah Transportation Commission	No	Matt Ryan
Member -	Natalie Gochnour, 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
NON-VOTING MEMBERS				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	