

MPO Board Work Session

October 9, 2025 | 5:00 pm - 5:30 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		Jay Fox, UTA
Mayor Denise Andersen, Cedar Hills	✓	David Salazar, Eagle Mountain
Mayor Troy Walker, Draper		Representative Kay J. Christofferson
Mayor Tom Westmorland, Eagle Mountain	✓	Ben Hunter, American Fork
Mayor Robert Haddock, Elk Ridge		Lule Seegmiller, Lehi
Mayor Hollie McKinney, Fairfield	✓	Paige Albrecht, Lehi
Mayor Neil Brown, Genola		Dede Murray, UTA
Mayor Steven Staheli, Goshen	✓	Jim Golden, UDOT
Mayor Kurt Ostler, Highland	✓	Adam Cowie, Lindon
Representative David Shallenberger, Legislator	✓	Chandler Beutler, UDOT
Senator Michael K. McKell, Legislator		Jeff Lewis, UDOT
Mayor Mark Johnson, Lehi	✓	Rob Clayton, UDOT
Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon	✓	Michelle Stallings, Lehi
Mayor Dallas Hakes, Mapleton		Clair Woolman, Horrocks
Mayor David Young, Orem		Marcus Bennett, UTA
Mayor Bill Wright, Payson - Chair	✓	Britton Tueten, Pleasant Grove
Mayor Guy Fugal, Pleasant Grove	✓	Brad Kenison, Lehi
Mayor Michelle Kaufusi, Provo		Paul Hancoch, Lehi
Mayor Kurt Christensen, Salem		Richard Jensen
Mayor Daniel Olson, Santaquin	✓	MAG STAFF
Mayor Jim Miller, Saratoga Springs	✓	Andrew Wooley, IT Manager
Councilmember Stacy Beck, Spanish Fork	✓	Bob Allen, Sr. Transportation Planner
Mayor Matt Packard, Springville	✓	Dan Wayne, Community Planning Manager
Mayor Julie Fullmer, Vineyard	✓	Johnathon Knapton, Communications Manager
Mayor Brent Winder, Woodland Hills		Kendall Willardson, Transportation Planner
Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County	✓	Kimberly Brenneman, Executive Assistant
Commissioner Brandon Gordon, Utah County	✓	LaNiece Davenport, MPO Director
Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County		Tim Hereth, Analytics Manager
Bryce Bird, Utah Division of Air Quality	✓	Matthew Silski, Senior GIS Analyst
Carlos Bracerias, Utah Department of Transportation	✓	Shauna Mecham, Planner/ Air Quality Analyst
Trustee Jeff Acerson, Utah Transit Authority	✓	
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

Chair Mayor Bill Wright opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

2027 RTP: Goals and Objectives Discussion

During the MPO Board RTP Work Session, attendees gathered to refine and provide feedback on the foundational goals and objectives for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), using interactive tools such as Mentimeter to capture diverse insights. The discussion opened with an overview of the Wasatch Choice Vision and a focus on five central goals: access to economic and educational opportunities, manageable and reliable traffic conditions, quality transportation choices, safe and user-friendly streets, and clean air. For “access to economic and educational opportunities,” members discussed a widening generational gap in skilled labor fields and the need for transportation solutions—like targeted transit access and passes—to help students and workers connect to schools and jobs, with UTA emphasizing its own reliance on skilled trades. Addressing “manageable and reliable traffic conditions,” the board stressed proactive planning to anticipate growth, the integration of land use and zoning decisions with transportation corridors, and highlighted urgent needs such as new road connections for the Cedar Valley to alleviate both daily commuting and safety concerns in emergencies. When asked about “quality transportation choices,” feedback centered on the necessity for multimodal connectivity, improvement of both road and transit services, and the strategic expansion of projects like the FrontRunner double-tracking to ensure timely, accessible public transit. In discussing “safe and user-friendly streets,” members debated optimal street width for emergency and community use, advocated for resiliency and redundancy such as evacuation routes, highlighted the importance of “complete streets,” and encouraged the MPO to prioritize safety in project selection, including grants like Safe Streets for All. Regarding “clean air,” participants recognized regulatory obligations but also discussed whether it should be a standalone goal or part of a broader sustainability framework; nonetheless, most agreed it is a meaningful, measurable objective that transportation planning can directly impact, particularly through emphasizing transit and active travel options. Board members appreciated the chance to contribute through both digital and verbal channels, and the session concluded with encouragement to continue providing input to further shape the plan’s guiding goals and objectives.

Adjournment

Mayor Bill Wright adjourned the meeting.