

Utah County Council of Governments Meeting

DATE | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Board Member Attendees	Present	Alternates/ Others in Attendance
Mayor Carla Merrill, Alpine	✓	
Mayor Brad Frost, American Fork	✓	
Mayor Wyatt Cook, Cedar Fort - Vice Chair	✓	
Mayor Denise Andersen, Cedar Hills	✓	
Mayor Troy Walker, Draper	✓	
Mayor Tom Westmorland, Eagle Mountain	✓	
Mayor Robert Haddock, Elk Ridge	✓	
Mayor Hollie McKinney, Fairfield	✓	
Mayor Neil Brown, Genola	✓	
Mayor Steven Staheli, Goshen - Chair	✓	
Mayor Kurt Ostler, Highland	✓	
Mayor Mark Johnson, Lehi	✓	
Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon	✓	
Mayor Dallas Hakes, Mapleton	✓	
Mayor David Young, Orem	✓	
Mayor Bill Wright, Payson	✓	
Mayor Guy Fugal, Pleasant Grove	✓	
Mayor Michelle Kaufusi, Provo	✓	
Mayor Kurt Christensen, Salem	✓	
Mayor Daniel Olson, Santaquin	✓	
Mayor Jim Miller, Saratoga Springs	✓	
Mayor Mike Mendenhall, Spanish Fork	✓	
Mayor Matt Packard, Springville	✓	
Mayor Julie Fullmer, Vineyard	✓	
Mayor Brent Winder, Woodland Hills	✓	
Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County	✓	
Commissioner Brandon Gordon, Utah County	✓	
Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County	✓	
		MAG STAFF
		Andrew Wooley, IT Manager
		Jessica Delora, Director of CED
		Johnathon Knapton, Communications Manager
		Kimberly Brenneman, Executive Assistant
		Michelle Carroll, Executive Director
		Shauna Mecham, Planner/ Air Quality Analyst
		Spencer Foster, Local Administrative Advisor

DISCUSSION & AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order (00:00:00)

Chair Mayor Steven Staheli opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Public Comment (00:00:00)

Chair Mayor Steven Staheli opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments.

Minutes - Action (00:00:00)

Mayor Julie Fullmer moved to approve the minutes from DATE.

Mayor Tom Westmorland seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

Action: Winter Response Taskforce Appointment

Commissioner Brandon Gordon began by expressing gratitude to Mayor Kaufisi, Deputy Mayor Isaac Paxman, Mayor Mark Johnson, and Mayor Julie Fullmer for their contributions to the warming center board, acknowledging that new mayors would soon be appointed to the board. He outlined his intention to maintain continuity by keeping certain mayors on the board, specifically Mayor Denise Anderson of Cedar Hills and Mayor Matt Packard of Springville. Commissioner Gordon then formally requested the COG board to approve a vote for adding three new members to the warming center board: Sheriff Sean Bufton, Chief Troy Beebe of Provo, and Tom Hogan with Community Action.

Mayor Niel Brown moved to appoint Sheriff Sean Bufton, Chief Troy Beebe, and Tom Hogan to the Warming Center Board.

Mayor Matt Packard seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

2026 Transportation and Transit Investments for Utah County

The 2026 Transportation and Transit Investments for Utah County discussion centered on the region's rapid growth and the resulting need for expanded and improved transit and transportation infrastructure. The Advisory Committee Members reflected on major accomplishments over the past eight years, including restructuring Utah Transit Authority bonds, securing funding for double tracking, and advancing numerous local and regional projects. Despite these gains, leaders stressed the growing congestion and recognized critical gaps in service, especially in fast-expanding areas like Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs. The group emphasized the importance of ongoing public-private partnerships, creative financing, and robust legislative advocacy to align funding with current and future needs. The meeting also addressed the necessity of a united regional approach, workforce and budget considerations, corridor preservation, and the introduction of new ideas such as a mobility "super zone" to better serve outlying communities. Unified support, including signing and advancing an impactful letter to state decision-makers, was encouraged to ensure long-term, resilient, and equitable transportation solutions throughout Utah County.

Meals on Wheels Annual Report

Jimmy Golding presented the Meals on Wheels Annual Report, highlighting the organization's continued mission to provide nutritious meals and vital companionship to homebound seniors in the community. Over the past year, through successful fundraising and community engagement, Meals on Wheels was able to reduce its waiting list from 550 to approximately 320 individuals, showing significant progress in addressing local needs. The program delivered about 118,000 meals to 1,000 seniors, supported by 420 dedicated volunteers whose contributions equated to \$450,000 in in-kind service. Jimmy Golding emphasized that, beyond nutrition, the program offers crucial social interaction and safety checks, with 60% of clients reporting that their volunteer is the only person they see daily. Financially, the nonprofit raised \$780,000, directly supporting meal delivery and outreach. Jimmy Golding encouraged ongoing community involvement, whether through donations, volunteerism, or advocacy, to further decrease the waiting list and ensure that all qualifying seniors can benefit from the program's services.

Other Business and Adjournment (00:00:00)

Chair Mayor Steven Staheli stated the next MPO Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2026.

NAME moved to adjourn the meeting.

NAME seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.