



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
October 23, 2025

WFRC Council meeting was held at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

1. Welcome & Consent Agenda [00:00:05]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey called the Council meeting to order at 1:35pm. Mayor Ramsey thanked everyone who was able to attend the three Wasatch Choice Vision workshops that have occurred and invited the group to attend one of the upcoming five remaining. Introductions were completed for those attending in person and online. **[00:07:54]**

ACTION: Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the minutes of the August 28, 2025 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for July and August 2025 and Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Dustin Gettel made a motion to approve all the documents as presented and UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:08:50]

Mayor Ramsey acknowledged the outgoing members of the WFRC Council - Roy City Mayor Bob Dandoy, and Millcreek City Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, who each took a few minutes to comment.

3. Public Comment [00:19:09]

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting for public comment. There was one public comment.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:25:32]

Mayor Ramsey introduced Davis County Commissioner Lorene Kamalu, Vice Chair of RGC, who stated there will be discussion and action on the two items discussed at the last RGC meeting.

a. ACTION: Station Area Plans Certification: Murray City, Riverton City, Draper City, South Salt Lake City, West Valley City, and Woods Cross City

Commissioner Kamalu turned the time to Meg Padjen, WFRC Community & Economic Development Director, who gave a progress report on the Wasatch Choice Vision (WCV) and the ongoing Centers work. A smaller, printable map of the WCV area was offered to the group upon request, through an online form link that will be provided in a follow-up email. **[00:34:20]** Ms. Padjen then turned to Byron Head, WFRC Community Planner, to continue with the presentation, providing information on the six requested Station Area Plans seeking certification. **[00:53:33]**

ACTION: Mayor Dirk Burton made a motion to certify the Draper, Murray, Riverton, South Salt Lake, West Valley City, and Woods Cross Station Area Plans as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Stevenson and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

b. ACTION: Approval of Amendment #4 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Air Quality Conformity Memorandum #43 [01:04:44]

Commissioner Kamalu continued with her report, stating that the RTP is the transportation element of the Wasatch Choice Vision. WFRC adopts the RTP in its entirety every four years. WFRC, working with transportation partners and local communities, updates the RTP to reflect changing conditions and funding opportunities for transit, roads, active transportation, and land use. Last week, RGC unanimously recommended approving Amendment #4 to the 2023-2050 RTP. Commissioner Kamalu introduced Jory Johner, WFRC Long Range Planning Director, to present this item. **[01:13:33]** A request was made to separate the requested motion into four motions, one for each of the three proposed project amendments and one for Air Quality Memorandum #43 (which is applicable to all three.)

[01:26:23] ACTION: Legacy Parkway - I-15 / US-89 to I-215 (Davis County) Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion to approve the Level 3 amendment for this project as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Brandon Stanger. There were two dissenting votes; however, the affirmative vote was the majority and the amendment was approved.

[01:27:27] ACTION: I-15 - 3000 North to US-91 (Box Elder County) Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion to approve the Level 3 amendment for this project as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee Perry and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

[01:28:05] ACTION: I-15 - Northern WFRC MPO Boundary to Hwy 91 on I-15 (Box Elder County) Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the Level 3 amendment for this project as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee Perry and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

[01:29:15] ACTION: Air quality conformity analysis as found in Draft Air Quality Memorandum 43
 Commissioner Mike Newton made a motion to approve the Level 3 amendment for this project as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sharon Bolos and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:30:24]

Mayor Ramsey moved on to the next item on the agenda, calling on Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair.

a. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2026-2031 (TIP)

Mayor Shepherd introduced Ben Wuthrich, WFRC Transportation Improvement Plan Coordinator, who presented a brief overview of the proposed modifications. The modification materials are also included in the meeting packet. Mayor Shepherd then requested a motion to approve the modifications to the 2026-2031 TIP. **[01:54:47] ACTION:** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. Commissioner Scott Wardle seconded the motion. There was one dissenting vote; however, the affirmative vote was the majority and the amendment was approved.

6. WFRC Budget Committee [01:55:45]

Mayor Ramsey then brought the group's attention to Salt Lake County Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, WFRC Budget Committee Chair, for the WFRC Budget Committee report.

a. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: Approve Fiscal Year 26 WFRC Budget amendments

Councilmember Winder Newton stated that each year in October WFRC amends its budget to reflect the final financials from the previous year, and to include projects that were budgeted in the previous year but were not completed prior to the end of that year and are carried forward to the current fiscal year. This is a routine action, which reflects that many of WFRC's projects are multi-year in nature. Councilmember Winder Newton noted that Marian Florence, WFRC Chief Financial Officer, was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the FY26 WFRC Budget amendments. **[01:56:20]** Councilmember Winder Newton made a motion to open a public hearing regarding approving amendments to the WFRC FY26 Budget. Mayor Ramsey asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance. There were no comments. **[01:56:54]** Mayor Ramsey motioned to close the public hearing. **[01:57:03] ACTION:** Councilmember Winder Newton made a motion that the Council approve the FY26 Budget amendments as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Mike Newton. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

b. ACTION: Accept the FY25 WFRC Audit Report [01:57:30] Councilmember Winder Newton reported that the Council's financial statements for FY25 received an unqualified opinion with no findings or questioned costs. A copy of the audit report was included in the meeting material previously provided. The WFRC Budget Committee met to review the audit. Marian Florence, WFRC, and our independent auditors from Larson Certified Public Accountants, were available to answer questions. **[01:58:00] ACTION:** Councilmember Winder Newton made a motion that the Council accept the FY25 audit report. Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Reports [01:58:38]

Mayor Ramsey stated that in the interest of time, the informational reports for 7a. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) and 7b. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) would be included in the follow-up email rather than presented now. She then turned time to Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director for a brief report. Mr. Gruber acknowledged the retirement of Kip Billings, WFRC's Air Quality Analyst/Senior Transportation Engineer, after 30 years of service. **[01:52:39]** He also introduced two new staff members: Fariba Soltani, who will be filling the Air Quality Analyst position in WFRC's Short-Range Programming group, and Pukar Bhandari, a new Data Scientist, joining WFRC's Analytics group. **[01:59:10]**

8. Other Business and Adjournment [02:00:39]

Mayor Ramsey noted the upcoming events on the agenda and the attached WFRC 2026 Meeting Schedule. The next meeting of the WFRC Council will be held on January 22, 2026. Calendar appointments and more information will be forthcoming. **[02:01:10]** Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Jim Harvey. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.utah.gov

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2025 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				Bountiful Mayor, Kendalyn Harris
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	Yes	Syracuse Mayor, Dave Maughan
Alternate -	Dennis Bott, Mayor	Brigham City	No	Kaysville Mayor, Tami Tran

DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS				Herriman Mayor, Lorin Palmer
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor	Layton	Yes	Midvale Mayor, Dustin Gettel
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor	Clearfield	Yes	South Salt Lake Mayor, Cherie Wood
Member -	Brandon Stanger, Mayor	Clinton	Yes	SLCo Councilm. Dan Dugan
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Davis County	Yes	FarrWest Mayor, Ken Phippen
MORGAN COUNTY				Weber Commissioner, Sharon Bolos
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Hooper Mayor, Sheri Bingham
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	WestHaven Mayor, Rob Vanderwood
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS				Stockton Town Mayor, Nando Meli
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	Yes	Nicole Bourdeaux & Chandler Beutler, UTA
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor	Salt Lake City	No	Cameron Diehl, ULCT; Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor (Chair)	South Jordan	Yes	Kimberly Bell, Sandy; Chloe Leaver, GOBP
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	Yes	Lisa Wilson, Sherry Stevens,
Member -	Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor	Millcreek	Yes	Joe Taylor, SLC; Spencer Cowley, South SLC
Member -	Monica Zoltanski, Mayor	Sandy	Yes	Helen Peters & Jamie Dansie, SL County
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	Yes	Roger Borgenicht & Ann Floor, UBET
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	Yes	Forest Turner, Valarie Williams,
TOOELE COUNTY				Barry McLerran, Senator Curtis
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	Yes	Benjamin Wood, City Weekly
Alternate -	Debbie Winn, Mayor	Tooele City	No	Jason Lethbridge, Riverton City
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS				Todd Draper, Draper City
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Steve Pastorik, West Valley City
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	William Whetstone, Scott's iPhone
Member -	Robert Dandoy, Mayor	Roy	Yes	
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor	Ogden	Yes	
UDOT & UTA				WFRC Staff:
Member -	Carlos Braceras, Executive Director	UDOT	Yes	Andrew Gruber, Meg Padjen, Jory Johner,
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	Yes	Marcia White, Chris Day, Josh Reynolds,
Member -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA	Yes	Miranda Jones Cox, Marian Florence,
Alternate -	Beth Holbrook, Trustee	UTA	Yes	Sarah Lawless, Suzie Swim, Julie Bjornstad,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS				Ben Wuthrich, Wayne Bennion,
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co Commissioner	Utah Association of Counties	Yes	Kip Billings, Samantha DeSeelhorst,
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor	Utah League of Cities and Towns	Yes	Fariba Soltani, Pukar Bhandari,
Member -	Jason Brown, Interim Executive Director	Envision Utah	Yes	Johnnae Nardone, Bert Granberg,
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper	Utah State Senate	No	Hugh Van Wagenen, Jordon Chandler,
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay	Utah State House of Representatives	No	Rosie Hernandez, Andrea Pearson
Member -	Laura Hanson, UT State Planning Director	GOBP	Yes	