

**MINUTES**  
**WFRC || Transportation Coordinating Committee**  
February 20, 2026

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 [00:00:04]**

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:34pm. After welcoming committee members and guests, introductions were made around the table for those attending in person, and the names of those attending online were read. New members to the committee were invited to briefly introduce themselves.

**a. ACTION: Minutes of the Trans Com Meeting held November 20, 2025 [00:06:08]**

A motion was made by Mayor Joy Petro, seconded by Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, that the minutes of the meeting be approved as presented. The affirmative motion was carried unanimously.

**2. Chair Report [00:06:33]**

Mayor Shepherd congratulated Layton City for receiving a Safe Streets For All (SS4A) federal award for construction of a pedestrian bridge to grade separate a railroad crossing at a location that greatly improves safety. Mindy Hunsaker with Layton City provided a few thoughts. Mayor Shepherd then introduced Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, who provided a Legislative update.

**a. Legislative Update [00:11:20]**

Ms. Jones Cox briefed the group on key legislative developments that are occurring during the 2026 Utah General Session. WFRC members can keep themselves apprised of notable relevant legislation by subscribing to WFRC's [Government Affairs emails](#) which are frequently distributed during the session. Members may also reference WFRC's [bill tracker](#), and [appropriations tracker](#) found on WFRC's website. WFRC's legislative engagement is coordinated on behalf of our communities, working in close partnership with local governments directly and through the Utah League of Cities and Towns and Utah Association of Counties, as well as transportation agency partners at the Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, and Mountainland Association of Governments.

**3. Public Comment [00:35:12]**

Mayor Shepherd opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments made.

**4. Trans Com Roles, Responsibilities, and Schedule [00:22:49]**

Mayor Shepherd introduced Wayne Bennion, WFRC Short Range Planning Director, who presented the roles and responsibilities for the Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com). The committee acts as the policy advisory committee to the WFRC Council regarding the programming of funds through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other short-range transportation issues. Mr. Bennion then discussed the proposed schedule of topics for this year and encouraged the group to provide suggestions about any issues they would like to discuss.

**5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [00:35:35]**

**a. Board modifications to the 2026-2031 TIP**

Mayor Shepherd turned the time to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator, who asked if there were any questions related to the materials in the signed resolution that was approved by Council at its January 22 meeting. There were none.

**b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2026-2031 TIP [00:37:40]**

Mr. Wuthrich continued his report, stating that WFRC has received requests to modify the current 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This modification requires action from Trans Com (as delegated by the Regional Council) and the Transportation Commission but does not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed the

requested modifications, and the materials are also included with the attached resolution. [00:51:44] **ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd entertained a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program as presented. A motion was made by Mayor Joy Petro, and seconded by Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee. The affirmative motion was carried unanimously.

**c. Review of the Fiscal 2025 obligation of federal highway and transit funds [00:54:15]**

Mr. Wuthrich presented a report prepared by WFRC staff, with the assistance of UDOT and UTA, that accounts for the funds obligated through federal, local and state match funding during federal fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025). For the State of Utah, these federal funds currently represent about twenty percent of the total highway and transit revenues.

**6. Local Government Project Report [01:11:33]**

Mayor Shepherd noted that Roy City has recently completed some projects that were made possible by funding recommended by Trans Com in the past. He introduced Jory Wahlen, Roy City's contract city engineer, who presented on one of the projects - a round-about that eased congestion and improved safety in a heavily traveled area.

**7. Other Business and Adjournment [01:24:53]**

Mayor Shepherd then drew attention to the final item on the agenda, announcing that the video link, *Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act*, is part of WFRC's compliance with annual training requirements. The link is included on the agenda, in the initial Trans Com meeting email and will also be added to the follow up email that will be sent next week. Please take the time to watch it in order to fulfill the WFRC Training requirements. Mayor Shepherd reminded the group that the next Tran Com meeting will be held on April 30, 2026, and entertained a motion to adjourn. Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, made the motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mayor Joy Petro. The meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.utah.gov](http://www.wfrc.utah.gov).

2026 TRANS COM MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
<b>BOX ELDER COUNTY</b>				
Member -	Kevin Jepps, Mayor	Perry City	No	Brandon Edwards, Roy City
Alternate -	Tyler Vincent, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Matt Anderson, Roy City
<b>DAVIS COUNTY</b>				Jory Wahlen, Roy City
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor (Chair)	Clearfield	Yes	Joe Thomas, DAQ
Alternate -	Scott Wiggill, Mayor	Sunset	No	Alma Haskell, UTA
Member -	John Crofts, Commissioner	Davis County	Yes	Jed Bell
Alternate -	Brian Vincent, Mayor	West Point	No	
<b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>				
Member-	Steve Gale, Mayor	Morgan City	No	
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	
<b>SALT LAKE COUNTY</b>				
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	Yes	
Alternate -	Lorin Palmer, Mayor	Herriman	Yes	
Member -	Laurie Stringham, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	No	
Member -	Dan Dugan, Councilmember	Salt Lake City	No	
Member -	Brooke D'Sousa, Councilmember	Sandy City	Yes	
Alternate -	Cheri Jackson, Mayor	Millcreek	Yes	
Alternate -	Paul Fotheringham, Mayor	Holladay	Yes	
Alternate -	David Brems, Mayor	Emigration Canyon	Yes	
<b>TOOELE COUNTY</b>				
Member -	Erik Stromberg, Councilmember	Tooele County	Yes	
Alternate -	Sheldon Birch, Councilmember	Erda City	Yes	
<b>WEBER COUNTY</b>				
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Weber County	No	WFRC Staff:
Alternate -	Richard Hyer, Councilmember	Ogden City	No	Andrew Gruber
Member -	Sheri Bingham, Mayor	Hooper	No	Wayne Bennion
Alternate -	Braden Mitchell, Mayor	Riverdale	No	Ben Wuthrich
<b>OTHER APPOINTMENTS</b>				Ted Knowlton
Member -	Tom Jacobson, Commissioner	Utah Transportation Commission	No	Miranda Jones Cox
Member -	Natalie Gochmour, Commissioner	Utah Transportation Commission	No	Fariba Soltani
Member -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA Board	Yes	Rosie Hernandez
Member -	Beth Holbrook, Trustee	UTA Board	No	Jordon Chandler
Member -	Michelle Bujdoso	Utah Air Quality Board	Yes	Andrea Pearson
<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>				
Member -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	No	
Alternate -	Tiffany Pockock, Program Dev. Dir.	UDOT	No	
Member -	Nichol Bourdeaux, Chief Planning & Engmt Ofc.	UTA	Yes	
Alternate -	Jaron Robertson, Planning Director	UTA	No	
Member	Bryce Bird, Director	Division of Air Quality	No	
Member	Ivan Marrero, Division Administrator	FHWA	No	
Member	Kelly Lund, Planner, Utah Division	FHWA	No	
Member	Chris Carn, Mayor, Saratoga Springs	MAG	No	