

WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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WFRC || Transportation Coordinating Committee
August 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 [00:00:05]

Commissioner Jim Harvey, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:36pm and excused Chair Mayor Mark Shepherd. 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.

a. ACTION: Minutes of the Trans Com Meeting held June 18, 2026 [00:04:04]

A motion was made by Councilmember Dan Dugan, and seconded by Councilmember Sheldon Birch, that the minutes of the meeting be approved as presented. The affirmative motion was carried unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:04:30]

Commissioner Harvey reminded the group that one of WFRC's primary activities is programming funds for transportation projects and technical assistance, and turned the time to Wayne Bennion, WFRC Short Range Programming Director, to note a few items in relation to these programs and their due dates.

3. Public Comment [00:06:58]

Commissioner Harvey opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [00:07:35]

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

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator, reported that since the last meeting of Trans Com, WFRC has received requests to modify the current 2026-2031 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. **[00:17:32]** Commissioner John Crofts made a motion to recommend that the WFRC Council approve the resolution to modify the 2026-2031 TIP as requested, seconded by Councilmember Dan Dugan. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

a. ACTION: Recommend Approval of 2027-2032 TIP - [00:18:04]

Mr. Wuthrich continued by presenting the 2027-2032 TIP. A draft 2027-2032 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 27 through August 2, 2026. 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, three 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 2027-2032 TIP conforms to state air quality plans. **[00:27:07]** Councilmember Dan Dugan made a motion to recommend to the WFRC Council the adoption of the resolution approving the 2027-2032 TIP and the corresponding air quality conformity finding. Councilmember Brooke D'Sousa seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

5. ACTION: Self-Certification of Transportation Planning Process [00:29:35]

Commissioner Harvey 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. **[00:32:45]** Councilmember Sheldon Birch made a motion to recommend that the WFRC Council approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Dan Dugan seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

6. 5600 West Enhanced Bus Route Update [00:29:35]

Commissioner Harvey introduced Ethan Ray, UTA Project Manager, who provided an update on the upcoming 5600 West Enhanced Bus Route. This project will provide 15-minute service from the Old Bingham Highway TRAX Station in West Jordan to the airport and then to downtown Salt Lake City. Construction begins in early 2027 with revenue service scheduled to begin in Spring 2028.

7. Other Business and Adjournment [00:46:28]

Commissioner Harvey asked if there was other business to bring before the group. There were no other items brought forth. He reminded the group that the next Trans Com meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2026 and called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Dan Dugan made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Brooke D'Sousa seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

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)				
2026 TRANS COM MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				
Member -	Kevin Jeppsen, Mayor	Perry City	No	Chandler Beutler, UTA
Alternate -	Tyler Vincent, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Ethan Ray, UTA
DAVIS COUNTY				Matt Gray, SLCo
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor (Chair)	Clearfield	No	Carlton Christensen, Sandy City
Alternate -	Scott Wiggill, Mayor	Sunset	No	Kate Becker, Morgan County
Member -	John Crofts, Commissioner	Davis County	Yes	
Alternate -	Brian Vincent, Mayor	West Point	No	
MORGAN COUNTY				

Member-	Steve Gale, Mayor	Morgan City	Yes	
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	
SALT LAKE COUNTY				
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	Yes	WFRC Staff:
Alternate -	Lorin Palmer, Mayor	Herriman	Yes	Andrew Gruber
Member -	Laurie Stringham, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	No	Wayne Bennion
Member -	Dan Dugan, Councilmember	Salt Lake City	Yes	Ben Wuthrich
Member -	Brooke D'Sousa, Councilmember	Sandy City	Yes	Ted Knowlton
Alternate -	Cheri Jackson, Mayor	Millcreek	Yes	Fariba Soltani
Alternate -	Paul Fotheringham, Mayor	Holladay	Yes	Rosie Hernandez
Alternate -	David Brems, Mayor	Emigration Canyon	Yes	Jordon Chandler
TOOELE COUNTY				Andrea Pearson
Member -	Erik Stromberg, Councilmember	Tooele County	No	
Alternate -	Sheldon Birch, Councilmember	Erda City	Yes	
WEBER COUNTY				
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Weber County	Yes	
Alternate -	Richard Hyer, Councilmember	Ogden City	No	
Member -	Sheri Bingham, Mayor	Hooper	Yes	
Alternate -	Braden Mitchell, Mayor	Riverdale	No	
OTHER APPOINTMENTS				
Member -	Tom Jacobson, Commissioner	Utah Transportation Commission	Yes	
Member -	Natalie Gochmour, Commissioner	Utah Transportation Commission	No	
Member -	Michelle Bujdoso	Utah Air Quality Board	No	
NON-VOTING MEMBERS				
Member -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	No	
Alternate -	Tiffany Pocock, Program Dev. Dir.	UDOT	Yes	
Member -	Nichol Bourdeaux, Chief Planning & Engmt Ofc.	UTA	Yes	
Alternate -	Jaron Robertson, Planning Director	UTA	Yes	
Member	Bryce Bird, Director	Division of Air Quality	No	
Member	Ivan Marrero, Division Administrator	FHWA	Yes	
Member	Kelly Lund, Planner, Utah Division	FHWA	No	
Member	Chris Carn, Mayor, Saratoga Springs	MAG	No	