

WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Wasatch Front Regional Council
August 27, 2026

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

1. Welcome & Consent Agenda (00:00:03)

At 1:34pm, Commissioner Bob Stevenson, Vice Chair of WFRC Council, welcomed the group to the meeting. Commissioner Stevenson excused WFRC Chair Dawn Ramsey from today's meeting. Introductions were made around the room and online.

a. (00:07:28) ACTION: Commissioner Stevenson brought attention to the minutes of the Council meeting held on May 28, 2026 and the financial statements for April, May, and June 2026 and entertained a motion to approve these items. Mayor Sheri Bingham made the motion and Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

2. Chair Report (00:07:50)

a. WFRC FY26 Annual Report

Commissioner Stevenson introduced Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, who gave an overview of the WFRC FY26 Annual Report, and how it aligns with agency goals and showcases some of WFRC's projects implemented over the past year. Ted Knowlton, WFRC Deputy Director and Chief Planner, Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, and Marian Florence, WFRC Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer also presented.

b. ACTION: Approve WFRC Title VI Plan and related appendices (00:30:54)

Commissioner Stevenson had Marian Florence, WFRC, continue the chair's report with information on how WFRC has updated the federally required Title VI Plan. This review occurs every three years. **(00:33:54) ACTION:** Mayor Jenny Wilson made the motion and Mayor Dirk Burton seconded, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

3. Public Comment (00:34:20)

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

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) (00:34:45)

Commissioner Stevenson turned the time to Commissioner Lorene Kamalu, Vice-Chair of RGC, for the report. Commissioner Kamalu noted that at the RGC meeting on August 20, there was a discussion about a proposed amendment to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), to update the phasing of an interchange project in Farmington on the West Davis Corridor. RGC voted to release the proposed amendment for public comment.

a. Transportation's secret weapon: Jobs/housing balance (00:36:17)

Commissioner Kamalu stated that the discussion would now look at the dynamic of how balancing the location of jobs and homes can improve transportation outcomes and introduced Andrew Gruber, WFRC. Bill Hereth, WFRC Analytics Deputy Director, provided an interactive overview of new analysis tools that can assist with the balance of transportation planning, housing and job locations for our region.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) (01:13:16)

Commissioner Stevenson moved on to the next item on the agenda, calling on Commissioner Jim Harvey, Trans Com Vice-Chair, for this report. Commissioner Harvey

a. Report: Board Modifications to the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Commissioner Harvey stated that since the last meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), requests were received to modify the current 2026-2031 TIP. The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting). The modification is attached to the approved resolution.

b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2026-2031 (TIP) (01:14:05)

Commissioner Harvey turned the time to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator, for a brief overview of the modifications requested for the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The modification materials are included in the meeting packet. **(01:21:34) ACTION:** Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. Commissioner John Crofts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

c. ACTION: Approve the 2027-2032 TIP [01:22:03]

Commissioner Harvey turned back to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, who continued his presentation with an overview of the 2027-2032 TIP, briefly describing the types of projects and the requirements needed to be considered. Mr. Wuthrich discussed the process of the TIP, and the recent public comment period and open houses that were held. **(01:30:17) ACTION:** Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the 2027-2032 TIP. Mayor Monica Zoltanski seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

d. Self-Certification of Planning Process (01:30:58)

Commissioner Harvey introduced Wayne Bennion, WFRC Short Range Planning Director, who explained that when the TIP is submitted to Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, WFRC is required to certify along with UDOT that the regional planning process complies with federal regulations. The TransCom committee reviewed the process with staff, and recommended that the WFRC Council approve the certification. **(01:32:10) ACTION:** Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve Self-Certification of the Planning Process. Mayor Dirk Burton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion was approved unanimously,

6. Reports (01:33:50)

a. WFRC funding and technical assistance opportunities for local government

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, reminded the group that one of WFRC's primary activities is programming funds for transportation projects and technical assistance, putting resources in the hands of local communities. He briefly discussed the nine available programs and their submission due dates.

b. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update (01:35:40)

Mayor Troy Walker, ATC Chair, reported on the progress recently made in Box Elder County, where another section of the Historic Orchard Pathway has been completed. He also reported that the Utah Trail Network has received funding for 25 new projects, bringing the total funded projects in this program up to 46.

c. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update (01:37:45)

Commissioner Gage Froerer, WFEDD Chair, reported that at the last WFEDD meeting, presentations were made on Opportunity Zones 2.0, showing how federally designated Opportunity Zones were intended to attract private investment in eligible areas and the roles that MPOs and AOGs play in that planning. Additionally, J Fisher Companies provided an overview of public-private partnerships and how they could help local governments address housing, infrastructure, and redevelopment needs. **(01:39:20)** Mayor Monica Zoltanski, Sandy City, spoke briefly about her experience meeting with J Fisher Companies after learning about their programs.

d. Executive Director's report (01:45:54)

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, spoke about enhancing coordinated transportation planning between WFRC and Tooele Valley by expanding the metropolitan planning area to include Tooele Valley. Discussions are happening between local governments and staff. More information will be provided in the future. He then reminded the group about the upcoming Wasatch Choice workshops that will be held around the region. The focus of these workshops will be a review of how the projects in the Draft 2027-2055 are phased, by looking at when the projects are needed and when the funding is anticipated to be available.

7. Other Business and Adjournment (01:50:40)

Commissioner Stevenson noted that the next Council meeting is set for Thursday, October 22, 2026. The meeting adjourned at 3:26pm.

Wasatch Front Regional Council

2026 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				John Crofts, Davis County Commissioner
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Kate Bradshaw, Bountiful Mayor
Alternate -	Tyler Vincent, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	David Brems, Emigration Canyon Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS				Dustin Gettel, Midvale Mayor
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor	Layton	Yes	Cheri Jackson, Millcreek Mayor
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor	Clearfield	No	Janet Wampler, Ogden Valley City Mayor
Member -	Tami Tran, Mayor	Kaysville	No	Steve Gibson, Pleasant View Mayor
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Davis County	Yes	Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA
MORGAN COUNTY				Barry McLerran, Sen. Curtis
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Val Potter, Sen. Curtis
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	No	Ivan Marrero, FWHA
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS				Roger Bourgenicht, UBET
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	Yes	Ben Wood, City Weekly
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor	Salt Lake City	No	Cody Lutz, Envision Utah
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor (Chair)	South Jordan	No	Ryan Mecham, Sandy City
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	No	
Member -	Lorin Palmer, Mayor	Herriman	Yes	
Member -	Monica Zoltanski , Mayor	Sandy	Yes	WFRC staff:
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	Yes	Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Bert Granberg,
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	Yes	Julie Bjornstad, Sarah Lawless, Jory Johnner, Chris Day,
TOOELE COUNTY				Miranda Jones Cox, Marcia White, Ben Wuthrich,
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	No	Wayne Bennion, Byron Head, Fariba Soltani,
Alternate -	Maresa Manzione, Mayor	Tooele City	Yes	Johnnae Nardone, Marian Florence, Christy Dahlberg,
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS				Pukar Bhandari, Josh Reynolds, Kevrine Wells,
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Suzie Swim, Paulo Aguilera, Tim Watkins, Joel Temple,
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Hugh VanWagenen, Sam DeSeelhort, Madison Aviles,
Member -	Sheri Bingham, Mayor	Hooper	Yes	Andy Li, Bill Hereth, Meg Padjen, Rosie Hernandez,
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor	Ogden	Yes	Jordon Chandler, Andrea Pearson
UDOT & UTA				
Member -	Carlos Braceras, Executive Director	UDOT	No	
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	Yes	
Member -	Jay Fox	UTA	Yes	
Alternate -	Nichol Bourdeaux	UTA	Yes	
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS				
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co. Commissioner	Utah Association of Counties	Yes	
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor	Utah League of Cities and Towns	Yes	
Member -	Jason Brown, Executive Director	Envision Utah	No	
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper	State Senate	Yes	
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay	State House of Representatives	Yes	
Member -	Laura Hanson, State Planning Coordinator	GOPB	Yes	