Davis Council of Governments

September 9th, 2026 --COG Meeting
Farmington

Meeting Chair: Mayor Brett Anderson, Farmington

Members present

Mayor Marie Dougherty, Clinton
Mayor Tamara Tran, Kaysville
Mayor Dave Maughan, Syracuse
Mayor Brian Horrocks, North Salt Lake
Mayor Mark Shepard, Clearfield
Mayor Clark Wilkinson, Centerville
Mayor Jeanne Groberg, Fruit Heights
Mayor Brett Anderson, Farmington
Mayor Joy Petro, Layton
Mayor Brian Vincent, West Point
Colonel Eric B. Quidley, HAFB
Kristen Hogan, Davis School Board
President Angie Osguthorpe, Davis Chamber

Staff present:

William Zulch, DC CED
Alex Leonardi, DC CED

1. **Welcome to COG – Chair Mayor Brett Anderson**
   Mayor Anderson welcomed everyone and assigned the prayer and pledge.

   1.1 Prayer: Mayor Brett Anderson
   1.2 Pledge: Mayor Brian Horrocks

2. **Business/Action Items**

   2.1 June COG minutes approval

   Motion: Minute approval was moved by Mayor Tran seconded by Mayor Petro. The motion passed with all in favor.

3. **Presentations/Informational Items**

   3.1 WFRC: Presented by Wayne Bennion, Short Range Planning director WFRC

   - **Key Points:** The Wasatch Front Regional Council's Funding program cycle is open. Common projects are zoning ordinance updates, addressing unsafe intersections and filling gaps in sidewalks or trails.
   - **Action:** A letter of intent for the action items in the WFRC Funding programs packet is due September 30th. There is contact information for each program in the funding program packet, WFRC has sent the details about the program to mayors and cities.

   3.2 UTA: Presented by Jay Fox, Executive Director of UTA

- **Introduction:** Jay Fox provided an operational and organizational update following UTA's recent governance transition on July 1, 2026, where executive leadership now aligns directly under the Governor of Utah. Under this new governance structure, government and community relations have been integrated into the Planning and Engagement Department, now renamed Planning and External Relations, with Paul Ray and Chandler Beutler serving as primary contacts to ensure rapid, same-day response times for municipal needs and local council work sessions. To foster operational support for frontline staff, UTA has also transitioned from a hierarchical structure to a circular organizational chart focused on shared executive accountability.
- **Strategies:** Outlining the agency's primary strategic priorities, Fox emphasized the need to expand sustainably, maintain deliberately, and advocate regionally. Covering 1,400 square miles across 77 municipalities, UTA ranks fourth nationally in per-capita transit mileage, operating at high fiscal efficiency compared to larger peer agencies such as the New York MTA. Because capital funding only covers initial infrastructure while route additions require ongoing operational tax revenue for operators and mechanics, approximately 70% of UTA's capital budget is reserved strictly for system maintenance, including the upcoming replacement of high-floor TRAX Blue Line cars with new Stadler vehicles. On a regional scale, UTA is coordinating with UDOT to achieve 15-minute FrontRunner service frequencies to better synchronize connecting bus routes across the region.
- **Performance:** Fox highlighted UTA's 91% on-time performance rate, outperforming the 80% national transit average, and noted the substantial economic impact of transit investments, citing the $60 million Sugar House S-Line which generated over $2 billion in local development over a decade. The presentation concluded with an overview of community programs, including the local 5, 10, and 25-year long-range transit planning cycle, free travel training, platform safety ambassadors, and the highly successful microtransit on-demand service operating in South Davis County.

3.3 Emergency Operations Center and GIS Hub: Presented by Ember Herrick, Davis County Emergency Manager, Jeff Baker and Rob Hall, Davis County GIS team

- **Introduction:** Ember Herrick welcomed attendees to the new regional EOC facility, which was constructed using COVID-19 relief funds to serve as a shared asset for all 15 Davis County municipalities rather than a restricted sheriff's office space. Herrick highlighted ongoing countywide preparedness initiatives, including the Davis County Evacuation Project, which establishes standardized, small-block neighborhood evacuation zones to streamline emergency notifications across local fire, police, and dispatch agencies.
- **Emergency Management Tool:** Jeff Baker and Rob Hall demonstrated the new Davis County Emergency Management Hub, an interactive GIS tool designed to aggregate critical information and coordinate real-time decision-making during disasters. Through a simulated brush fire scenario, the team illustrated how local officials can activate specific evacuation zones, using a "Ready", "Set", "Go" protocol, and dynamically map shelter locations and impact critical infrastructure. The hub is currently 80–90% complete and will soon launch as both an internal management tool and a public-facing emergency resource for county residents.

Motion to adjourn: Mayor Maughan, seconded by Kristen Hogan. All in Favor.

The next meeting is October 14th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Future Agenda Items: Send future agenda items and any handouts to William Zulch at wzulch@daviscountyutah.gov. *Items must be received at least one month prior to the meeting.*

Next COG Meeting

- October 14th North Salt Lake
- December 9th Holiday Party Crush Golf