

MPO BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2026 | 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Board Member Attendees	Present	Alternates/ Others in Attendance
Mayor Carla Merrill, Alpine	✓	Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA
Mayor Brad Frost, American Fork - Vice Chair		David Salazar, Eagle Mountain
Mayor Wyatt Cook, Cedar Fort	✓	Council Member Melissa Clark, Eagle Mountain
Mayor Denise Andersen, Cedar Hills	✓	Alternate
Mayor Troy Walker, Draper		Senator Keith Grover
Mayor Jared R. Gray, Eagle Mountain		Boyd Humpherys, UDOT
Mayor Robert Haddock, Elk Ridge	✓	Muriel Xochimitl, Utah Transit Commission
Mayor Hollie McKinney, Fairfield	✓	
Mayor Neil Brown, Genola	✓	
Mayor Steven Staheli, Goshen	✓	
Mayor Brittany Bills, Highland	✓	
Representative David Shallenberger, Legislator	✓	
Senator Michael K. McKell, Legislator	✓	
Mayor Paul Binns, Lehi	✓	
Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon	✓	
Mayor Therin Garrett, Mapleton		
Mayor Karen McCandless, Orem	✓	
Mayor Bill Wright, Payson - Chair	✓	
Mayor Eric Jensen, Pleasant Grove		
Mayor Marsha Judkins, Provo	✓	
Mayor Cristy Simons, Salem		
Mayor Daniel Olson, Santaquin		
Mayor Chris Carn, Saratoga Springs	✓	MAG STAFF
Mayor Mike Mendenhall, Spanish Fork	✓	Andrew Wooley, IT Manager
Mayor Wade Menlove, Spring Lake	✓	Cody Christensen, Transportation Planner II
Mayor Matt Packard, Springville	✓	Dan Wayne, Comm. Planning & Econ. Dev. Mgr.
Mayor Zack Stratton, Vineyard	✓	Johnathon Knapton, Communications Manager
Mayor Ben Hillyard, Woodland Hills	✓	Kendall Willardson, Transportation Planner II
Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County	✓	Kevin Feldt, Transportation Planning Manager
Commissioner Brandon Gordon, Utah County	✓	Kimberly Brenneman, Executive Assistant
Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County	✓	LaNiece Davenport, MPO Director
Bryce Bird, Utah Division of Air Quality	✓	Matthew Silski, GIS Analyst
Carlos Bracerias, Utah Department of Transportation		Michelle Carroll, Executive Director
Jay Fox, Utah Transit Authority	✓	Shauna Mecham, Planner/ Air Quality Analyst
Mayor Natalie Hall, Bluffdale*		Tim Hereth, Analytics Manager
BG Shawn M. Fuellenbach, Camp Williams*		
Ivan Marrero, FHWA*	✓	
Peter Hadley, FTA*	✓	
Jered Johnson, MPO TAC Chair*	✓	

DISCUSSION & AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order (00:00:02)

Chair Mayor Bill Wright opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Public Comment (00:02:40)

Chair Mayor Bill Wright opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments.

Minutes - Action (00:03:14)

Representative David Shallenberger moved to approve the minutes from August 13, 2026.

Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

2055 RTP: Project List Adoption (00:03:28)

Kevin Feldt first reviewed the project prioritization process. After the January–February workshops, staff scored and ranked projects using a data-driven method. Scores were normalized to a 0–100 scale and weighted by goal weights set with a working group of MPO TAC and MPO Board members, which met July 9 and July 22. The list covers 129 active transportation projects, 21 transit projects, and 173 roadway projects.

He then explained how roadway projects will be phased using travel demand model congestion indices:

- Phase 1 (2027–2036): index above 1.0
- Phase 2 (2037–2046): index of about 0.8 to 1.0
- Phase 3 (2047–2055): index below 0.8
- Exploratory: early-stage ideas, a category separate from the three phases

Projects will also be weighed on cost-benefit, constructability, project readiness, and regional consensus.

Projects already in the TIP/STIP go straight into Phase 1. Staff will then fund projects down the list until money runs out, and anything left over moves to a later phase or is listed as "planned, no funding assumed."

Key upcoming dates:

- September 21 and 23: identical phasing workshops
- October 8: draft Phase 1–3 lists presented to the board
- October 12–20: follow-up workshop
- November 12: adoption of the draft RTP, which has to happen on time so the December air quality conformity analysis and the February public review stay on schedule

Mayor Matt Packard moved to adopt the 2055 RTP list of projects as presented as a Draft Project List and direct staff to move forward to the 2055 RTP Project Phasing process.

Mayor Bill Wright seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

Small Area Population Projections (00:20:47)

Tim Hereth presented population and job forecasts from a 2023 base year out to 2055. They were built with the Real Estate Market Model using county control totals from the Gardner Policy Institute, general plan data from cities, parcel data, jobs data, and aerial imagery. The new series is more optimistic than the 2022 series and adds about 170,000 more people and 50,000 more jobs to plan for. Projected household growth:

- About 100,000 new households in south Utah County
- About 115,000 in the north and west Utah County combined
- About 35,000 in the central Utah County

Tim Hereth stated growth shifts toward Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs, Spanish Fork, and Payson, and jobs follow the new rooftops outward. After the MPO TAC review, staff received close to 70 comments from 10 cities. The results are available in a web app at the city or TAZ level. In discussion, one member said the region should work to help job growth keep pace with population growth. It was requested that Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs be grouped into the same subarea because they share roads, bus routes, and a school district. Tim Hereth said staff can redraw the subareas.

Summary of Informal Straw Poll: Regional Transportation Funding Opportunities (00:35:28)

LaNiece Davenport reported a projected 68% funding shortfall for roadway projects from 2027 to 2055. In the poll last month, MPO Board members ranked their top values for a funding mechanism as revenue potential, long-term sustainability, and local control.

Points from the discussion:

- Road usage charges vs. tolling: RUC is charged per vehicle and per mile, while tolling applies to a specific facility such as the lake crossing. RUC would need a statewide program run by UDOT.
- Registration fee: a board member noted the \$10 fee hasn't changed since 2006.
- Local option sales taxes: adding more would take legislative authorization followed by county action. The legislative members of the MPO Board express support for exploring this.
- Political risk: It was requested that political risk be added to the cost-benefit analysis.
- Transportation utility fees: LaNiece Davenport clarified that these are not a property tax.
- Tradeoffs: a board member urged others on the committee to present the choices to constituents as tax or fee increases versus economic development opportunities.

The MPO Board agreed to direct staff to:

- Develop revenue projections for federal grants, a registration fee adjustment, and optimizing Class B and C road funds
- Research how peer MPOs staff their grant work
- Prepare a legislative roadmap for local option sales taxes
- Future presentations from the Utah League of Cities and Towns on local funding and from UTA on transit funding were also requested

MPO Director Report (01:05:43)

LaNiece Davenport announced the new North Utah County Innovative Mobility Zone, created with Utah County, UDOT, and UTA. It offers on-demand rides for about \$2.50 in Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs, Lehi, and American Fork. Riders can go within six miles of their starting point, with unlimited distance to FrontRunner. Jay Fox said about 1,000 people rode it in the first week. LaNiece Davenport also reported on a peer exchange with Broward MPO in Florida, focused on its "Smart Metro" AI planning work and its "Roads for Families" bike and pedestrian program. She closed by reminding members of the identical RTP phasing workshops on September 21 and 23.

Other Business and Adjournment (01:09:20)

Jay Fox reported that the Timpanogos bus service expansion from the last TIP depends on grant funding and has been submitted to the federal Bus and Bus Facilities program.

Chair Mayor Bill Wright announced that the next MPO Board meeting is October 8 at the MAG offices.

Chair Mayor Bill Wright adjourned the meeting.