MOUNTAINLAND MPO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor Ballroom
51 South University Ave., Provo

Thursday, August 3, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Voting Members:
- Mayor Gary Gygi, Chair
- Mayor Wilford Clyde, Vice-Chair
- Mayor J.H. Hadfield
- Mayor Sheldon Wimmer
- Mayor Richard Brunst
- Mayor Jim Miller
- Mayor Bert Wilson
- Mayor Mark Thompson
- Mayor Ty Ellis
- Mayor Kirk Hunsaker
- Mayor Howard Anderson
- Mayor Pro Tem Tom Westmoreland

Representing:
- Cedar Hills
- Springville
- American Fork
- Alpine
- Orem
- Saratoga Springs
- Lehi
- Highland
- Elk Ridge
- Santaquin
- Cedar Fort
- Eagle Mountain
- Utah County
- Utah County
- Transportation Commission
- Saratoga Springs
- Alpine
- FHWA

Attending:
- Spring Campbell
- Stephanie Gricius
- Laura Hanson
- Jeff Harris
- Ken Anson
- Brent Schraneveldt
- Teri Newel
- Jan Preece

Representing:
- Utah County
- Eagle Mountain
- UTA
- UDOT
- UTA
- UDOT
- UDOT
Excused:
Mayor Brian Wall  
Mayor Rick Moore  
Mayor Mike Daniels  
Mayor Christopher Pengra  
Mayor Jeff Acerson

MAG Staff:
Andrew Jackson  
Jim Price  
Bob Allen  
Stephanie Benson  
Susan Hardy  
Melanie Haws  
Andrew Wooley  
Shawn Elliot

Mayor Gygi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., announcing the committee members who have asked to be excused from the meeting.

The committee was given a brief instruction on how to use the audio recording system. Elected officials were asked to stay after the Regional Planning Committee meeting to attend the COG meeting as Provo Police Department will be presenting on the Lethality Assessment Program for first responders in all cites to help combat domestic violence.

**Recognize UDOT Commissioner J. Kent Millington’s public service in the publics best interest** – Mayor Gygi, Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson awarded Commissioner Kent Millington with the Becky Lockhart Champions of Transportation Award in recognition for his public service as the Transportation Commissioner for two terms, totaling twelve years. Commissioner Millington expressed his gratitude and honor for receiving the award as the late Becky Lockhart was a family member and dear friend.

**Approve the May 4, 2017 meeting minutes**

Mayor Hadfield moved to approve the May 4, 2017 meeting minutes. Mayor Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

No comments

**TIP Modifications**

A. **Continued Item from May 4th meeting “TIP Amendment: Moving Funds from Jordan River Connector Trail to Lehi Rail Trail Phase 3” - Jim Price, MAG Staff**

An overview was given on the previously tabled agenda item from the May 4, 2017 MPO Regional Planning Committee meeting requesting funds be transferred from the Jordan River Connector Trail to the Lehi Rail Trail, Phase 3 for safety upgrades. Approximately $660,000 is remaining from the completion of the Jordan River Connector Trail. Both the Jordan River Connector Trail and Lehi Rail Trail are sponsored jointly by Lehi City and Utah County.
On April 24, 2017, a recommendation was made to the Mountainland MPO Technical Advisory Committee to move the remaining money to the Lehi Rail Trail, Phase 3 project. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Jim Price stated that changes were made to the suggested motion listed in the agenda packet. It should have read Jordan River Connector Trail instead of Jordan River Trail.

Mayor Hadfield moved that the MPO Regional Planning Committee approve the request to transfer funds of up to $660,000 from the Jordan River Connector Trail to the Lehi Rail Trail, Phase 3. Mayor Wimmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. UDOT Funds Transfer (Redwood Road) – Bob Allen, MAG staff
The Transportation Commission separated one large Saratoga Springs project into three projects in May 2017. The Region had excess funds in the first two projects to ensure that the projects could be awarded and constructed this year. The two projects have been awarded, and the Region would like to take the excess funds totaling $6,542,749 and move them to the last project in preparation for advertisement. The amount to move from PIN 10689 is $3,933,381. The amount to move from PIN 15274 is $2,609,368. The total of these funds needs to be added to PIN 15275.

UDOT would like to modify the TIP to reflect these funding changes. MPO staff recommends a modification of the TIP to reflect the funding transfer to the remaining Redwood Road project in the TIP.

Mayor Wilson moved that the TIP be modified to reflect the transfer of $6,542,749 to the remaining Redwood Road project. Mayor Brunst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. UDOT Funds Transfer (Geneva Road) – Bob Allen, MAG staff
Region 3 has a choke point project (PIN 12159, SR-114; Realignment & Signal at 400 N in Orem) that cannot be done until the railroad tracks are removed from Geneva Road in Orem. This process is taking longer than planned. The Region would like to move some of the funds off this project to add funding to five existing projects within Region 3, two of which are within the MPO and are listed below. The Region would like to move the delayed choke point project on Geneva Road to the 2020 Transportation Solution list to compete with the other Transportation Solution needs in 2020.

The five existing projects within Region 3 are as follows:

1. $1.5M to PIN 15574 (SR-113; Shoulder Widening Charleston to Midway)
2. $1.17M to PIN 13421 (SR-77 400 S Springville; SF Main to I-15)
3. $1.1M to PIN 15275 (SR-68; Village Pkwy. To Grandview in Saratoga Springs)
4. $1.1M to PIN 15573 (SR-191; Stauffer Chemical to Red Loop Rd Guardrail)
5. $80K to PIN 15572 (US-40 VMS S of Heber & E of Duchesne)
Mayor Hadfield raised a concern that two of the five projects are outside of the Utah County jurisdiction and questioned why the MPO Regional Planning Committee is making recommendations on them. Bob Allen stated that the five projects listed were provided for informational purposes only, and confirmed that the money is staying in Region 3 which will fund the two Utah County projects.

Commissioner Millington moved that the Regional Planning Committee modify the TIP to reflect the transfer of $4.95M to the identified projects. Mayor Miller seconded the motion. The Committee voted all in favor with the exception of Mayor Hadfield who voted nay. The motion passed unanimously.

**MAG Transportation Improvement Program 2018-2023 (TIP) Approval** - Bob Allen, MAG staff

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a 4-year program that lists all funded regional transportation projects and programs. The TIP is being updated this year to align it with TransPlan40 RTP. The TIP lists projects that are primarily funded by UTA, UDOT, Mountainland and Utah County. Approximately $950 million will be used for transportation projects in Utah County over the next year. The Committee was given an updated TIP MAP for UDOT and UTA funded projects. Major additions to the TIP this year include:

**New TIP Highlights**

a. I-15 Freeway Lehi; SR-73 to SR-92 Reconstruction | $450m – Funding moved forward to 2018-2020

b. SR-85; Mountainview Corridor | $39.7m – Additional funds to build 4 lanes

c. UVU Pedestrian Crossing over I-15 | $14m - FY2018

A 30-day required public comment was held for the TIP/STIP between July 3, 2017 and August 3, 2017. A public hearing was held at the Mountainland AOG office on July 26, 2017. To date there have been no significant comments.

Andrew Jackson stated that all comments are important, however significant comments are specifically related to the plan, air quality, etc.

Mayor Brunst moved that the MPO Regional Planning Committee approve the updated TIP, bar no significant public comment received through the end of the comment period. Commissioner Ivie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study Findings** – Jeff Harris, UDOT Planning Director

The Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study is a collaborative effort between WFRC, UDOT, UTA and MAG to find solutions that will meet transit demands as Utah’s population continues to grow.

The study looked at a variety of creative options to address future transit demands from South
Davis County to Northern Utah County and the width in Salt Lake County between the area of 700 East to Redwood Road. Federal Highway Administration applied for the TIGER planning grant which was used to fund approximately half of the study.

**Transportation goals include:**
- Improve Safety
- Increase person throughput
- Improve travel time reliability
- Increase accessibility to jobs and education
- Improve air quality
- Improve economic outcomes
- Reduce household transportation costs
- Improve mode balance

**Solutions include:**
- **I-15:** Double-Decked
- **Transit:** No-fare transit system wide
- **Active Transportation:** Cycle superhighway
- **Incentive Programs:** Pay-per-use transportation applications
- **Surface Streets:** Improve street connections

**3rd Quarter Cent Sales Tax Discussion** – Andrew Jackson, MAG staff

A brief history of Transportation Planning at Mountainland AOG was given dating back forty years.

An executive order was established in 1970 identifying seven planning areas within the state. While the Governor created the boundaries, the interlocal agreement between cities and counties created the Association of Governments.

The executive order that created the boundaries ordered regions to do the following:
- Coordinate state plans and programs
- Coordinate federal sponsored programs at sub-state levels
- Strengthen the role in the execution of state and federal programs at the local level
- Provide consistent framework for planning and admin
- Eliminate overlap and effectively use the State’s resources

A brief history of the local option sales taxes for transportation was given.

**1st Quarter Cent Tax (Mass Transit):** Adopted 1984-2011, 100% UTA, $18m annually

**2nd Quarter Cent Tax (Rails/HWYS/BRT):** Adopted 2006, .3 cent tax, 87% Rail/5% BRT-Bus/8% Regional Roads, $20m annually

**3rd Quarter Cent Tax (HWYS/Transit/Trails):** Adopted 2008, 100% MPO/County, $18m annually

The 3rd quarter cent local option sales tax for transportation was discussed and how the state law determines it should be allocated. The dialog was prompted by the July 5, 2017 County Commission meeting agenda item regarding approval of funding for the projects previously approved by the MPO.
Mayor Gygi, Andrew Jackson and Commissioner Bill Lee discussed various points of view and whether or not the County has the right to supersede the MPO. All parties agreed that this issue needs to be explored further.

Mayor Clyde proposed that MAG staff check with other MPO’s in the state to see if they have faced similar challenges. Andrew Jackson suggested also contacting the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel for clarification on S.B. 245.

Mayor Gygi made the recommendation that MAG staff and County Commissioners contact their attorneys to clarify state statute. The recommendation was approved by the committee.

**New Gardner Policy Institute Utah and County Population: Jobs Forecast to 2065** – Shawn Elliot, MAG staff

*Agenda item was tabled until the next MPO Regional Planning meeting due to lack of time.

**Update Reports from FHWA, UDOT Region 3, UTA, and Transportation Commission**

*FWHA:* No comments

*UDOT Region 3:* No comments

*UTA:* No comments

*Transportation Commission:* The next Transportation Commission meeting will be held in Garden City, Utah on August 10 and 11, 2017.

**Other Business**

The next Regional Planning Committee meeting will be held September 7, 2017 at the Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor Ballroom, Provo, UT.