

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

May 26, 2016

2 pm

Salt Lake County Government Center

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmen Freeman and introductions were made.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was none.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

Jory Johner from the Wasatch Front Regional Council introduced a proposed amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He first noted the process for adopting an amendment which occurs once per year and then listed three projects to be moved up in phase within the RTP. Those projects are:

- Widening 9000 South from I-15 to 700 East which will be restriped within the existing right-of-way.
- Widening and restriping Redwood Road from 9000 South to Bangerter Highway. This will conflict with the bicycle plan.
- Extending 140000 South in Bluffdale from 2700 West to 3600 West.

Mayor Freeman asked what the criteria was for a project to be moved up. Answer: In response to a request to UDOT to move these projects up in phase, we verified that the additional funding is available and that the projects will not violate the air quality conformity standards.

There is an ongoing formal public comment period open from May 23rd through June 24th.

Major UDOT Projects for 2016

Lisa Wilson, UDOT Region II Deputy Director, addressed the members of the COG relative to the major projects underway and upcoming in Salt Lake County. Those projects include:

- At complete reconstruction and partial widening of the I-215 west side belt route from 2100 South to 300 East. The project will include the rebuilding of many of the interchanges as well. The cost is \$120 million.

- The Mountain View Corridor extension from 5400 South to 4100 South is underway and will be completed in 2017. The next segment of the road to SR-201 will begin in 2018 and be complete in 2021.
- The upgrade of the 600 West / Bangerter Highway Intersection to a freeway type interchange is underway. In addition, Bangerter Highway Intersections at 5400 South, 7000 South, 9000 South and 11400 South will be upgraded to interchanges beginning in 2017.
- UDOT is also seeking funding to upgrade the Bangerter Highway Intersections at 6200 South, 10400 South, 12600 South and 13400 South.
- UDOT is currently acquiring right-of-way to widen Redwood Road from 12600 South to Bangerter Highway. The project will begin construction in 2017.
- 10600 South from I-15 to Redwood Road will be widened in 2017.
- A partial reconstruction of the 10600 South / I-15 Interchange with the addition of a tunnel for the northbound exit that will allow traffic to access the South Towne Mall and associated business without stopping. This project will begin in 2017.
- The addition of a lane for southbound I-15 from SR-201 to 12300 South and the reconstruction of the I-15 / I-215 Interchange. The project will begin in 2018.

Mayor Johnson asked if the crews for the I-215 reconstruction project will be working at night.
 Answer: Yes, as much as possible.

Mayor Cullimore asked how long it will take to finish the I-215 project. Answer: Summer 2017

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Timothy made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mayor Johnson, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2016 as written. The vote in favor was unanimous.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Appointments to the UTA Board of Trustees

Current UTA Board Member, Mayor Troy Walker, mentioned that he has enjoyed his service on the UTA Board of Trustees and would like to be reappointed for a full term. He noted that all decisions are now made at the Board level. Weber and Davis counties will soon enjoy increased service due to the passage of Proposition 1 there. Daily UTA transit operations are considered some of the best in the country.

Mayor Dahle suggested that when Board appointments do come up, that we should look for more female representation.

Mayor Freeman mentioned that he along with others have met with FTA in Washington, D.C. regarding the extension of TRAX into Herriman and would like that discussion to continue.

Mayor Walker replied that he would be happy to work with the members of COG and encouraged them to call him with their concerns.

Mayor Dolan made the **MOTION** to recommend Mayor Troy Walker to the County Council for a full term on the UTA Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cullimore. The vote in favor was unanimous.

UTA Trustee Jeff Hawker's term expires in October. Mayor Dolan noted that Jeff has been responsive and would like to re-appoint him. Staff was directed to determine if he would like to be reappointed.

Utah State Office of Refugees

Asha Parekh, Executive Director of the Utah State Office of Refugees, addressed the members of COG regarding the State's refugee resettlement program. Of the 20 million refugees in the world, only about 1% settle in another country. The U.S. uses a 26 step screening process for the refugees it admits. The State is assisted in their efforts by the International Committee of the Red Cross and Catholic Community Services.

Utah receives approximately 1,100 refugees per year, most of which have been resettled in Salt Lake County in what is a two year process. The State is attempting to settle new refugees in other parts of the State. Most jobs obtained by the refugees start at approximately \$8.00 per hour. Mayor Timothy asked how the State knows when refugees are being sent here. Answer: The U.S. State Department lets her know that they are coming.

There is a refugee training center in South Salt Lake. There the refugees receive instruction in English, basic information on how to navigate government and community services and some job training. They are working on tracking employment and educational outcomes.

Mayor Johnson asked which countries we are currently receiving refugees from. Answer: Burma, Congo, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan and only a few from Syria.

Mayor Freeman asked how we can help. Answer: Contact the refugee coordinator in the South Salt Lake facility.

Councilman Burton asked if there are service opportunities for the boy scouts. Answer: Such requests should be routed through the Coordinator at the South Salt Lake Office.

UTA Government Affairs Representative Introduction

The new government affairs representative for UTA, Nicole Bordreaux introduced herself to the COG members.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dolan made the **MOTION** to adjourn. The vote in favor was unanimous.

COG MEMBERS PRESENT

Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy	Sandy	Mayor Dolan
South Salt Lake	Mayor Wood	Midvale	Mayor Seghini
Sandy	Mayor Dolan	Draper	Mayor Walker
South Jordan	Mayor Alvord	Cottonwood Heights	Mayor Cullimore
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	Taylorsville	Mayor Johnson
West Jordan	Councilmember Burton	West Valley City	Mayor Bigelow
Riverton	Mayor Applegarth	Staff	Sam Klemm

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Andrew Gruber	WFRC	John Hiskey	Sandy City
Jan Wells	Murray City	Lisa Wilson	UDOT
David Litvack	Salt Lake City	Val Halford	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC	Rita Lund	S.L. County
Nicole Bordreaux	UTA	Nick Tober	S.L. County
Bethany Hyatt	Workforce Services	Jan Wells	Murray City
Asha Parekh	Workforce Services	Candice Pierucci	Congressman Stewart
Dave Goeres	UTA		