MOUNTAINLAND MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, September 23, 2013

Mountainland Conference Room
586 East 800 North, Orem, Utah
1:30 p.m.

Attending:

Chris Trusty, Chair  Eagle Mountain
Adam Olsen  American Fork
Andy Spencer  American Fork
Nathan Rogers  Civil Science
Kim Struthers  Lehi
Hugh Van Wagenen  Lindon
Mark Christensen  Lindon
Chad Eccles  MAG
Jenny Meyer  MAG
Jim Price  MAG
Shawn Eliot  MAG
Shawn Seager  MAG
Paul Goodrich  Orem
Degen Lewis  Pleasant Grove
Marcus Wager  Pleasant Grove
Dennis Marker  Santaquin
Jeremy Lapin  Saratoga Springs
Kimber Gabryszak  Saratoga Springs
Cory Pierce  Spanish Fork
Dave Anderson  Spanish Fork
Brandon Snyder  Springville
Brad Cameron  UDOT
Brent Schvaneveldt  UDOT
Catherine Jones  UDOT-TOC
Walt Steinworth  UDOT
Alma Haskell  UTA
Cheryl Anderson  UTA
Vice Chair Dennis Marker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Approved the meeting minutes for August 26, 2013
Degen Lewis moved to approve the August 26, 2013, minutes. Jeremy Lapin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MAG Open Houses
Chad Eccles reminded the committee of the MAG Open Houses and handed out flyers for the members to post in their city office.

TIP Modification Timpanogos Highway
Item removed from agenda, per UDOT’s request

UDOT Project Ranking
Every year UDOT develops projects to be recommended to the state Transportation Commission to be placed on the STIP. The MPO is a partner in this process in giving recommendations of what the municipal needs are on the state highway system. Shawn Eliot gave the TAC Committee a list of MAG AOG Recommended projects from the long range plan and past ideas. The TAC Committee discussed the listed projects. Several projects were segmented and several additional projects were added to the initial list. The TAC Committee then voted on the projects. The project votes were tallied and summarized after the meeting. The final results from this exercise show the priorities of our local government and will be given to UDOT to help formulate the submittal to the Transportation Commission in developing future STIPs. A copy of the final results will also be sent to the TAC Committee.

Joint Project Selection Process
Currently, the MPO and UDOT have separate project selection processes to approve projects and to assign funding. The federal regulations for project selection within MPOs required that the MPO, the state, and the transit operators work together to select projects. Lochner Consultants were hired last year to study and make recommendations to the process with the goal to merge both processes together. The hope was that by creating one project selection process, all parties would be involved and project selection and funding would be more
inclusive. This process also makes many MPO and UDOT programs more functional (ie. Congestion Management).

**Changes proposed to the current MPO process include:**

1. Changing the ranking matrix to be more technical, be in line with the UDOT mission priorities (Optimize Mobility, Strengthen the Economy, Zero Fatalities, Preservation), as well as magnitude, cost, and regional priority.

2. Create an MPO TAC sub-committee, called the Ranking Committee, to review the concept reports and use the ranking matrix to assign qualitative scores.

3. Create a step that would first create a region priority listing of projects (done by the MPO TAC), and then allow MPO and UDOT staff to make recommendations of where to place funding before the MPO TAC makes their final MPO funding recommendation.

4. The whole process would still be every two years. With the proposed changes of additional time for data collection, adding the Ranking Committee, and the staff funding assessment, an additional 3 months is added to the schedule (use to be complete in June, now September).

The proposed changes were discussed with the TAC Committee and received a positive reception. The ranking matrix and amendments to the MPO Policy and Procedures to adopt these changes will occur later this year.

**Westside Connector Update**

Item removed from the agenda

**Wasatch Choices 2040 Consortium Meeting**

Shawn Seager invited the group to the Fall Wasatch Choice 2040 Consortium Meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday October 29th, 2-5pm at the Salt Palace Convention Center. The meeting will give an overview of the Wasatch Choice for 2040 suite of tools and planning processes, with announcements from Utah Governor Gary Herbert.

**Other Business**-

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013. Andy Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m... Dennis Marker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Meeting minutes are digitally recorded. A hard copy of the attendees, a brief summary, and all motions made during a meeting will be approved at the next meeting. A CD of the entire meeting is available upon requested.*