MOUNTAINLAND MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, January 6, 2014

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
Steve Mumford  Eagle Mountain
Justin Megan  FHWA
Kelly Lund  FHWA
Steve Call  FHWA
Kim Struthers  Lehi
Hugh Van Wagenen  Lindon
Jordan Cullimore  Lindon
Mark Christensen  Lindon
Chad Eccles  MAG
Jenny Meyer  MAG
Shawn Eliot  MAG
Shawn Seager  MAG
Sean Conroy  Mapleton
Paul Goodrich  Orem
Jill Spencer  Payson
Degen Lewis  Pleasant Grove
Ron Phillips  Phillips Assoc
Dave Decker  Provo
Shane Winters  Provo
Dennis Marker  Santaquin
Jeremy Lapin  Saratoga Springs
Kimber Gabryszak  Saratoga Springs
Cory Pierce  Spanish Fork
Dave Anderson  Spanish Fork
Vice Chair Chris Trusty welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions
Jordan Cullimore was introduced as a new Lindon City Planner.

Approved the meeting minutes for October 28, 2013
Richard Nelson moved to approve the October 28, 2013, minutes. Andy Spencer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RTP Demographic Process - Shawn Eliot
The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is updated by the MPO once every 4 years. Our next update is proposed for completion in June 2015. All new regional transportation facilities and improvements are listed in the plan. The plan must be fiscally constrained and meet air quality requirements. In developing the RTP a listing of needed transportation improvements is created based off of projected growth, municipal general plans, and visioning plans.

To develop the MPO Transportation Model, Mountainland staff will be meeting with city planners, engineers, and city managers next month to review projection data, travel demand, transportation plans, and proposed larger transportation facilities. These meetings will allow us to fine tune the data in each municipality to better reflect the latest information.

Local Corridor Preservation Fund Request - Shawn Seager
In 2007 the MAG Regional Planning Committee, acting for and in behalf of the Utah County Council of Governments, adopted policies and procedures governing the use of Local Option Corridor Preservation Funds.
Eagle Mountain City has made application for funds to purchase raw ground along SR 73 and in order to protect needed future right of way from imminent development. Spanish Fork City has also submitted an application to preserve raw ground at I-15 and 2700 north at the proposed interchange as the property was recently listed for sale.

Use of the Local Option Corridor Preservation Funds will reduce the costs of widening SR 73 and construction of the Spanish Fork 2700 North Interchange by purchasing right of way before it is developed and the price of acquisition rises substantially.

Discussion:
According to state law any property that is acquired with Local Corridor Funds and then given to DOT is not eligible for reimbursement. The property is considered a donation. Andrew Jackson is trying to change this policy in the next Legislative Session.

There were many comments and ideas concerning how best to implement the policy. These included:

ROW acquired at the lowest price possible.

All options for ROW acquisition should be explored by a city including incentives, density bonuses, set back requirements, annexation agreements, developer agreements etc.

Need for a pre-appraisal?

Concern of a city being forced to buy more land than is needed due to the property owner's stipulation and how that situation would be handled.

Public handling of a real-estate transaction and the private nature of the Real-estate transaction.

The committee decided to approve the current applications but would like to have staff review the current policy and bring suggested changes to the next several TAC meeting for consideration before any future applications are considered.

*Dennis Marker moved that the MPO Technical Advisory Committee approve both requests and that MAG staff revise and update the MAG MPO Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund Policy and map before any future applications are considered.  Paul Goodrich seconded the motion.*

*Motion carried with 1 no by Degen Lewis.*
UDOT Active Transportation Policy - Shawn Seager
Recently, UDOT Director Carlos Braceras listed five areas of focus for the agency, and he included integrated transportation. This Policy defines the Utah Department of Transportation's position on the inclusion of Active Transportation improvements in funding, planning, design, operations, and maintenance of transportation facilities. UDOT will actively consider how to best meet the needs of trucks, bikes, pedestrians and mass transit when studying transportation solutions and ensure those solutions are applied to the most appropriate facilities. UDOT will strive to embrace and provide Utahns with balanced transportation options while planning for future travel demand.

Other Business-

FHWA -
The Federal Highway Administration has a new Division Administrator. Ivan Marrero will be replacing James Christian on January 17.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2014.

Ken Anson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.. Degen Lewis 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.*