Mountainland MPO
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, January 27, 2014

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

Attending:

Chris Trusty, Chair
Adam Olsen
Andy Spencer
Steve Mumford
Jaime Clark
Jim Crowder
Brian Dillon
Justin Morgan
Steve Call
Casey Brown
Kim Struthers
Hugh Van Wagenen
Mark Christensen
Chad Eccles
Jenny Meyer
Jim Price
Shawn Eliot
Shawn Seager
Susan Hardy
Sean Conroy
Paul Goodrich
Jill Spencer
Degen Lewis
Ron Phillips
Dave Decker
David Graves
Shane Winters

Eagle Mountain
American Fork
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Enterprise Carshare
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FHWA
FHWA
FHWA
J-U-B Engineers
Lehi
Lindon
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Chairman Chris Trusty welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approved the meeting minutes for January 6, 2014

Dennis Marker moved to approve the January 6, 2014, minutes. Richard Nielson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rotation and New Vice Chair - Chris Trusty
A round of applause was given to Chris Trusty for his service as Chairman.

Vice Chair Dennis Marker was moved to Chair.

Paul Goodrich nominated Andy Spencer for Vice Chair. Richard Nielson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Seat Belt Safety - Shawn Seager
Shawn Seager gave a brief presentation on UDOT’s Seat Belt Safety Campaign. He spoke about UDOT’s perspective on seat belt usage and their goal of zero fatalities related to automobile accidents in Utah. To help reach their goal UDOT has improved safety on many roads by adding cable barrier, rumble strips, and crash cushions. On the human side of the equation UDOT is contributing crashing to drowsy driving, distracted driving, aggressive driving, impaired driving, and improperly restrained or unbuckled people. Shawn shared a slideshow showing seat belt usage data. He spoke about current seat belt laws and then played several videos, one showing
that in a crash, unbuckled passengers can become a projectile and increase the risk of hurting or killing others in the car by 40 percent.

**Enterprise Car Sharing - Chad Eccles - Jamie Clark - Jim Crowder**

Enterprise has partnered with UTA, Salt Lake City, the U. and UVU to provide a new car-sharing program that allows you to reserve a car by the hour for one, all-inclusive price. Initially, the program will include about 30 vehicles that will be parked at locations along the Wasatch Front and will complement other commuter services such as Front Runner.

Car sharing is a simple, in-demand solution for urban transportation needs and promotes alternative commuting methods. By putting vehicles near where people live and work, and making them available around the clock for hourly, daily and overnight rentals, the program is a cost-effective supplement to public transit.

Among the vehicles available to consumers include midsize sedans, pickup trucks, SUVs and hybrids. Commuters will need to register as members of the program on the Enterprise CarShare website. Members must have a valid credit card and driver's license. Once registered, members can access vehicles by logging in with their member ID on their smartphone, tablet, desktop or laptop computer. Once logged in, there will be a reservation page with available hours and locations. Consumers then select the car of their choice and the number of hours of the rental. If a customer needs the car longer, they can extend the reservation if the car is available.

Rental rates range from about $8 per hour for smaller vehicles up to $14 per hour for larger vehicles. Fuel is included in the rates, and each rental includes 200 free miles of driving. For a limited time, Enterprise will waive the $25 application fee and the $25 one-year membership charge.

**TIP Modification - Provo Westside Connector - Shawn Eliot**

This is a proposed Board Modification because additional funding over $250k is being requested. Provo City would like to request funding from the Mountainland MPO T.I.P. Project 26, Provo ACS Light Traffic Responsive Signal System, in the amount of $2,500,000, be transferred into the Provo Westside Connector project fund. In addition, Provo City request an additional funding allocation of $4,500,000 from the County Sales Tax funds be made available to make the Provo Westside Connector project whole.

Originally phase one of the project was to construct 2 lanes (1 lane in each direction) along the entire corridor as a phase 1 project and later widen out to 4 lanes in a later unfunded phase 2. To date the project has received $10m county sales tax funding, $18m state funding, and $4.9m congressional earmark funding for a total of $32.9.
Since being funded, it has been determined that the design work between I-15 and Provo 500 West requires the full 4 lane configuration due to retaining walls and wetland impacts. This change requires $7m in additional funding needed. MAG policy requires that the sponsor cover any cost overruns, but that they can ask the MPO Technical Advisory Committee to recommend to the MPO Regional Planning Committee for additional regional funding. Since this is a regional project and has had congressional, state, and local support, it seemed prudent to fully fund the project. The county sales tax fund currently has $7.1 million available in FY2014. No impacts to currently programmed projects would occur.

The current project schedule for the Provo Westside Connector would be to bid the project by May 1, 2014 in an effort to complete construction by the fall of 2015. MAG is currently preparing to complete the next project selection process, but it is anticipated that waiting to proceed with a request through this process would cause significant delays to the project. If this request is approved, Provo City would propose to not request any new projects through the current project selection cycle.

**Andy Spencer moved to allow the transfer of $2.5m from the Provo ACS project to the Provo Westside Connector project and approve up to $4.5m of county sales tax funds with any amounts above the bid be returned to the County Sales Tax funds. Provo City will not request or receive any new project funds through the current project selection cycle. Paul Goodrich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Corridor Preservation Policy - Jim Price**

The Committee discussed the Corridor Preservation Policy and the staff recommendations for updated language. TAC members made additional recommendations and it was decided that we will revisit the policy at a later date with an application.

**Mark Christenson moved to table the approval and ask staff to bring it back with an application at a future date. Degen Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**UDOT Active Transportation Policy and Trail Usage Patterns - Jim Price**

Jim Price updated the committee on 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 Utahans with balanced transportation options while planning for future
travel demand. Jim also presented a PowerPoint on trail usage patterns. Available trail counter data, average trail user, purpose of trip, and frequency of use were all discussed.

**Other Business**

a. **RTP City Visits** - Shawn Eliot reminded the committee that MAG staff would like to meet with each city to go over household, population, and employment data and how this affects the transportation model. MAG staff will also go over the municipal general plan and transportation plans, show how these highway corridors model, and go over needed regional facilities not presently in the municipal plans. Transit and trail plans will also be discussed.

b. **Reports**

   - **FHWA** - Ivan Marrero replaced James Christian on January 17 as the new Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration.

   - **UTA** - The Steering Committee for the Northern Utah County Transit Study will meet next month on February 13 at the Pleasant Grove City Office.

*The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2014*

*Richard Nielson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m.. Chris Trusty 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.*