MOUNTAINLAND MPO  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  

Monday, February 24, 2014  

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

Attending:  
Dennis Marker, Chair  
Adam Olsen  
Steve Mumford  
Steve Call  
John Dorny  
Steven Lord  
Vern Keeslar  
Casey Brown  
Hugh Van Wagenen  
Mark Christensen  
Bob Allen  
Chad Eccles  
Jenny Meyer  
Jim Price  
Shawn Eliot  
Shawn Seager  
Gary Calder  
Sean Conroy  
Paul Goodrich  
Degen Lewis  
Ron Phillips  
Dave Decker  
David Graves  
Shane Winters  
Bruce Ward  
Jeremy Lapin  
Kimber Gabryszak  
Santaquin  
American Fork  
Eagle Mountain  
FHWA  
Horrocks  
Horrocks  
InterPlan  
J-U-B Engineers  
Lindon  
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Mapleton  
Mapleton  
Orem  
Pleasant Grove  
Phillips Assoc  
Provo  
Provo  
Provo  
Salem  
Saratoga Springs  
Saratoga Springs
Chairman Dennis Marker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approved the meeting minutes for January 27, 2014

Dave Graves moved to approve the January 27, 2014, minutes. Richard Nielson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

State Rail Plan - Vern Keeslar, InterPlan

Vern Keeslar presented information promoting Utah’s updated State Rail Plan and the new Utah Freight Plan. A state rail plan is a comprehensive, in-depth planning document used to shape a state’s transportation policy. Utah’s state rail plan was last updated in 1996 and detailed the state of Utah’s railroads at that time. Since that time, significant changes in rail freight ownership and service, the reduction of intercity passenger rail and operations, and the start-up of commuter rail along the Wasatch Front have all occurred. The USRP will enable UDOT to implement a more efficient and effective approach that will integrate the freight and passenger rail elements into the larger multi-modal and intermodal framework. This 20-year plan would become a resource of information that feeds directly into the Utah Freight Plan, UDOT’s Long Range Transportation Plan, and Utah’s Unified Plan. The new State Rail Plan is currently half way complete and is now in the public involvement stage.
With the passage of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) strongly encouraged all states to develop state freight plans. UDOT started the development of Utah’s first state freight plan in 2013 and anticipates completing it in late 2014.

For more information or to provide input for the USRP, please contact UDOT’s Railroad & Freight Planner Daniel Kuhn.

**Corridor Preservation Fund Policy - Jim Price**

Jim Price presented the updated Corridor Preservation Fund Policy. The application form includes listed procedures as agreed upon in last month’s TAC meeting as well as reflects information learned in a meeting with UDOT Right of Way. The updated policy was reviewed and discussed with the committee in detail. Jim will finalize the policy and bring it back to the TAC Committee for final approval.

*Degen Lewis moved that Jim Price bring back the finalized Corridor Preservation Fund Policy for TAC approval before it is formerly adopted. Hugh Van Wagenen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**TIP Selection Process Kick Off - Shawn Eliot**

Shawn Eliot reviewed the current Tip Selection Process with the TAC Committee. Shawn went over changes that have been made to the policy, and explained how the current process will work.

The TIP is a 4 year program of transportation projects and programs of all federally funded projects and all significant state and local projects, updated every 4 years. During the program life, changes can occur and are addressed with modifications and amendments. Over the last 4 years, the Regional Planning Committee has made numerous changes to the program through this process. An element of the TIP is selecting new projects to program. The MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the MPO Regional Planning Committee (RPC) are the approving bodies for this process.

**AVAILABLE FUNDING:** Total funding available through the MPO and the county is about $48.3m annually. Removing already programmed projects, commuter rail and transit (from 2nd quarter sales tax), bond payments, and the proposed BRT, it is projected that there will be about $50m to program this selection cycle with the majority of funding available in 2016, 17 and 18.

**PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS:** There are various rules and regulations for applying and using MPO federal funds. MPO staff work with the MPO TAC to develop a needed project list every two years. For detailed information, the MAG TIP Policy and Process document is located on
the mountainland.org website. Below are the meetings and item due dates for the Selection Process:

**IMPORTANT DATES:** The following are meetings and due dates for the selection process:

- **Project Selection Kick Off = Monday, 24 February 2014, 1:30pm**

- **Project Idea Forms due = Thursday, 13 March 2014, 6pm**
  Project sponsors complete a Project Idea Form for each project, program, or study they propose, due on Thursday, 13 March 2014 by 6pm. It is a brief summary of projects they would like to have considered for MPO federal funds. If you have an idea for a project not under your responsibility (local proposing a UDOT or UTA project) please coordinate with the appropriate agency on the submittal.

- **Project Ideas reviewed by MPO TAC = Monday, 24 March 2014, 1:30pm**
  On Monday 24 March 2014 at 1:30pm, the project sponsors will present to the MPO TAC committee. TAC will review all submittals and recommend which projects should go forward to the Concept Report stage. Their decisions should be based on criteria established by the MPO such as regional projects, based on the MPO transportation plan, with an emphasis on congestion relief, mode choice, air quality, and safety.

- **Concept Reports due = Thursday, 24 April 2014, 6pm**
  **Concept Reports:** Concept Reports are due on Thursday, 24 April 2014, by 6pm. MPO staff will rank the reports based on the criteria in the Concept Reports and give a summary to each MPO TAC committee member before the Field Review.

- **Field Review (lunch served) = Monday, 12 May 2014, 8am (all day)**
  **Field Review:** The Field Review is planned for Monday, 12 May 2014, at 8am. All projects that can be viewed in the field will be visited with the project sponsor presenting their ideas. Since UDOT will have projects to review, this process will take all day.

- **Project Prioritization by MPO TAC = Monday, 19 May 2014, 1:30pm**
  **Project Prioritization:** The MPO TAC committee will take what they have learned from the MPO staff rankings, concept reports, the field review, and other observations and prioritize the overall projects. A vote will be taken on the prioritization order. Each TAC member jurisdiction can cast one vote per motion. This meeting will occur on Monday, 19 May 2014 at 1:30pm.

- **Project Selection by MPO TAC = Tuesday, 27 May 2014, 1:30pm**
  **Project Selection:** MAG staff will propose funding scenarios based off the Project Prioritization results and present them to the MPO TAC on Tuesday, 27 May 2014 at 1:30pm (this meeting could take all afternoon). Once the list is finalized it will move to the next MPO Regional Planning Committee meeting for their final approval on 5 June 2014 at 5:30pm.

- **Project List Adopted by MPO RPC = Thursday, 5 June 2014, 5:30pm**
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY: A project must be regional in nature and be supported in the MPO transportation plan. Road projects must also be listed on the Utah State Functional Class Map. Congestion relief projects are given a higher priority since they are usually smaller projects, less expensive, and can deliver a high benefit to reducing air pollution.

PROJECT TYPES: Eligible projects include:
1. Road and shoulder widening
2. Intersection improvements
3. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS-traffic counters, message signs, cameras, signal coordination and modernization, etc.)
4. Congestion relief
5. Travel demand management
6. Transit and park and ride
7. Diesel retrofits
8. Educational and public relations material
9. Transportation Studies
10. Air Quality Equipment
11. Bike/Ped/Trail improvements

DOWNLOADS: *After 24 Feb 2014* All forms, functional class map, MPO transportation plan and maps will be on the Mountainland.org website under Transportation Planning, Plans and Programs, Funded Projects-TIP, TIP Selection Process.

**Northern Utah County Study - Chad Eccles**
Chad Eccles introduced the Northern Utah Country Study. MAG and UTA are partners in a study that is looking at future transit options that may be applicable in the northern part of Utah County. The consultant team is lead by InterPlan with assistance from Cambridge Systematics, Connetics Transportation Group, and HDR. The group is working to understand and develop future concepts for the northern part of Utah County that can be used in the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan.

The study will focus on:
- Light Rail connection from Draper to Utah County, including station locations and right-of-way preservation.
- Commuter Rail improvements
- Local bus improvements
- Rapid transit on State Street in Orem
- Rapid transit to the west, i.e. Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain
- Transit corridor identification
- Circulators linking major transit stops, i.e. FrontRunner South, and local activity centers.
Schedule:

- Currently:
  - Developing draft circulation network from FrontRunner stations
  - Quantifying “transit competitiveness” using TCI tool
- Anticipate completion summer 2014

This evaluation will include an inventory and analysis of demographic, economic and transportation data as well as land use, zoning and other municipal data. This inventory and analysis will be used to assess the feasibility of a major capital transit project(s) that would meet the needs of the communities in the region.

**Legislative Update - Bob Allen**

Bob Allen shared a PowerPoint presentation that gave the committee a quick look at some of bills currently in the legislation. You can sign up to track any of the bills through email notification. For more information go to the Utah State Legislature website at [http://le.utah.gov/](http://le.utah.gov/).

**Other Business**

a. **Student Movement - Jake Luekenga - Kevin Smith**

   Student Movement, Inc., is an off-campus transportation company started by current BYU students. The company transports students from select off-campus housing south and northwest of campus directly into the heart of the campus. Student Movement is trying to appeal to the students’ needs by providing a direct route from apartment to campus. This is a big benefit to many students and will also help alleviate traffic and pollution.

   The buses will run three times an hour from 7am to 7pm. The price of a shuttle pass is $99 per semester, with subsidizes passes available for $79 if you live at Raintree or Glenwood.

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

*Degen Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.. Dave Graves 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.*