Mountainland MPO
Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mountainland Conference Room
586 East 800 North, Orem, Utah

1:30 p.m.

Attending:

Dennis Marker, Chair
Santaquin
Shane Sorensen
Alpine
Adam Olsen
American Fork
Andy Spencer
American Fork
Steve Mumford
Eagle Mountain
Cody Black
Elk Ridge
Kelly Lund
FHWA
Liz Cramer
FHWA
Justin Morgan
FHWA
Todd Trane
Highland
Michael Clark
JUB
Brad Kenison
Lehi
Kim Struthers
Lehi
Mark Christensen
Lindon
Aaron Cloward
MAG
Chad Eccles
MAG
Jenny Meyer
MAG
Jim Price
MAG
Shawn Eliot
MAG
Shawn Seager
MAG
Gary Calder
Mapleton
Sean Conroy
Mapleton
Sam Kelly
Orem
Jill Spencer
Payson
Ron Phillips
Phillips Associates
Degen Lewis
Pleasant Grove
Dave Decker
Provo
David Graves
Provo
Shane Winters
Provo
Chairman Dennis Marker called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approved the January 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Richard Nielson moved to approve the January 26, 2015 meeting minutes. David Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RTP Project List - Shawn Eliot
Shawn Eliot reviewed with the TAC Committee a brief description of the Regional Transportation Plan and its purpose.

Regional Transportation Plan
• We're calling it TransPlan40
• Update it every 4 years
• Projects listed by need in 3 phases, 2010-2024, 2025-2034, and 2035-2040
• Allows MPO partners to collaborate on transportation priorities
• Helps decision makers to understand needs and challenges of providing resources today and in the future

Goals and objectives...
• Preserve future transportation corridors
• Understand traffic needs and emerging growth patterns
• Develop funding strategies
• The plan is fiscally constrained
Project Development
• Develop a Needs Based List of highway, transit, and trail projects
• To do this, the MPO has computerized traffic and land use models
• We predict future population, employment, and households
• Local input helps develop the small area projections (TAZ)

Road Projects - Shawn Eliot
Shawn Eliot presented the MPO Technical Advisory Committee with the Draft Highway Project List and a map of the proposed projects. Shawn explained the different phases and funding of each project. All but four of the highway projects were funded. The four projects that weren’t funded are shown on the list in yellow and on the map as dashed red.

HWY Capacity Funding
• Historic growth in revenue is used to predict what will occur in the future
• No major changes above historic growth are proposed for highway funds
• It’s projected that all projects in each phase can be funded except for 4 Phase 1 projects totaling $700m
• Some cost adjustments are still occurring and will be revised in the next month

Transit Projects - Chad Eccles
Chad Eccles presented the MPO Technical Advisory Committee with an updated Draft Transit Project List and Transit Map. There have been several major changes to the map since the September 2014 TAC meeting. UTA has given us a new maintenance expense called the State of Good Repair (SOGR). The UTA cost for system wide (SLC, Heber, Davis, and Utah County) state of good repair is an additional cost of 4.3 billion dollars that wasn’t accounted for in our previous transit plan. The Utah County percentage is 15% or $650 million dollars in maintenance to keep our system operational. Because of this new expense we have had to scale back our projects in order to absorb the new maintenance expense into our funding sources. The financial scenario is such that even after a quarter cent tax increase in 2020, we are unable to build a significant transit capital project within the time frame of the Long Range Plan so another quarter cent is assumed in 2030. In summary, the plan will likely include a 70% increase in bus service and construction of commuter rail, some light rail, BRT along State Street, and operational and station upgrades.

Transit Long Range Financial Scenario
• 1st and 2nd quarter existing sales tax growing at 5%
• In 2020 and again in 2030, another ¼ cent sales tax for transit
• Introduction of new State of Good Repair (SOGR) cost
• Federal Funding limited to 1 project at 50% beyond BRT
• Provo/Orem BRT is already included in UTA real funding scenario
There was discussion concerning a gap in the light rail connection between the current end of the line stop in Draper to the Utah County line in Lehi. The TAC Committee would also like to see MAG staff look for ways of connectivity between the T3/Draper to Lehi Line to the T12/American Fork Intermodal Center.

**Trails Projects - Jim Price**
Jim Price presented the MPO Technical Advisory Committee with the Draft Trail Project List and a map of the proposed projects. MAG has been working with cities in developing Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans. We have pretty much completed the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plans in the North County cities and will now start working on the Southern Utah County Master Plans.

Jim spoke about a pilot program called the AfterCare Program. The program was designed last year to help local cities who are adopting a bike and trails master plan. The AfterCare Program brings in ongoing technical support and provides design expertise free of charge. This helps cities with specific discrete design areas so that they can continue the momentum of implementing their bike master plan.

*Andy Spencer moved that the MPO Technical Advisory Committee recommend all three maps for consideration to the MPO Regional Planning Committee with a condition on the Transit Map that MAG staff look at how to achieve connectivity from the end of project T3/Draper to Lehi Line to the American Fork Intermodal Center and that MAG try and create that interconnectivity be it through the BRT or modification to the SOGR. Andy Spencer also moved that the MPO Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the MPO Regional Planning Committee in support of the State Street alternative. Sam Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**TIP Project Update - Shawn Eliot**
Shawn Eliot passed around a list of MAG funded projects and asked the cities to take a look at their projects. MAG would like project updates at our next TAC meeting.
Other Business-

A. **FHWA**-
   Steve Call announced the dates of the Federal Planning Certification Review. It will be held August 4-6.

B. **UDOT**-
   Craig Hancock announced that UDOT will be holding the STIP Program Workshop at the end of February. UDOT will be adding new projects for 2019.

C. **UTA**-
   Ken Anson announced that UTA is in the process of finishing up their public hearing for proposed changes and that the public comment period will end on February 2. UTA will be reallocating some of the country resources to make positive changes to their bus services.

D. Chad Eccles introduced Aaron Cloward to the TAC committee. Aaron is a GIS Analyst that will be working for MAG.

The next meeting is scheduled February 23, 2015

*Degen Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m. Andy Spencer 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 request.*