Mountainland MPO Finance Committee

Mountainland Association of Governments
586 East 800 North, Orem UT
August 1, 2018
11:30 a.m.

ATTENDING:
Mayor Richard Brunst               Orem
Mayor Mark Johnson                Lehi
Mayor Michelle Kaufusi            Provo
Mayor Guy Fugal                   Pleasant Grove
Mayor Brad Frost                  American Fork
Commissioner pro-tem Brian Voeks Utah County
Mayor Jeff Acerson                Lindon
Mayor Steve Leifson               Spanish Fork
Mayor Tom Westmoreland            Eagle Mountain
Commissioner Jim Evans            Transportation Commission
Jamie Davidson                   Orem
Rona Rahlf                       UV Chamber
Ryan Peterson                    MAG Lobbyist
Tanner Ainge                      Campaign

EXCUSED:
Commissioner Bill Lee             Utah County

Mayor Leifson called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Approve the April 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Mayor Brunst moved to approve the April 11, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Kaufusi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment
No comments.

4th Quarter Sales Tax Memorandum of Understanding with Utah Transit Authority
Andrew Jackson reviewed the various options, timing, and dollar amounts in regards to 4th
quarter cent funds, as well as the need for additional transportation funding. The Committee engaged in a general discussion.

A proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement has been drafted between Utah Transit Authority (UTA) and Utah County to address the concerns the County has with UTA’s involvement. The agreement will substantially change Proposition 1 and will ensure that the money goes to debt reduction saving $10’s of millions in interest, and it will establish accountability.

Concerns were raised about a public vote to approve the 4th quarter cent sales tax because of its complexity and being overlooked if there is a large number of items on the ballot.

The MPO Finance Committee recommended that the Utah County Commission enact the 4th quarter cent sales tax as soon as the majority of the cities and towns (13) within Utah County pass resolutions supporting the County Action and approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for UTA’s portion of the 4th quarter cent sales tax go to reimburse the 3rd cent for past and future BRT expenses as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement and further that the opinion question not be placed on the ballot November 2018.

The recommendation will be made at the August 2, 2018 MPO Regional Planning Committee Meeting.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Looking Back at 10 Years of Project Selection Process and Results by Cities

Bob Allen reviewed the final selection process of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). On August 2, 2018 the MPO Regional Planning Committee will approve the final project funding, and projects from UDOT or UTA. The TIP will then be incorporated into the STIP. Additional funding is available from federal dollars, projects that have been closed-out, and high projections in county transportation sales tax. The total distribution increased from $41M to $55M which will fund seven additional projects.

In 2018, Utah County received $2.1M for three projects, central Utah County received $14.6M for seven projects, north Utah County $20.1M for eight projects, and south Utah County received $17.1M for eight projects. There are cities who have received little to no funding in the past because applications are not being submitted. Cities and towns are encouraged to apply as it is MAG’s goal to help incubate projects that have been submitted so they will be successful.

Mayor Johnson presented five scenarios to add to Lehi’s master plan in regards to TIP project #15, Club House Drive extension. Lehi has hired traffic engineers to identify the best alternative to address congestion and choke holds in Lehi. Modeling has begun and they are waiting on data from the housing model which will be provided by MAG. When completed, the outcome will be presented at an open house. Lehi is asking for an extension to collect data for the
modeling scenarios.

**Legislative Funding Efforts**
Andrew Jackson reported that two years ago, legislature passed a $1B bond. $800M went to Davis County, while Utah County received $7M. This imbalance identifies the need for additional lobbying efforts at the state legislature for aging and transportation to ensure Utah County receives appropriate funding based on the growing population and increasing revenue. Communities in Utah County are contributing additional funds to MAG above and beyond the general funds they already pay into to expanded their presence at the legislature.

**Other Business**
Next meeting TBD

Mayor Acerson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Mayor Brunst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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