

#### Working Session of the

# **Stakeholder & Planning Committee**

of the Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Frontlines Headquarters, Golden Spike Rooms, 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City

**Committee Members:** Bret Millburn, Committee Chair

Karen Cronin Charles Henderson, Vice Chair Andrew Jackson

Necia Christensen

Agenda

**Dave Goeres** 1. Safety First Minute

Bret Millburn 2. Item(s) for Consent

> a. Approval of May 9, 2018 Stakeholder & Planning Committee Meeting Report

3. Utah County Interlocal Agreement Regarding Fourth Quarter Transit Andrew Jackson &

Revenues Steve Meyer

4. Update on Salt Lake City Transit Master Plan Nichol Bourdeaux

5. Other Business Bret Millburn

6. Adjourn Bret Millburn

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# Report of the Stakeholder & Planning Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Wednesday, May 9, 2018

UTA FrontLines Headquarters, 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Bret Millburn, Committee Chair Necia Christensen Karen Cronin (excused)
Charles Henderson (excused)

#### Other Trustees in attendance included:

Trustee Dannie McConkie, Trustee Alex Cragun, and Trustee Toby Mileski.

UTA Staff attended along with Jennifer McGrath, Salt Lake City and Julianne Sabula, Salt Lake City

**Welcome and Call to Order.** Chair Millburn welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. with two voting committee members present.

**1. Safety Minute.** Chair Millburn yielded the floor to Dave Goeres, UTA Chief Safety, Security & Technology Officer, for a brief safety message.

#### 2. Item(s) for Consent

Approval of March 14, 2018 Stakeholder & Planning Meeting Report

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Necia Christensen and seconded by Trustee Bret Millburn. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

#### 3. Ogden/Weber BRT Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mary DeLoretto, UTA's Acting Director of Capital Projects, presented an overview of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU will serve as a guiding document for developing a final design and funding plan for a Bus Rapid Transit project between Ogden's FrontRunner Station, downtown Ogden, Weber State University and McKay-Dee Hospital. The MOU anticipates the following scope:

0	Project Cost	\$79,000,000	Local Funding Available	
			Design	
	Funding		Weber County	\$2,500,000
	CMAQ Funding	\$8,044,621	UTA	\$1,000,000
	Federal	\$7,500,000	Ogden	\$100,000
	Local	\$544,621	UDOT	\$50,000
	Small Starts	\$70,955,379	Construction	
	Federal (65%)	\$46,120,996	UTA	\$7,000,000
	Local (35%)	\$24,834,383	WSU Land	\$3,600,000
	<b>Total Local Funds</b>	\$25,379,004	Donation	\$3,000,000
	Needed \$25,575,004	Weber County		
	Local Funds	\$23,250,000	Corridor	\$5,000,000
	Available		Preservation	
	Local Funding Needed	\$2,129,004	Ogden (Roadway Improvements)	\$4,000,000

Steve Meyer, interim Executive Director, explained the logic behind establishing an MOU for this project which included the significance of "lessons learned" from past projects. As shown in the chart above, there are many contributors to this project and an MOU is the best means of getting Federal Transit Administration approval. This also establishes expectations and lays out the roles each of the partners will play in making this project successful. Mr. Meyer acknowledged the important roles that each of the partners have played in getting this project to this point. There remains \$2million local funding gap that the partners will work together to fill. Once the MOU is signed by all partners a letter to the FTA will be submitted requesting permission to enter project development. Once project approval is received public meetings will be scheduled. Trustee Mileski also mentioned that <a href="http://ogdenonboard.com">http://ogdenonboard.com</a> is another resource currently available for comment and to keep the public updated on progress.

Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2020 with an estimated completion date in early 2022. Mary DeLoretto acknowledged the many partners involved in the project. Chair Millburn also recognized the contributions of Trustee Mileski.

A motion to forward the Memorandum of Understanding for the Ogden/Weber State University BRT project to the full Board for approval was made by Trustee Necia Christensen and seconded by Trustee Bret Millburn. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

#### 4. Salt Lake City Transit Master Plan

Nichol Bourdeaux, VP External Affairs, provided an informational update to Trustees on the development of Salt Lake City's Transit Master Plan and the anticipated role for UTA. Ms. Bourdeaux emphasized the importance of partnerships with this project that has been in works since 2013. Julianne Sabula and Jennifer McGrath, who were representing Salt Lake City at the meeting, were introduced.

Mayor Biskupski and the Salt Lake City Council have approved a sales tax increase which is anticipated to generate \$5.3 million in the City's 2018-2019 budget for transit. This transit expenditures proposed include \$2.5 million in sponsored transit service, \$1.1 million for capital improvements, and \$400,000 for UTA vehicles. There is also \$12 million under consideration by the City Council for 2019 and beyond which would include \$7.2 million in sponsored transit service, \$300,000 for capital improvements and \$900,000 for UTA vehicles.

Laura Hanson, UTA's Director of Planning, reviewed the power point presentation which showed the existing routes versus the proposed routes as they are reflected in the Transit Master Plan. Matt Sibul, UTA's Government Relations Director, also provided history of the partnership with Salt Lake City and how that has led to our current joint objectives. It is anticipated that an Interlocal Agreement will come to the full Board of Trustees for approval in August 2018.

No Board Committee action was required regarding this agenda item.

- 5. Closed Session. No closed session was held
- 6. Action Taken Regarding Matters Discussed in Closed Session. None
- 7. Other Business. No other business was discussed.
- **8. Adjournment.** At 1:22 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Necia Christensen and seconded by Trustee Bret Millburn. The motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting adjourned.

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#### **Dear Fellow Trustees:**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the UTA Stakeholder and Planning Committee will meet. Among other items on the agenda, there will be a request for an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between UTA and Utah County regarding the transit portion of a yet-to-be-adopted 4<sup>th</sup> quarter cent sales tax.

I want to bring you up to speed on the history of funding for the bus rapid transit (BRT) project in Utah County, which was recently renamed the Utah Valley Express or UVX, as well as provide information regarding the proposed ILA.

First, I'd like to point out that since 2014 there has been an agreement in place for UTA to pay Utah County back for the BRT project. This new proposed ILA shifts the payback responsibility from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter cent sales tax to the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sales tax. With the added revenue of the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> quarter cent, new service will occur sooner than currently anticipated.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Cent

Between 1984 and 2011, Utah County cities and towns adopted a 1<sup>st</sup> quarter cent for transit. This tax generates about **\$22M a year**.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Cent

In 2006, Utah County voters approved a ballot measure adopting a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter cent sales tax. The funds from this sales tax are required to be spent in the following manner: eighty-seven percent (87%) for FrontRunner, five percent (5%) for non-fixed guideway transit (BRT), and eight percent (8%) for roads. This quarter was later changed from .25 to .30 by the County Commission. This tax generates almost **\$27M a year**.

In 2008, Utah County entered into an ILA with UTA where UTA loaned Utah County \$60M for roads. Utah County paid UTA back, with interest, using semi-annual payments starting in 2009 and then in 2012, Utah County bonded and paid UTA back the entire remaining amount plus interest.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Cent

In 2008, the Utah County Commission enacted a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter cent sales tax for airports, highways, and systems for public transit. The county bonded against this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for \$65 million for the I-15 CORE project, among other things. This tax generates a little over **\$22M a year**.

In 2013, Utah County loaned UTA \$2.8 million to design the BRT project in order to provide a cost estimate to get the project to the point where it could be eligible for federal grant funds. An ILA is in place for the \$2.8M to be repaid to Utah County.

In 2014, when the BRT project needed a local match for the federal grant, Utah County was told that the  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  quarter revenues did not have the cash flow available to fund or bond for the BRT project. It was expected that the  $1^{st}$  quarter would have enough cash flow in 2028 to fund the project.

In December of 2014, Utah County and UTA approved an additional ILA where Utah County would bond against 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter cent revenues to pay about \$6M a year for the BRT bond as well as operations and

maintenance of the BRT line until the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter had sufficient cash flow to cover those obligations. Additionally, UTA would pay Utah County back, with interest, for past BRT obligations.

In 2016, Utah County bonded for \$65M for BRT. The bond is structured with a \$47M balloon payment in 2029. Initial financial projections indicate the past payment obligation through 2028 will be about \$67M, for a total of \$114M due in 2028.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Cent

This new ILA would move the obligation from the  $1^{st}$  quarter to the transit portion of the proposed  $4^{th}$  quarter cent sales tax. This would enable the  $4^{th}$  quarter to start paying the BRT obligations in 2020. Once the  $3^{rd}$  quarter is completely paid back, transit service could be increased.

I know this is a lot to digest and think about, which is why I am getting sending this history ahead of the meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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