

Joint Policy Advisory Committee

MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Gathering and Lunch: 11:30-11:45am
Meeting: 11:45am-1:30pm

CACHE MPO		
Kathleen Alder*	Mayor, Providence City	No
Jeff Gilbert*	Director, Cache MPO	Yes
Todd Beutler	Director, Connect Transit	Yes
DIXIE MPO		
Gil Almquist*	Commissioner, Washington County	No
Myron Lee*	Director, Dixie MPO	Yes
Darin Bushman	Executive Director, Five County AOG	Yes
MAG MPO		
Bill Wright*	Mayor, Payson City	Yes
Amelia Powers Gardner*	Commissioner, Utah County	No
Carolyn Lundberg*	Mayor, Lindon City	Yes
Marsha Judkins*	Mayor, Provo City	No
Carla Merrill*	Mayor, Alpine City	Yes
LaNiece Davenport*	Director, MAG MPO	Yes
Michelle Carroll	Executive Director, MAG	No
Kevin Feldt	Transportation Planning Manager, MAG MPO	Yes
UDOT		
Carlos Braceras	Executive Director, UDOT	No
Ben Huot*	Deputy Director, Planning and Investment, UDOT	Yes
Tiffany Pocock	Director, Program Development, UDOT	Yes
Andrea Olson	Director, Planning, UDOT	Yes
Eileen Barron	Manager, Strategic Communications, UDOT	Yes
Leif Elder	Director, Policy and Legislative Services, UDOT	Yes
Peter Asplund	Analyst, Policy and Legislative Services, UDOT	Yes
UTAH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION		
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UTA		
Jay Fox*	Executive Director, UTA	Yes
Carlton Christensen*	Trustee, UTA	Yes
Beth Holbrook	Trustee, UTA	Yes
Jeff Acerson*	Trustee, UTA	No
Nichol Bourdeaux	Chief Planning and Engagement Officer, UTA	Yes
Alex Beim	Manager, Long Range and Strategic Planning, UTA	No
WFRC		
Lee Perry*	Commissioner, Box Elder County	No
Mark Shepherd*	Mayor, Clearfield	Yes
Bob Stevenson*	Commissioner, Davis County	Yes
Steve Gale*	Mayor, Morgan City	No
Raelene Blocker*	Commissioner, Morgan County	Yes
Natalie Hall*	Mayor, Bluffdale City	Yes
Dirk Burton*	Mayor, West Jordan City	Yes
Dawn Ramsey*	Mayor, South Jordan City	Yes
Ross Romero*	Councilmember, Salt Lake County	Yes
Andy Pierucci*	Councilmember, Riverton City	No
Dave McCall*	Councilmember, Tooele City	No
Jared Hammer*	Councilmember, Tooele County	No
Janet Wampler*	Mayor, Ogden Valley City	Yes
Sharon Bolos*	Commissioner, Weber County	No
Andrew Gruber	Executive Director, WFRC	Yes
Ted Knowlton	Deputy Director, WFRC	Yes
Miranda Jones Cox	Manager, Government Relations, WFRC	Yes
FHWA		
Ivan Marrero	Division Administrator, Utah, FHWA	Yes
Brigitte Mandel	FHWA	Yes
Kelly Lund	FHWA	Yes

* 2026 Voting Member

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michelle Larsen, UTA Paul Ray, UTA Chandler Beutler, UTA Wendy Thomas, Herriman Kendall Willardson, MAG Eileen Barron, UDOT Ryan Leavitt, WFRC Consultant	Bert Granberg, WFRC Julie Bjornstad, WFRC Tim Watkins, WFRC Jory Johnner, WFRC Johnnae Nardone, WFRC Jordon Chandler, WFRC Andrea Pearson, WFRC
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1. Welcome and Introductions (00:00:13)

Ted Knowlton, WFRC Deputy Director and Chief Planner, called the meeting to order at 11:45am and welcomed all those in attendance. Introductions were made around the table and online.

2. Approval of December 5, 2025 JPAC Meeting Minutes (00:07:29)

Mr. Knowlton brought attention to the minutes of the past JPAC meeting held on December 5, 2025. Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes and Mayor Dirk Burton seconded. The affirmative motion passed unanimously.

3. JPAC purpose, structure, and schedule for 2026 (00:08:20)

Mr. Knowlton presented on the purpose and structure of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee and reviewed its history. He also stated that there will be a basic outline for the agenda of each meeting that will cover the following topics: updates to Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, and information on local, regional, state and federal policies that impact transportation needs in the area. He welcomed discussion and asked for input regarding other issues the group may like to discuss in future meetings. **(00:27:07)** Mr. Knowlton then apprised the group that the dates of JPAC will move to Thursdays (June 4, Sept 3, and Dec 3) and the remaining calendar appointments will be updated.

4. Utah's Unified Transportation Plan 2027-2055 update (00:29:39)

Mr. Knowlton then introduced Andrea Olson, UDOT Planning Director, and LaNiece Davenport, MAG MPO Director, who provided an update on Utah's Unified Transportation Plan. They reiterated the benefits of having a statewide Plan, and described where the development of the plan is in its process. They discussed shared time horizons, financial assumptions, and performance measures.

5. State Legislative Session wrap-up (00:46:27)

Mr. Knowlton turned the time to Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, and Leif Elder, UDOT Director of Policies and Legislative Services, who presented on the 2026 Legislative outcomes that impact transportation needs around the state. They provided information on SB197, which impacts UTA/Transit futures, **(00:55:23)** SB242 and HB481, and HB575. **(01:10:07)** Ben Huot, UDOT Deputy Director of Planning, added information on budget and appropriations legislation.

6. Federal / Congressional update (01:24:43)

Mr. Knowlton introduced Ryan Leavitt, with Barker and Leavitt Consultants, who continued the presentation, with information on federal and congressional updates. Mr. Leavitt discussed transportation reauthorization status. **(01:33:33)** Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, reiterated the importance of the collaboration and shared purpose of all of Utah's transportation partners. **(01:38:10)** Ms. Jones Cox stated that the concluding report for the federal topic would be to discuss the status of other discretionary grants and asked Mr. Huot to speak to those.

7. Other Business and Adjournment (01:37:53)

Mr. Knowlton asked if there were other items of business to discuss. There were none. He then reminded the group that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.