

Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Joint Work Session Meeting with the Cities of
Fairfield Town, Cedar Fort, Eagle Mountain,
Saratoga Springs, Lehi, and American Fork
On October 29, 2024

Joint Session

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Location: Cedar Fort Town Community Center, 475 South 100 East Street, Cedar Fort, Utah

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Minutes By: Stephanie Shelley

Agenda Item #1 - Welcome - Introductions

Work session to order at 6:04 p.m.

Fairfield:

Mayor Hollie McKinney
Councilman RL Panek
Councilman Tyler Thomas
Councilman Richard Cameron
Recorder/Clerk Stephanie Shelley

Eagle Mountain:

Mayor Tom Westmoreland
Councilmember Donna Burnham
Councilmember Melissa Clark
Councilmember Brett Wright
Councilmember Rich Wood
Interim City Manager Steve Mumford
Assistant City Manager Finn Kofoed
Acting City Engineer David Salazar
Director of Legislative Affairs Cliff Strachan

Cedar Fort:

Mayor Wyatt Cook
Councilman Alex Carter
Councilman Eric Boud
Councilman Travis Giles
Clerk/Recorder Ashleigh Mascaro

American Fork:

Mayor Brad Frost
Councilman Tim Holley
Councilman Erinie John
Public Works Director Sam Kelly

Saratoga Springs:

Mayor Jim Miller
Councilwoman Audrey Barton
Councilman Lance Wadman
City Manager Mark Christensen
Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson
Public Works Admin/ City engineer Jeremy Lapin

Lehi:

Mayor Mark Johnson
Councilmember Chris Condie
Councilmember Michelle Stallings
Councilmember Paige Albrecht
Luke Seegmiller
Lorin Powell
Sterling Bronson

Others:

Shawn Eliot (MAG), Jeff Acerson (UTA Trustee), Vern Carson (Fairfield), Rochelle Allen (Cedar Fort), Vince Hogge (Eagle Mountain).

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Others Present Via Zoom:

Laren Victor (WFRC), Liz Scanlon Kinley-Horn (MAG)

The meeting began with appreciation for all attendees, both in-person and online. Representatives from the Wasatch Front Regional Council and Holley Horn's consultancy firm introduced themselves and outlined their roles in planning and supporting transit changes.

Agenda Item #2 - Northwest transit plans

Liz Scanlon Kinley-Horn gave a presentation to the Cities/Towns on UTA creating a transit system in the Cities region. Transit Fresh Look Study, aimed at aligning a regional transit vision for Southwest Salt Lake and Northern Utah Counties. They highlighted the involvement of various partners, including local governments and regional transportation entities, emphasizing the consultation and co-creation processes in drafting transit development pathways.

The presentation shared a step-by-step approach, starting with collecting data and assessing current conditions, then brainstorming solutions and refining ideas for key transit corridors. It covered important project goals like improving connectivity, mobility, economic growth, and creating clear action plans. The importance of working together with local municipalities to address shared transit challenges was emphasized.

They also looked at transit-oriented development, focusing on improving state routes and considering different transportation options like bus rapid transit and light rail. Planning land use effectively was also discussed. The presentation then explored the feasibility of future plans, highlighting the need for ongoing feedback to make adjustments as needed. The conversation shifted to specific corridor alignment and challenges, stressing the importance of continuing discussions to improve transit routes.

Agenda Item #3 - Open Discussion

The city/town officials had a lively discussion about forming a regional growth coalition led by representatives focused on balancing high-growth communities with state laws that may overstep local control. Everyone agreed on the importance of uniting municipal voices to address development challenges related to infrastructure and governance and to engage with legislators before the session starts. Key topics included advocating for better discussions on affordable housing and emphasizing the need for growth-driven infrastructure planning.

A proposal was made to strengthen regional collaboration by creating a coalition of high-growth cities to improve legislative advocacy and planning for communities facing rapid development.

They will hold another joint session on January 8th before the new legislative session. They will also like to have everyone sit together on the local government day on January 22nd.

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Agenda Item #4- Adjournment

The meeting ended with a recap of shared goals, a commitment to working together, and confirmation of more sessions to continue planning. Thanks were given for everyone's contributions toward unified regional planning efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

November 20, 2024

Stephanie Shelley

Minutes Approval Date

Stephanie Shelley Town Recorder