MPO Board Meeting

June 11, 2026 | 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Board Member Attendees	Present	Alternates/ Others in Attendance
Mayor Carla Merrill, Alpine		Council Member Brett Wright, Eagle Mountain Alt.
Mayor Brad Frost, American Fork - Vice Chair	✓	Council Member Tim DeGraw, Salem Alternate
Mayor Wyatt Cook, Cedar Fort	✓	Council Member Lance Wadman, Saratoga Springs Alt.
Mayor Denise Andersen, Cedar Hills	✓	Brad Kenison, Lehi Alternate
Mayor Troy Walker, Draper		Ezra Nair, Utah County Alternate
Mayor Jared R. Gray, Eagle Mountain		Ben Hunter, American Fork and MPO TAC Vice Chair
Mayor Robert Haddock, Elk Ridge		Chandler Beutler, UTA
Mayor Hollie McKinney, Fairfield		
Mayor Neil Brown, Genola	✓	
Mayor Steven Staheli, Goshen		
Mayor Brittany Bills, Highland	✓	
Representative David Shallenberger, Legislator	✓	
Senator Michael K. McKell, Legislator		
Mayor Paul Binns, Lehi		
Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon	✓	
Mayor Therin Garrett, Mapleton	✓	
Mayor Karen McCandless, Orem	✓	
Mayor Bill Wright, Payson - Chair	✓	
Mayor Eric Jensen, Pleasant Grove		
Mayor Marsha Judkins, Provo	✓	
Mayor Cristy Simons, Salem		
Mayor Daniel Olson, Santaquin		**MAG STAFF**
Mayor Chris Carn, Saratoga Springs		Andrew Wooley, IT Manager
Council Member Stacy Beck, Spanish Fork	✓	Bob Allen, Transportation Program Manager
Mayor Wade Menlove, Spring Lake	✓	Cody Christensen, Transportation Planner II
Mayor Matt Packard, Springville	✓	Kendall Willardson, Transportation Planner II
Mayor Zack Stratton, Vineyard		Kevin Feldt, Transportation Planning Manager
Mayor Ben Hillyard, Woodland Hills		Kimberly Brenneman, Executive Assistant
Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County	✓	LaNiece Davenport, MPO Director
Commissioner Brandon Gordon, Utah County		Michelle Carroll, Executive Director
Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County		Spencer Foster, Local Administrative Advisor
Bryce Bird, Utah Division of Air Quality		
Carlos Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation		
Jay Fox, Utah Transit Authority	✓	
Mayor Natalie Hall, Bluffdale*		
Andy Owen, Camp Williams*		
Ivan Marrero, FHWA*	✓	
Peter Hadley, FTA*		
Jered Johnson, MPO TAC Chair*	✓	

DISCUSSION & AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order (00:04:13)
Chair Mayor Bill Wright opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Public Comment (00:09:18)
Chair Mayor Bill Wright opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments.

Minutes - Action (00:09:41)
Commissioner Skyler Beltran moved to approve the minutes from May 14, 2026.

Mayor Brad Frost seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

MPO Bylaws Amendment (00:14:08)
LaNiece Davenport presents straightforward amendments to the MPO bylaws prompted by Senate Bill 197 from the 2026 General Session, which restructured UTA governance from a three-member Board of Trustees to a seven-member part-time transit commission appointed by the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House. She explains that the bill also expands the duties of UTA Executive Director Jay Fox, including required coordination with MPOs, COGs, counties, and cities. To align with this, the amendments designate Jay Fox as the MPO Board representative for UTA, replacing Trustee Jeff Acerson, and adjust the TAC language so Jay appoints the TAC representative. Redline changes appear on pages 3 and 7 of the bylaws.

Council Member Brett Wright moved to approve the amended Bylaws of the MAG MPO Board and TAC dated June 11, 2026.

Mayor Neil Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

MAG MPO FY2027 Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP) (00:14:08)
Kevin Feldt presents the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), describing it as the set of basic planning tasks MAG will carry out in fiscal year 2027. Compared with the draft shown in previous months, the final version adds the FY 2027 budget, documents 2026 legislative outcomes, and is reformatted to be more user-friendly. The schedule calls for MPO Board action now so MAG can submit the final UPWP to FHWA and FTA by July 1. There are no questions from the board.

Council Member Tim DeGraw moved to approve the MAG MPO FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program as presented.

Council Member Stacy Beck seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

2055 RTP: Process Development - Prioritization Criteria and Weighting Update (00:16:31)
Kevin Feldt then introduces the 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) prioritization framework. He explains that project prioritization is built around five goals, with criteria subdivided by mode (e.g., road, transit, active

transportation), and that each mode will ultimately receive its own prioritized project list. The new element he emphasizes is goal weighting, where each goal is assigned a percentage (summing to 100%) that affects overall rankings; adjusting weights will shift which projects rise to the top. MAG staff will propose initial weights and convene a working group (six MPO Board members and six TAC members) to review and refine them in meetings tentatively set for July 8–9 or July 20–21. In August, TAC will review and adjust weights and make a recommendation for final MPO Board action, using a live weighting tool. Michelle Carroll asks how "growth" is represented; Kevin notes that growth is embedded in the travel demand model inputs and influences all goals. He also mentions planned meetings with the Utah County legislative delegation between the August and September meeting rounds.

Federal Performance Measures - Target Modifications (00:20:48)

Bob Allen, with FHWA representative Ivan Marrero present, reviews required federal performance measures and proposed target updates for the next four-year cycle. He explains that Utah's MPOs and UDOT coordinate to set statewide targets for pavement and bridge condition (on and off the Interstate), safety (fatalities and serious injuries), system reliability, freight/truck reliability, percent of non-SOV travel, and peak-hour excessive delay. While MPOs could set their own targets, doing so would require separate monitoring and investment planning; MAG staff recommends adopting the statewide targets. Bob reviews each category: Utah's pavement and bridge conditions remain strong, but some targets (e.g., interstate pavement "good" condition and truck travel time reliability) are adjusted to better reflect observed performance and to avoid penalties; safety continues to aim for a 2.5% annual reduction in fatalities/serious injuries; reliability targets are generally maintained; non-SOV travel targets are increased (reflecting Utah County's strong performance); and peak-hour excessive delay per capita targets are adjusted upward.

Mayor Brad Frost moved to adopt the adjusted statewide targets for the required federal performance measures as presented.

Mayor Neil Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

2026 TIP Project List (00:28:40)

Bob Allen presents the 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project priority list, the culmination of the two-year prioritization cycle using updated scoring metrics adopted earlier in the year. He notes that the revised scoring tends to favor active transportation projects, so MAG examined the historic funding by mode over the last four TIP cycles (roughly: 67% roads, 20% active transportation, 4.5% transit, 8% other) to avoid over-funding a single mode. Using draft revenue assumptions for 2029–2030 (about $115M, with 10% per-project and $10M/year program-level contingencies), staff sketches a notional allocation that would fund the top active transportation, road, and one transit project while roughly matching historic percentages.

During discussion, Brett Wright (Eagle Mountain City Council, attending with Mayor Gray's support) strongly advocates moving the Wild Blossom Boulevard Corridor extension higher on the list to secure funding in the 2026 cycle, arguing that Eagle Mountain and Saratoga Springs have only two ways in and out, rapid growth (~8,500 new residents/year in Cedar Valley), severe congestion, and safety concerns highlighted by a recent major crash. He contrasts "wants vs. needs," suggesting defunding the High Line Canal Trail Phase 2 and Mount

Timpanogos bus canopies and using both project funds plus the program-level contingencies to advance Wild Blossom.

Bob and Commissioner Skyler Beltran clarify that about $10–12M of the funds are CMAQ/TAP, which are restricted to active transportation and congestion mitigation, not general roads, and thus are not freely interchangeable. Bob and Michelle Carroll also emphasize the importance and frequent use of project and program contingencies, noting they have dropped very low in recent years as projects come back for cost increases. Several members (including Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner, Mayor Marsha Judkins, and Saratoga Springs Councilmember Lance Wadman) express empathy for Cedar Valley's challenges while underscoring fiscal responsibility, the need for contingencies, and the system-wide value of transit and active transportation investments. UTA's Jay Fox explains that the "bus canopies" project is actually a full Mount Timpanogos facility upgrade (capacity, maintenance, operators) that would leverage ~80% FTA Bus and Bus Facilities grant funding and expand bus service capacity countywide.

After extended debate, Brett Wright moves to adopt the 2026 TIP project list but drastically change mode splits (10% active transportation, 4.5% transit, 1.5% "other," and the remainder to roads) and explicitly bump Wild Blossom Boulevard up just below Loafer Mountain Parkway Phase 2. Lance Wadman seconds "to bring it to a vote." The motion fails on vote. A subsequent motion is then made (by Stacy Beck) and seconded (by Wadman) to approve the TIP project priority list as presented and to allow Bob to proceed using historical mode share guidance and contingencies to build the draft TIP for final board approval in August; that motion passes, and the board adopts the list in its current order.

Council Member Brett Wright moved to adopted the 10% for AT, 4.5 for Transit, and % for other, and the remaining fund be used to bump Wildflower up to below Loafer

The motion failed for lack of support

Council Member Stacy Beck moved to approve the 2026 TIP Prioritized Project List as presented.

Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner seconded the motion, and the motion passed all in favor.

Other Business and Adjournment (00:00:00)
Chair Mayor Bill Wright stated the next MPO Board meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2026.

Chair Mayor Bill Wright moved to adjourn the meeting.