

**ARCHES HOTSPOT REGION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

The Arches Hotspot Region Coordinating Committee held its Regular Meeting on the above date. Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 54-2-207(4), the Arches Hotspot Region Coordinating Committee Chair has issued written determinations supporting the decision to convene electronic meetings of the Committee without a physical anchor location. Due to the health and safety risks related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and considering public health orders limiting in-person gatherings, the Arches Hotspot Coordinating Committee will continue to hold meetings by electronic means. An anchor location was not provided. An audio recording of the meeting is archived at <http://www.utah.gov/pmnl/index.html>. A video recording is archived at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI00z0Zgdmz4y1FoI0l7CJA>.

Regular Meeting—Call to Order and Attendance: Committee Chair Wells called the Regular Meeting to order at 10:11 AM. Participating remotely were Committee Members Curtis Wells, Kalen Jones, Karen Guzman-Newton, Jaylyn Hawks, Wes Shannon, and Mike Duncan. Committee Member Evan Clapper was absent. City staff participating remotely were Assistant City Manager Carly Castle, City Engineer Chuck Williams, Communications and Engagement Manager Lisa Church, City Planner Nora Shepard, City Recorder Sommar Johnson, and Deputy Recorder Kerri Kirk. UDOT staff participating remotely were District Engineer Jared Beard and Region 4 Deputy Director Monte Aldridge. Downtown Main Street Alliance member participating remotely was Matt Hancock.

Citizens to be Heard:

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

Discussion and Approval of Dispersed Parking Projects Including Off-Main Street Parking Concept and Emma Boulevard Parking Project

Discussion: City Engineer Williams reviewed the expanded scope and cost estimate for the off-Main Street parking concept. He also reviewed the Emma Boulevard parking project. There was discussion about lighting, concrete or asphalt for median parking, bollards, safety, adding bike parking in the first median stall on each street, longer vehicle parking, and design flexibility. Committee Members Jones, Guzman-Newton, and Duncan requested a street model with green infrastructure including trees to present to the public.

UDOT Region 4 Deputy Director Aldridge reviewed the cost per stall of the original parking structure versus the cost per stall of the two current projects. He said the stamped, colored concrete would be considered part of the aesthetics budget. Committee Chair Wells proposed saving some of the aesthetic design items to be funded by the City and County later on, which would decrease the cost per stall for the Hotspot funding proposal. There was a discussion about decreasing costs by changing from concrete to asphalt and placing fewer lights. There was a discussion to clarify the cost per stall of the old project versus the new projects. Aldridge reiterated that Hotspot funding is for congestion relief, not aesthetic enhancements.

Committee Chair Wells inquired if a phased approach to the project would be acceptable. Committee Member Jones proposed using two street examples for public engagement, the current design and an alternate design with more landscaping. Committee Members Guzman-Newton and Duncan agreed.

There was a discussion about breaking up the cost estimates for portions of the Emma Boulevard project. City Engineer Williams offered to show the off-Main Street parking cost estimate with asphalt or concrete that is not stamped and dyed. Assistant City Manager Castle agreed that both projects should include a breakdown of options, as well as ongoing operation and maintenance costs to the City.

Presentation and Discussion Regarding Work Done by UDOT Regarding Main Street Improvements

Discussion: UDOT Region 4 Deputy Director Aldridge said the Main Street improvements do not reduce congestion unless the parking on Main Street is removed. He added that removing the parking does not create a significant improvement in congestion; He recommended that Main Street improvements should not be included in the Hotspot funding proposal. He shared the UDOT modeling for Main Street improvements. There was a discussion about restricting left turns.

Discussion Regarding Updated Shared-Use Path Concept and Public Transit Concept Update

Discussion: Committee Chair Wells said there were no updates for the shared-use path concept at this time.

UDOT Region 4 Deputy Director Aldridge discussed Hotspot funding for public transit. There was a discussion regarding contributions from the City and County for public transit. Aldridge mentioned the possibility of removing the expanded scope for off-Main Street parking to have more Hotspot funds available for transit. There was a discussion regarding proposal requirements, including a cost estimate and City and County contributions. Aldridge said public land could be used for a large vehicle parking area as a contribution. He reviewed the difference between shuttles and transit, as well as the funding potential. There was discussion about a transit pilot program, the next steps to prepare a proposal for Hotspot funding, and public engagement for the transit concept.

Committee Member Guzman-Newton requested a member of County staff assist in public transit planning. Committee Chair Wells agreed that could be possible, and he suggested UDOT assist as well. Aldridge said UDOT could provide information, but the proposal should be created by the City and County. He proposed a conference call with Committee Member Guzman-Newton, UDOT Region Planning Manager Jeff Sanders, and himself. Aldridge left the meeting at 12:03 PM.

Discussion and Approval of Projects to be Included in Public Engagement Efforts:

Motion: Committee Member Jones moved to include the following projects into the next public engagement effort: downtown improvements including Emma Boulevard, Spanish Valley trail, and a transit/shuttle pilot project. Committee Member Hawks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Assistant City Manager Castle clarified the transit project will be presented at a concept level for a public engagement survey to be released at the end of this week or early next week. Committee Member Guzman-Newton requested clarification regarding whether Main Street improvements are included in the motion. Committee Members Jones, Hawks, and Committee Chair Wells said the Main Street improvements are not included in the motion. Committee Member Jones restated the motion for clarity.

Vote: The motion passed 6-0 with Committee Members Hawks, Duncan, Jones, Shannon, Guzman-Newton, and Wells voting aye.

Next Steps: Assistant City Manager Castle reviewed the potential number of meetings needed

in October, including two open house meetings. She said the committee will need to decide on the package to propose to the City Council and County Commission by the week of October 19. She said there will be another engagement survey released at the end of this week or beginning of next week. She proposed sending out a poll to determine the next two meeting dates and times.

Adjournment: Committee Chair Wells adjourned the meeting at 12:17 PM.