I.
Norm Chambers, UofU, welcomed everyone. Each person introduced him/herself to the group.

II.
The group discussed the future meeting schedule (Agenda Item #8), the purpose of the meetings, meeting frequency and availability of the different organizations/neighbor participants. Historically meetings have been held on Fridays at the Tower at Rice-Eccles Stadium, but UDOT offices are now closed on Fridays, and with the Foothill Corridor Study complete, the meeting schedule has not been consistent for over a year. The group agreed that quarterly meetings make sense due to the wide variety of projects impacting Traffic & Transportation that involve the city, UDOT, UTA, and the University of Utah. In the past, meetings were cancelled if there were no agenda items that needed immediate attention, but if a project involving the parties comes up that needs to be discussed the
University of Utah is willing to host a meeting at short notice. Norm Chambers and Mike Perez will continue to host the meetings at Rice-Eccles Stadium on Mondays, during the noon hour. The schedule for 2010 will be:

Monday, January 25, 2010,
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III.
Mike Perez updated the group on the status of the Universe Project, a public/private partnership development that would be located on the site of the parking lot west of Rice-Eccles Stadium. The project is currently ‘stalled’, as the economic environment has changed dramatically since the original RFP was issued. The economy will not support the project as originally envisioned. Inland American (developer) has a letter of intent with the University on the project, but is still assessing the housing market and retail segment in particular as it relates to the changed economy. Designs placed in marketing pieces are purely conceptual. No substantive efforts have been made by architects because the scope of the project remains unknown. Mike is confident based on contractual agreements that more information regarding the future of the Universe Project will be available by the end of December, 2009.

III.
Tom Christensen, UofU, briefed the group on the transportation and parking impacts related to campus construction. Much of the work Tom briefed the committee on in April, that was set to take place after commencement in May, is underway and/or complete. The Business Loop remains closed for another month due to the problematic nature of boring through very hard material. Intermittent impacts on Wasatch Drive will also continue with the construction of the NCAA Track. Construction on the College of Nursing will also continue near the Hospital. The University’s portion of the high pressure water line is complete, but the City’s work going north on that same project will have some traffic impact.

Diane Barlow expressed her thanks for the regular updates and signage related to UofU construction projects. Those in attendance commended the University of Utah for keeping the community updated regarding construction impacts through their website:

http://constructionimpacts.utah.edu

IV.
Bob Sperling, SLC Division of Public Utilities (H2O), updated the group on the progress of their project on the northeast corner of 1300 East and 100 South which has had major traffic impact in the last month. The project is scheduled to be done by the end of October, 2009. Bob expressed his thanks to Esther Hunter and Jim Jenkin for their input and to the University of Utah for the dirt the city was able to use as infill. Having a dirt
supply so close to the project saved time and money. Bob also briefly discussed a
pipeline project impacting the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in the Federal Point
subdivision. Signs were posted to notify hikers and bikers.

V.
Norm Chambers, UofU, reported the new car sharing program, “UCar,” will be available
to the campus community soon. Participants include UTA, Salt Lake City and the
University of Utah and will allow students, faculty, and staff to rent a car from
UCarShare a subsidiary of UHaul, the contracted vendor, to help reduce single car drivers
commuting to campus and promote the everyday use of mass transit to those who
occasionally need a vehicle. The U of U (Four Cars), Salt Lake City (12 Cars), and UTA
(12 Cars), will provide designated parking spaces for the cars. To sign-up and have
access to the vehicles go to ucarshare.com. There is normally a $25.00 sign-up fee, but
you can use coupon code slcshare and then rent the cars for $4.95/hour and $.49/mile.
The vehicles should be delivered to the various locations prior to the end of the year.
Steve Alder, requested that one of the automobiles be parked in Research Park, an area
where many people are reluctant to use mass transit. Access to a vehicle may help in that
area. Norm will pass that recommendation along to Alma Allred, Director of Commuter
Services.

Norm also reported on the popularity of a new direct TRAX service between the U and
Sandy. Staff and students are utilizing the services, but Grantley Martelly with UTA is
concerned that with budget deficits, this relatively new expanded service may be part of
route cuts in order to save money.

VI.
Grantley Martelly, UTA Regional General Manager, reported that ridership is good and
the new Route 2 has been particularly successful. This route, which goes directly up and
down 200 South, is a fifteen minute faster connection to the University Hospital from
Central Station than the train. Three types of customers are taking Route 2: New
University Employees that haven’t taken transit before, community connector passengers
that are hopping on the bus for a quick ride from point A to point B in town, and previous
TRAX riders that took the train from Central Station, but can now benefit from this faster
service. The Downtown Alliance is working with UTA to promote it to individuals
working and shopping downtown.

V.
Chad Larsen, UofU, briefed the committee on Commuter Services information booths
set-up the first week of Fall Semester to help new students and staff find bus, shuttle and
TRAX routes that would work with their schedules. These information booths tend to be
most successful during the first couple of weeks of a semester, when many pedestrians
are unfamiliar with the Ed-Pass program and the free Campus Shuttle services provided
to the university community.

Ken Searles, UofU, commented on the disappointing turnout at the Research Park
Transportation Fair held in the Marriott Park Hotel. While the Fair was advertised to
UofU departments in the Park and private businesses as an educational opportunity
focusing on getting people out of their cars when they came to work in the Park, less than
ten individuals attended. Diane Barlow was very complimentary of the information she received at the Fair.

Robin Carbaugh commented that UTA and the UofU might be missing an opportunity to increase transit use into Research Park and on the south side of campus because options are limited to UTA bus and Campus Shuttle service. She proposed that a survey piece be added to any future ‘Fair’ type activities in the area to ascertain what type of transit individuals would prefer. The group discussed transportation surveys that have been taken in the past and the difficulties of data collection related to staff in Research Park because only half of the employees in the Park are either ARUP or UofU departments. The rest are private and unrelated to the University of Utah.

Charles Evans, Director of Research Park, has an e-mail listing for employers in the Park and could potentially make a request for staff zip code data. This information could begin the process for analyzing commuter patterns in the area.

VI.
Chad Larsen, UofU, reported an agreement will be signed soon between UTA and the UofU to place bicycle lockers, available for rent, in the west stadium lot near the TRAX station. The lockers are available to rent for $70/year (part of which is a key deposit). Individuals taking the train or bus to campus, and then needing a bicycle for day time campus transit will have it available in safe storage. Many individuals prefer the lockers to the traditional bike rack because they are more secure and protect the bicycle from inclement weather.

VII.
Wayne Dance explained his concerns to the group regarding the heavy peak hour traffic on Virginia Street and University Street. Wayne discussed the positive outcomes for both neighbors and the University of Utah if traffic could somehow be forced to divert and use 1300 East. University Street has no traffic lights between 100 South and 400 South and so drivers often choose that route because of less frequent stops. Wayne also wanted the results of the traffic counters on Virginia Street.

Norm Chambers recommended the city comment because the roads are not owned or managed by the university. Kevin Young with SLC Transportation agreed that traffic is heavy in the area, and can most likely present traffic count data from the area at the next meeting. Kevin also expressed difficulty in determining whether or not the peak traffic was local residents leaving their neighborhoods to get to work, or commuters coming from distant neighborhoods using the route to get to the U.

VIII.
The group discussed Robin Carbaugh’s e-mail request for a presentation regarding traffic volume data at 1300 East/500 South, Guardsman Way/500 South, Wakara Way/Foothill and Sunnyside/Foothill for a seven day span when the University of Utah is in session compared to when the University of Utah is not in session. Her ongoing request with the city to reduce traffic congestion and change transit patterns on Sunnyside Avenue is a primary driver for her requesting the data, but she also is concerned that as a resident, she is seeing more traffic on Sunnyside and Guardsman than she is seeing on 1300 East and
500 South. She has a continued concern that there are less alternative transit options on the south side of campus and congestion is worsening. UDOT representative Robert Miles will check what recent, relevant data UDOT already may have to better discuss this issue at the next meeting.

IX.
Diane Barlow requested information on the sidewalk installation in Research Park. Charles Evans explained that the sidewalks being installed will be located on the east side (seemingly the south side) of Wakara Way and will go from Chipeta down to Arapeen. Charles reports that as the Park has grown there is an increasing need for sidewalks to accommodate the pedestrian traffic flow they are seeing. As funds are available, sidewalks will continue to be installed.

X.
Ned Hacker, Wasatch Front Regional Council, informed the committee of WFRS’s plans to update the Wasatch Front Transportation Plan. The opportunity for public comment will be **October 20th at the Salt Lake Government Center, North Bldg. Atrium, 2001 South State Street between 4:00pm-6:30pm.** The new plan will be adopted in 2011 and will extend through the year 2040. The Regional Transportation Plan is the template for all major highway and transit capacity expansion projects. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities will also be addressed. Visit [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org) for more information.

XI.
Diane Barlow made a request to hear at the next meeting from those involved in the Foothill Corridor Study regarding any action items that have occurred based on the study’s recommendations.

VIII.
Norm Chambers and Mike Perez thanked everyone for coming. The next three meetings will occur on:

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