Gordon Wilson welcomed the group at 12:05pm and introductions were made.

I. Alma Allred, UofU Commuter Services reported to the group that a budget has been approved and funded for the installation of a compressed natural gas fueling station, to be located where the U. Campus Shuttles are stored near Ft. Douglas and the northeast entrance of Research Park. This fueling station will allow for the complete turnover of the U. Campus Shuttles large bus fleet to CNG buses from bio-diesel fueled buses. Four buses will be replaced this year and the entire fleet is expected to be transitioned by 2018 if two buses can be replaced each budget year beginning in 2013. Alma also reported to the committee on the continued concern regarding the limited parking on campus, and the potential for beginning the process of designing and building two new
parking structures. Commuter Services is in the process of requesting approval to build a parking structure west of the HPER Complex in the business loop. The structure would be funded by Commuter Services, an Auxiliary department of the University of Utah. A temporary gravel lot for contractor and visitor parking would be built this year to help with the immediate need for spaces in the area. A second structure, with a location yet to be determined, would service the Health Sciences area of campus, where parking is a major problem for students, faculty, staff, and visitors/patients. A neighbor asked Alma what stage of planning the HPER structure is in, and Alma responded that the University is determining how to fund the structure. At this time- no design is in process. Mike Perez reiterated that these parking structures are in the Campus Master Plan. The neighbor asked that the University continue to work towards a goal of getting the campus community to take mass transit rather than drive.

II. Ray Milliner and Maryann Pickering, Salt Lake City Planning, announced a new planning initiative (see handout attached to the end of this document). The City is studying potential changes to the 400 South Corridor, from the City Library going east on 400 South. A $23k grant from HUD and a $10k match from the city are funding the initiative. The City Planning division hopes to have a final document for the City Council by the end of the year. Ray and MaryAnn discussed the need for feedback regarding the corridor and confirmed that no agenda or plans are being promoted. The street may be modernized or updated based on the feedback from the community. (To help “Create a Vision for the future of 400 South”, see the bookmark that was passed to attendees of the meeting at the end of this document).

III. Kevin Young, Salt Lake City Transportation reported on behalf of Tim Harpst, (should be arriving late to the meeting). The Salt Lake City redesign of 200 South is in the comment collection phase. The city will discuss the plan with the City Council in July to request funding for a test. The islands on 200 South will remain as of today, east of 900 East, but as comments continue to come in, the city will refine the plan. Designs currently under discussion
include a central bicycle lane that would replace the “on street” lane in place now. There would be one traffic lane in each direction on 200 South and the center of the street would be a bicycle path. Signals for the bicycle path would mirror those that TRAX uses now. The 1st phase of implementation would be to paint a path on the street (this concept is on Salt Lake City’s website). The design is included in the Capital Improvement Plan, and if it doesn’t get funded this year, the city will complete the design, and table it to request funding for implementation in the future. (Tim Harpst arrived and answered questions about the project).

Esther Hunter asked Tim if the lanes east of 900 east will need to be widened to a more standard width because of the congestion in the area. Tim explained the several options regarding the area have been presented, one of which was moving the bike lane towards the landscape median. The trees in the center of the street will not have to be removed according to the design.

IV. Esther Hunter presented an item for discussion that could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting as well. The traffic exiting the University of Utah on 400 South into the neighborhoods causes congestion and can be dangerous. The group discussed how destination signage may not help because those people commuting through the residential areas are likely familiar with the area and are making the choice to take those routes. Tim discusses the desire for Salt Lake City Transportation to get a redesign planned for 1300 East from 500 South to South Temple, and how that may help some folks choose that route over driving through the neighborhoods. The road (1300 East) is in poor shape, as are the sidewalks, and the city would like to begin connecting the gaps in bike lanes so that the 1300 East bike lane connects smoothly with the lane on 400 South.

V. Robert Miles, UDOT, recapped current projects in the area. UDOT has rebuilt the signal on 2300 E and Foothill Blvd. The intersection at Sunnyside and Foothill now has radar detection rather than sensors underneath the roadway, and a re-surfacing of Foothill Blvd. will begin the week after the 4th of July
holiday. The striping on Foothill Blvd. will not change; however, the project will impact traffic while the work is being completed.

VI. Pete Taylor, Sunnyside East Community Council and Emigration Coalition, reported on the neighborhood engagement with Salt Lake City to update the East Side Master Plan. A complete update has not been funded; however a study for the Foothill corridor does have funding and will likely address some of the issues associated with community and livability in the area. The corridor is changing now, with the construction of a large Hampton Inn, and potentially a WalMart at the entrance to Interstate 215 off of Foothill Blvd. The study will look at potential street beautification as well as pedestrian and bicycle friendly improvements. Funding will be available on July 1, 2011.

VII. Tami Cleveland, University of Utah Campus Planning, informed the group that a Bicycle Master Plan is underway and open houses are being scheduled for public comments. If anyone attending is interested in participating please attend an open house on August 24, 2011 between 4pm-7pm in Parlor A of the Olpin Union.

VIII. A neighbor thanked the representatives from Salt Lake City Transportation in attendance for the safety improvements made at the intersection of Butler and 100 South, and also asked if traffic counts are being completed on Wolcott and 100 South as discussed in prior meetings. Tim Harpst responded that the city is conducting counts and speed data, in addition to off-peak traffic volume. The group also discussed excess speeds of cars going through alleyways in the Butler area. Tim commented that the city normally does not fund any improvements in alleyways and questions who has jurisdiction over these right of ways. Some people in attendance felt that part of the issue could be the number of cars driving in the alleyways associated with the fraternities and sororities in the area.

IX. Tim Harpst briefed the committee on the progress of the city’s evaluation of 800 South and Sunnyside Avenue east of 900 East. They are identifying problems that both the city and neighborhood have recognized and are exploring the implementation of solutions that deal with the five concepts
agreed upon by the city and neighbors. The first open house identified that the westbound bike lane and sidewalk are narrow and uncomfortable to use. The second open house, held last week, presented solutions like breaking up the view of the corridor with landscaping, widening the bike lane, adding a paved trail on the north side of the street, and possibly redesigning the center turn lane. It also included keeping signalized intersections, but changing the width prior to and post to those intersections. A plan should be completed prior to fall, 2011. Information regarding this and other city projects can be found at the city’s website http://www.slcgov.com/transportation/.

X. A neighbor brought up the issue of fraternity and sorority parking on the streets of the neighborhood adjacent to the north side of campus. University of Utah representative recommended that the neighbors have a separate meeting regarding this issue that includes Student Affairs representatives- there may be an existing committee that meets annually regarding such issues.

XI. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 12:00pm in Conference Room 645 at the Tower at Rice-Eccles Stadium. Refreshments will be served.