Ex-Chicago official to head up transportation agency

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The Wasatch Front Regional Council tapped a former Chicago transportation board chairman on Thursday as its new executive director.

Andrew Gruber, 40, will step into the agency's head spot, starting July 1, when Chad Chappell retires. Since 2009, Chappell steered long-range and transit planning for northern Utah's most populous metropolitan areas.

Gruber, an attorney who most recently served as the Chicago Regional Transportation Authority's senior deputy director for legal and government affairs, moved to Utah earlier this year with his wife, Tracy, and two children.

For more than a decade, the family visited relatives in the Salt Lake City area. In 2008, they made a decision to look at the area as a possible place to live.

A national search for Chappell's replacement took place through a nine-member committee of MTA stakeholders, four went through the interview process and the last three were interviewed.

Served as director for a

New York City native and law degree from Northwestern University.

The agency's current executive director is not scheduled to retire until 2012. Gruber said that his role would be to create a foundation for future years.

About Andrew Gruber

Gruber is noted for successful reform and reforming the systems in both places.

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