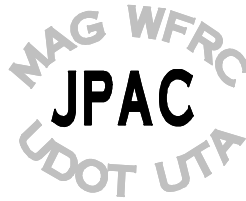


JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Utah Transit Authority Boardroom

3600 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119

Thursday, March 1, 2007

12:00 Noon

MINUTES

Members Attending:

Mayor Jeff Acerson	Lindon City
Chuck Chappell	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Councilman Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake City
Darrell Cook	Mountainland Association of Governments
Orrin T. Colby, Jr.	Utah Transit Authority Board
Mayor J. Lynn Crane	Herriman
Commissioner Larry Ellertson	Utah County
John English	Utah Transit Authority
Commissioner Bret Millburn	Davis County
John Njord	Utah Department of Transportation
Mayor John Petroff, Jr.	West Point City
Dr. Walter Talbot	Utah Transit Authority Board
Mayor Russ Wall	Taylorsville
Mayor Jerry C. Washburn	Orem
Commissioner Jan Wells	Utah Transportation Commission

Others Attending:

Mike Allegra	Utah Transit Authority
Suzanne Allen	DMPO
Carlos Braceras	UDOT
Lowell Elmer	Dixie MPO
Jim Gass	CMPO
Jeff Gilbert	CMPO
Sharon Gray	Wasatch Front Regional Council staff
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council staff
Raylene Ireland	Attending for Mayor Billings
Ahmad Jaber	UDOT
Andrew Jackson	MAG

Bruce Jones	UTA
Sam Klemm	Wasatch Front Regional Council staff
Dan Nelson	Mountainland Association of Government
Andrea Packer	UTA
John Patterson	Ogden City

Members Not In Attendance:

Mayor Lewis K. Billings	Provo City
Commissioner Craig Dearden	Weber County
Mayor Matthew Godfrey	Ogden City
Mayor Dennis Nordfelt	West Valley City
Mayor Darrell Smith	Draper

The meeting began at 12:15 p.m. with Mr. Chuck Chappell conducting.

Mr. Chappell thanked Dr. Walter Talbot for his service as a member of JPAC. He noted that this is Dr. Talbot's last JPAC meeting as he is retiring from the UTA Board.

Approve the February 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Chappell asked JPAC members to re-visit the interpretations of what the motion should have been [in the February 1, 2007 JPAC meeting minutes] relating to adding the Dixie and Cache MPO's to the JPAC organization, prior to approving the minutes. He noted that two of the interpretations were:

- Dixie and Cache County representatives be invited to meet once each quarter for discussion of their MPOs, but be invited to attend all meetings
- Dixie and Cache County be added to JPAC as full voting members

Mayor Crane stated that he supported both MPO's and welcomed their participation monthly [if they desired]. He felt it was meaningful to have them included.

Mr. John Patterson stated the "more the merrier", but noted the importance of not losing focus on the urbanized areas.

Ms. Suzanne Allen stated that the Dixie MPO cares about what happens along the Wasatch Front and wouldn't want the current JPAC members to lose focus on the Wasatch Front area. She also stated that she felt it was important to discuss Dixie and Cache County MPOs concerns quarterly. She stated that her recollection of the motion to add the Dixie and Cache County MPO's to the JPAC organization included:

- Dixie and Cache County MPOs be included as full fledged members of JPAC
- Dixie and Cache County MPOs would attend meetings monthly
- Dixie and Cache County MPO issues would be discussed quarterly

The following amended motion was read for consideration:

Mayor Crane moved that JPAC move forward with an amended agreement to include the Dixie MPO and Cache MPO to the JPAC Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dearden and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cook stated that he felt it was important to include the suggested membership in the motion, as follows:

Transportation Commission - 2 members
UDOT - 1 member
WFRC - 10* members
Dixie - 2* members

UTA Board - 2 members
UTA - 1 member
MAG - 6* members
Cache - 2* members

*All but one member is an elected official

Mayor Crane moved that the motion listed above replace the motion in the February 1, 2007 minutes relating to adding the Dixie and Cache MPO's to the JPAC organization, along with the suggested membership numbers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Christensen and passed unanimously.

Mayor Washburn moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2007, meeting, with the revised motion as listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellertson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cook suggested that a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which would include some items from the previous MOA, be presented to JPAC members for their approval at the April, 2007 JPAC meeting.

Discussion of Legislation

Mr. John Njord reported on anticipated funding that UDOT is expecting based on legislative decisions this past session. He explained that there is \$90 million in ongoing funding to support \$1 billion in bonding supported by the general fund which is in addition to projects that are being funded from the Centennial Highway Fund.

Mr. Njord reported that the Legislature provided \$90 million for choke-point relief projects, \$30 million (1 time appropriation) for Corridor Preservation, \$30 million (1 time appropriation) for a new bridge replacement program, and the authority to pay cash (1 time - rather than bond) for \$249 million in Centennial Highway projects. He briefly discussed Corridor Preservation funds.

Mr. Braceras noted that UDOT still has \$1 billion in bonds which they will be paying on until 2020. He also stated that UDOT will see a better cash flow starting in 2009.

Mr. Sam Klemm distributed copies of a Legislative Updated dated March 1, 2007. He suggested JPAC members review the legislation at their leisure.

Mr. John English explained legislation that pertained to the Utah Transit Authority. He stated that UTA is pleased overall, especially based on what "could" have happened.

Mr. Bruce Jones discussed UTA's pleasure that H.B. 166 was defeated. He stated that this bill would have eliminated UTA as a stand alone entity and folded it into UDOT. It was suggested that a sub-committee of JPAC could possibly review the governance issue relating to UTA to reaffirm that there is local government control of UTA.

JPAC members discussed H.B. 282 - Elimination of state and Local Sales tax on Food, which merged with S.B. 223.

Mr. Klemm explained that H.B. 158 authorizes a \$100 million bond for right-of-way for the Mountain View Corridor. Funding to pay for the bond would come from the \$10 vehicle registration fee in Salt Lake County and the local option sales taxes.

Councilman Christensen suggested that a chart of how sales tax is distributed be provided at a future WFRC or COG meeting.

Unified State Transportation Plan

Mr. Ahmad Jaber discussed a PowerPoint Presentation on UDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan 2007-2030. His presentation included the following:

- **Presentation Objectives**
 1. Development of the 2007-2030 UDOT Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
 2. LRTP Coordination effort with the state's four Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Cache, WFRC, MAG, and Dixie MPOs)
 3. Next Steps

- **How We Plan?**
 1. Identify
 2. Analyze
 3. Prioritize
 4. Define

- **Who Plans and Where** (map of planning areas for Cache, WFRC, MAG, and Dixie MPOs)

- **Where UDOT Plans**

Mr. Jaber discussed a map showing areas where UDOT develops the long-range transportation plan for those areas outside the metropolitan planning areas.

- **What is UDOT's Process?**
 1. Every four years UDOT's LRTP is updated
 2. Every year the Commission approves the STIP

3. The STIP must be "consistent" with the long-range transportation plan

Mr. Jaber stated that a project is developed by 1) identifying transportation needs, 2) being included in the Long-Range Transportation Plan, 3) being included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, 4) Construction of project, and 5) Maintenance of project. He stated that public involvement must also be included.

- **Capacity is the Focus**

One of UDOT's Strategic Goals includes increasing capacity by adding additional lanes, new highways, interchanges, and passing lanes.

- **Where are we with LRTP Process?**

Mr. Jaber discussed a listing the scheduled months for 1) database analysis, 2) public outreach, 3) draft capacity needs list, 4) consultation with UDOT Regions, 5) finalizing financial assumptions, 6) draft UDOT LRTP, 7) Commission briefings, and 8) the final UDOT LRTP, which will be completed by July, 2007.

- **How We Identify Issues**

Issues are identified through public interactions including: 1) 31 Community Transportation Plans, 2) meetings with interest groups, and 3) discussions with hosted focus groups.

- **What We Heard**

Mr. Jaber reported that UDOT has received more than 3,000 comments, including:

1. many State Highways are congested
2. Plan for the Future - Preserve Needed Corridors
3. Provide More and Longer Passing/Climbing Lanes
4. Pavement, Bridges and Culverts Need to be Maintained
5. Want Better Access Management and ITS
6. Desire to Provide for Alternative Transportation Modes (especially pedestrian and bicycle)
7. Ensure Safe and Efficient Flow of Roadway Travel

- **What are the Rural Capacity Needs?**

Mr. Jaber discussed a Systems Planning & Programming map listing the various capacity needs which have been identified for Utah's rural highway system over the next 23 years.

- **Draft Financial Assumptions 2007-2030**

Mr. Jaber reviewed a chart showing UDOT's financial assumptions including available revenue and transfer funds.

- **We have more needs than Money**

Mr. Jaber reviewed a Rural Capacity Needs vs. Funding chart which showed over \$6 billion in needs, with only \$3 billion in projected funds.

- **Rural Area Priorities**

Mr. Jaber reviewed a map listing the priorities in the rural areas of the state.

- **Utah's "Unified" Transportation Plan**

Mr. Jaber stated that Utah is one of the first states in the Country to develop a Unified Plan. The Unified Plan will include the following:

1. UDOT Long Range Transportation Plan 2007-2030
2. Cache MPO Regional Transportation Plan 2007-2030
3. WFRC Regional Transportation Plan 2007-2030
4. MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007-2030
5. Dixie MPO Regional Transportation Plan 2007-2030

- **Utah's Unified Plan**

Mr. Jaber discussed the Unified Plan Document which will include a summary of major capacity projects (MPO & Statewide) for Phase I, II, III, and Unfunded needs. He stated that the document will be an Executive Summary of the Five Agency Transportation Plans.

- **What are the Next Steps?**

Mr. Jaber described the steps that UDOT will be involved with to complete the final UDOT LRTP and final Unified Plan by July, 2007.

Mr. Jaber distributed copies of a project list for UDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan for 2007-2030. He also distributed copies of UDOT's Systems Planning & Programming map showing the major capacity projects for UDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan 2007-2030.

In answer to a question, Mr. Jaber explained that UDOT's analysis is different from Wasatch Front Regional Council's analysis because the WFRC uses land use in their model, while UDOT looks at the whole state where it is difficult to find such a large model that would include land use.

Mr. Njord noted that congestion is measured relative to what is important to each community.

Mr. Jeff Gilbert distributed copies of Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CMPO) 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Draft Project List, along with a map of CMPO projects by phase. He stated that the CMPO needs additional eligible state roads and that they are working on some jurisdictional trades. Currently, the CMPO is unable to spend available state funding on their needs.

Mr. Lowell Elmer distributed copies of DMPO's *draft* Regional Transportation Plan along with a map of projects & Phasing for the Plan. He explained their struggles with topography limits, and collector roads that are functioning as arterials.

Mr. Darrell Cook distributed copies of MAG's *draft* 2007 RTP Highway Projects. He discussed their assumptions, unfunded gaps, and conformity projects.

Mr. Chuck Chappell distributed copies of WFRC's *draft* maps of 2030 RTP Highway Phasing and Transit Phasing, along with project lists for both highway and transit projects. He explained the projects, including those that are unfunded.

Mr. Chappell complimented Mr. Jaber and UDOT for taking on the responsibility of combining the four MPO plans with UDOT's plan making one statewide list for UDOT's final LRTP and Unified Plan.

Other Business

Next Meeting: The next JPAC meeting will be held on April 5, 2007 at 12:00 (noon). Agenda items will include new MOA Agreement for JPAC.

Mr. Chappell asked JPAC members to contact him with any additional agenda items they would like to discuss at JPAC meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.