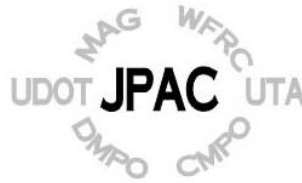


JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

JOINT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Utah Transit Authority Boardroom

3600 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119

Thursday, March 6, 2008

12:00 Noon

MINUTES

Members Attending:

Councilwoman Suzanne Allen
Mayor Burtis Bills
Orrin T. Colby, Jr.
Mayor J. Lynn Crane
Chuck Chappell
Councilman Carlton Christensen
Darrell Cook
Mayor Dennis A. Dunn
Commissioner Larry Ellertson
Lowell Elmer
Mayor Matthew Godfrey
Commissioner Bret Millburn
John Njord
Mayor Dennis Nordfelt
Mayor Russ Wall
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Dixie MPO
Trustee, Utah Transit Authority Board
Utah Transit Authority Board
Herriman (WFRC)
Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)
Salt Lake City (WFRC)
Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG)
Elk Ridge City
Utah County (MAG)
Dixie MPO
Ogden City (WFRC)
Davis County (WFRC)
Utah Department of Transportation
West Valley City (WFRC)
Taylorsville (WFRC)
Weber County (WFRC)

Others Attending:

Mayor Claudia Anderson
Carlos Braceras
Mick Crandall
Sharon Gray
Doug Hattery
Linda Hull
Ahmad Jaber
Andrew Jackson
Kiley Jackson
Bruce Jones
Justin Jones

Bluffdale City
Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Transit Authority
Wasatch Front Regional Council staff
Wasatch Front Regional Council staff
UDOT
UDOT
MAG
Andrew's daughter (job shadow)
Utah Transit Authority
Utah Transit Authority

Others Attending (Continued):

Sam Klemm
Andrea Packer

Wasatch Front Regional Council staff
UTA

Members Not In Attendance:

Mayor Lewis K. Billings - excused	Provo City (MAG)
Mayor Jay Franson	Highland (MAG)
Jeff Gilbert	Cache MPO
Commissioner Meghan Holbrook	Utah Transportation Commission
John English	Utah Transit Authority
Mayor Mike Johnson	Millville City (Cache MPO)
Commissioner Kent Millington - excused	Utah Transportation Commission
Mayor John Petroff, Jr. - excused	West Point City (WFRC)
Mayor Darrell Smith - excused	Draper (WFRC)
Mayor Jerry C. Washburn	Orem (MAG)

The meeting began at 12:20 p.m. with Mr. Chuck Chappell conducting.

Mayor Billings, Commissioner Millington, Ms. Maureen Riley, Mayor Petroff, and Mayor Smith were excused from the meeting.

Approve the February 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes

JPAC members approved the minutes of the February 7, 2008, meeting after two corrections to the February 7, 2008 minutes were made, as follows:

1. Move Mayor Dunn from "Others Attending" to "Members Attending"
2. Show Burtis Bills as Mayor and also as Trustee for the Utah Transit Authority Board

2008 Legislative Session

Mr. Klemm distributed copies of a ***Legislative Summary dated March 6, 2008*** and discussed the following bills:

1. House Bill 62 – Representative Todd Kiser – Clean Fuel Special License

Mr. Klemm stated that this bill changes the eligibility requirements for a clean fuel special group license plate from requiring a vehicle to maintain a clean special fuel tax certificate to requiring that the vehicle meet standards established by the Department of Transportation in administrative rules which are in accordance with federal regulations.

Status - Passed

2. House Bill 104 – Representative Kory Holdaway – Urban Trails Appropriation

Mr. Klemm reported that this bill appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of Natural Resources on an ongoing basis for urban trails planning and development. He noted that half of the money is to go to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The other half is available for a grant to a local government for urban trails development.

Status - Passed

3. House Bill 105 – Representative Julie Fisher – Transportation Loan Fund Amendments

Mr. Klemm reported that this bill will allow cities and counties to tap into the Infrastructure Loan Fund currently administered by UDOT. Presently, the Fund is available only for state projects.

Status - Passed

4. House Bill 115 – Representative Kenneth Sumsion – Appropriation For Utah Lake Study

Mr. Klemm noted that this bill would have appropriated \$3 million for a study of a causeway running east/west across Utah Lake. He noted that although the bill did not receive a hearing, some money was allocated.

5. House Bill 183 – Representative Wayne Harper – Sales and Use Tax Amendments

Mr. Klemm reported that H.B. 183 was a very comprehensive bill designed to establish a uniform statewide sales tax rate. He noted that this bill died in the Senate

6. House Bill 188 – Representative Wayne Harper – Transit Revisions

Mr. Klemm reported that H.B. 188 would have established complex guidelines for UTA Board appointments including representatives from the Legislature and an appointment from the Governor. He noted that this bill was defeated on the floor of the House.

7. House Bill 221 – Representative John Mathis – Agricultural and Industrial Protection Amendments

Mr. Klemm reported that H.B. 221 originally required local governments to establish agricultural protection zones in which no transportation corridor could be designated unless there is no other “reasonable alternative.” He noted that this bill was amended to state that transportation planning agencies must “consider” agricultural protection zones in their planning process.

Status - Passed

8. House Bill 242 – Representative Wayne Harper – Local Option Transportation Corridor Preservation Fee Amendments

Mr. Klemm stated that this bill would have re-directed the remaining corridor preservation money in Salt Lake County to the Mountain View Corridor. He stated that there have been serious reservations about this bill inasmuch as there are other pressing corridor preservation needs across the County. The Mountain View Corridor is already receiving 70% of the vehicle registration fee money and all of 1/16 cent sales tax approved by the voters in November 2006.

Mr. Klemm noted that Representative Harper radically changed the bill into a list of grants to several Salt Lake County cities and the unincorporated county with \$38 million in transportation projects spread around the county.

Status – Passed

9. House Bill 251 – Representative John Dougall – Sales and Use Tax Revisions (as applied to public transit)

Mr. Klemm stated that this bill is clean up language that would affect only Utah County. He stated that it is meant to ensure that the State Tax Commission can continue to collect the second quarter cent sales tax that was recently approved by the voters.

Status – Passed

10. House Bill 298 – Representative Wayne Harper – Transit Fare Reduction

Mr. Klemm stated that this bill would have reduced transit fares by half on yellow air quality alert days and completely on red air quality alert days. He noted that this Bill was substituted into a study only recommendation and was still defeated in the House.

11. House Bill 313 – Representative Wayne Harper – Motor Fuel and Special Fuel Tax – Indexing for Inflation

Mr. Klemm stated that this bill would have raised the Utah State motor fuel tax by the consumer price index increase every two years. He noted that this bill was defeated in the House.

12. House Joint Resolution 8 – Representative Julie Fisher – Joint Resolution Urging Congress to Eliminate Transportation Earmarking That Overrides State Transportation Priorities.

Mr. Klemm stated that the Resolution was defeated in the Senate.

13. Senate Bill 245 – Senator Kurt Bramble – Funding Related to Airports, Highways and Public Transit

Mr. Klemm stated that S.B. 245, Fifth Substitution amends the Motor Vehicles Code, the Sales and Use Tax Act, and the Transportation Code.

Mr. Klemm noted that essentially, the bill provides funding for Salt Lake City's commitment to the light rail line to the Salt Lake City Airport. Additionally, the bill cleans up the language that makes UTA whole after the removal of taxes on food in the 2007 General Session. He stated that the language also assisted the counties of Weber and Davis, along with UTA to resolve funding issues.

Status – Passed

14. Senate Bill 208 – Senator Sheldon Killpack – Transportation Corridor Preservation Amendments

Mr. Klemm stated that this bill requires local governments to notify UDOT in the case zoning changes are requested in declared transportation corridors.

Status – Passed

15. Senate Bill 231 – Senator Sheldon Killpack – Transportation Governance

Mr. Klemm reported that S.B. 231 places four new voting board members on the UTA Board appointed by the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Governor, and a member of the Utah State Transportation Commission. He noted that it also codifies an existing internal auditor position.

Status – Passed

16. Senate Bill 286 – Senator Sheldon Killpack – Transportation and Transit Amendments

Mr. Klemm reported that S.B. 283 lifts the cap on last year's \$1 billion dollar bond for transportation to \$1.2 billion.

Status – Passed

17. Senate Bill 285 – Senator Sheldon Killpack – Transportation and Transit Amendments

Mr. Klemm reported that S.B. 285 exempts UTA from municipal zoning restrictions in counties of the first class.

Status – Passed

18. Senate concurrent Resolution 6 – Senator John Valentine – Concurrent Resolution on the Re-Construction of I-15

Mr. Klemm reported that this bill expresses a commitment by the Legislature to fund a \$2.6 billion reconstruction of I-15 in Utah County.

Status – Passed

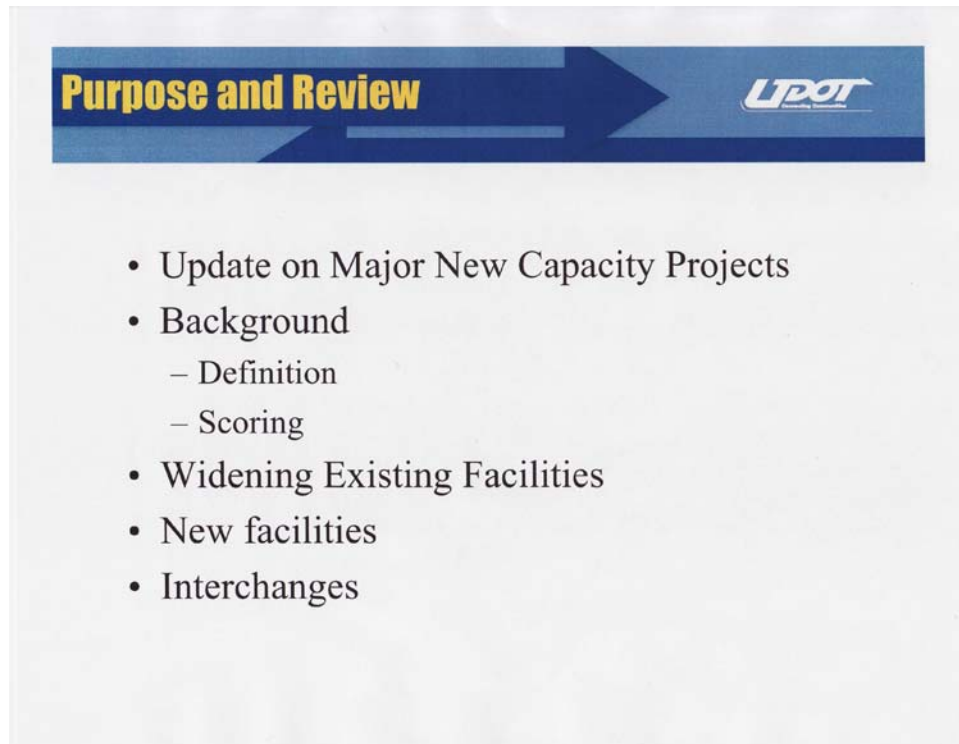
19. The governor's budget recommendation included \$70,000 each for WFRC and MAG. He noted that diligent efforts were required to ensure that the money stayed in the appropriation bill.

Status – Passed

In answer to a question, Mr. Allegra stated that UTA expects to break ground soon on Commuter Rail south, with a 3-4 year construction schedule.

Revised Project Priority Lists

Mr. Ahmad Jaber reported on UDOT's Project Prioritization Process. He discussed the following slides from a PowerPoint presentation:



Definition

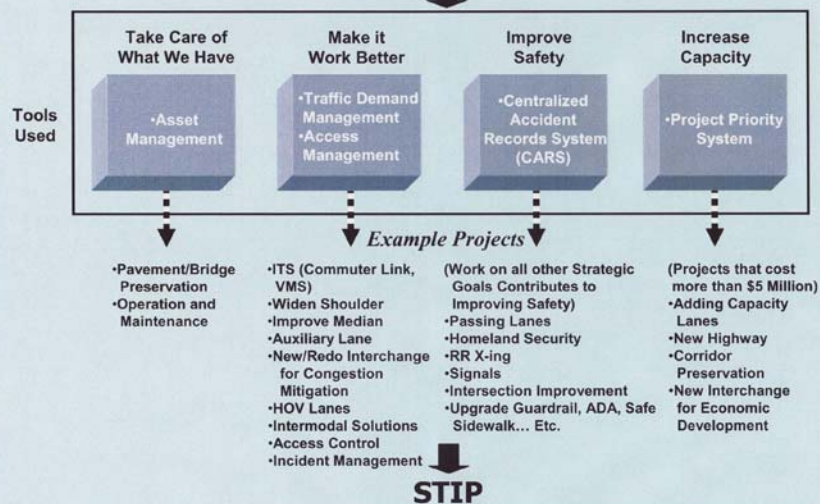


Major New Capacity Projects Costing more than \$5 Million and which do one or more of the following:

- Add New Roads and Interchanges
- Add New Lanes
- Modify Existing Interchange for Capacity or Economic Impact

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Input- LRP, MPO's, JHC, UDOT, Public, Data



Capacity Project Ranking - Decision Support System



Remember...

Ranking Process is designed to support the **decision-making process**, rather than render a decision.

The process is a means to help the Utah Transportation Commission generally prioritize and rank projects in order of their importance. The reason is that no ranking system can completely measure all project attributes.

Transportation Factors



Widen Exiting Facilities

Objective	Factor	Max. Score
Transportation Efficiency	Total ADT- Volume of Traffic on a Daily Average	20
	Truck ADT	10
	V/C – Measure of a Highway's Congestion	25
	Functional Class – Measure of Road Importance	5
	Transportation Growth	15
Safety	Safety Index – Combination of Measures	25
	Total Possible Points	100

Transportation Factors UDOT

New Facility

Objective	Factor	Max. Score
Transportation Efficiency	Projected ADT on New Facilities in 2015	25
	Projected Truck ADT on New Facilities in 2015	15
	V/C on Existing System if Corridor is not Built	30
	% Improvement on System if Corridor is Built	30
	Total Possible Points	100

Mr. Jaber explained how UDOT came up with the process, which is used to rate projects in the first phase of the Unified Plan. He noted that UDOT currently has a funding gap of \$4.1 billion.

Mr. Jaber distributed copies of three *draft* UDOT tables showing the ratings of different types of projects. He discussed UDOT's major capacity improvement projects for both new facilities and the widening of existing facilities. He also discussed UDOT's new interchange projects on existing freeways and the upgrade of existing at-grade intersections.

WFRC 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

Mr. Chuck Chappell distributed copies of a handout titled ***Update to Proposed Amendment to the Wasatch Front Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030 and Accompanying Air Quality Conformity Determination***. He stated that the WFRC is seeking public review and comment on a proposed amendment to the WFRC Transportation Plan: 2007-2030 and the accompanying air quality conformity analysis. He discussed the following projects that are included in the proposed amendment:

1. 5600 West Transit (Phases 1 (2007-2015), 2 (2016-2025), and 3 (2026-2030))
2. Designate the Denver and Rio-Grande Western Corridor (D&RGW) as a Multimodal Transportation Corridor
3. 14600 South Roadway and D&RGW RR Structure Replacement and Re-alignment

4. Bangerter Highway Grade Separated Interchange at 6200 South
5. Bangerter Highway Grade Separated Interchange at 7900 South
6. Bangerter Highway Grade Separated Interchange at Redwood Road
7. Bangerter Highway Grade Separated Interchange at 600 West

Mr. Chappell stated that the WFRC has letters of support for all of these amendments. He noted that these refinements and updates are needed to meet the needs of UDOT, UTA, and the traveling public.

Other Business

Topics for Future meetings:

Mr. Chappell asked each of the MPO's to plan on reporting on their RTP amendments at future meetings.

Mr. Chappell stated that topics for the next JPAC meeting could include: 1) Dixie's most congested corridor, 2) Continuous Flow Intersection Performance, and 3) MPO Outreach to Local Land Use.

JPAC members expressed their appreciation to UTA for sponsoring the lunch.

Next Meeting: The next JPAC meeting will be held on April 3, 2008, at 12:00 (noon).

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.