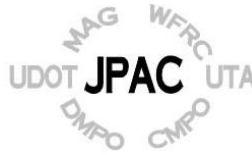


# Joint Policy Advisory Committee

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, October 2, 2008**

12:00 Noon

### MINUTES

#### **Attending:**

|                                |   |
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| Mayor J. Lynn Crane            | Herriman                                |
| Mayor Dennis Nordfelt          | West Valley City                        |
| Mayor Burtis Bills             | Payson, UTA Board                       |
| Mayor Dennis Dunn              | Elk Ridge                               |
| Mayor Russ Wall                | Taylorsville                            |
| Councilman Carlton Christensen | Salt Lake City                          |
| John Njord                     | Utah Department of Transportation       |
| Carlos Braceras                | Utah Department of Transportation       |
| Butch Waidelich                | FHWA                                    |
| John English                   | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Jerry Benson                   | Utah Transit Authority                  |
| Rick Sprott                    | UDAQ                                    |
| Lowell Elmer                   | Dixie MPO                               |
| Chuck Chappell                 | Wasatch Front Regional Council          |
| Doug Hattery                   | Wasatch Front Regional Council          |
| Mark Nord                      | Provo City                              |
| Andrew Jackson                 | Mountainland Association of Governments |
| Jim Price                      | Mountainland Association of Governments |

#### **Excused:**

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| Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, Weber County      | Mayor Darrell H. Smith, Draper City |
| Commissioner Larry Ellertson, Utah County      | Mayor Jerry Washburn, Orem City     |
| Councilmember Suzanne Allen, Washington County | Mayor Matthew Godfrey, Ogden        |
| Darrell Cook, MAG                              |                                     |

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Chappell at 12:20 p.m., at which time he thanked UTA for providing a delicious lunch.

***Approve the September 4, 2008, meeting minutes***

**Mayor Lynn Crane moved to approve the September 4, 2008, minutes. Mayor Dennis Nordfelt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

***UTA Funding*** - John English

Mr. English stated that there are 5 projects that have received funding grants, totaling about a half-billion dollars, although the funds have not yet been released. The projects will start and the funds should then be released within 60 days, if not then construction may need to stop until funding is released. All 5 are high priority projects with 20% federal funds and 80% local funds.

The state legislature asked UTA, that on 'Red Burn Days' that transit be free to encourage as many people as possible to take transit. UTA doesn't think that is a good idea; there are too many issues to deal with.

Mr. English asked the group if they would like to do a 'Future Search' on air quality issues. 'Future Search' is a 3 day conference where local, regional, in state and out of state experts are invited to discuss a particular topic. All issues, points of view, and ideas are discussed in order to come up with many different solutions. This is not a policy making group. Mr. Sprott suggested the conference could focus on transportation and air quality issues. Mr. English stated that many members of his staff have attended future search conferences and would be willing to help set one up here.

The group felt it was a good idea, but would like to have a better defined scope before committing.

***Utah's Human Service Public Transportation Plan*** - Mary Guy-Sell, UDOT

This statewide plan is looking at ways to coordinate public and community transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged, who are older adults (65 and over), people with disabilities, and lower income individuals. The transportation disadvantaged lack personal transportation to access services (health care, community services, etc), activities (work/job training, education, etc), and goods (grocery, clothing, personal care). There is federal funding available in a 5311(f) grant but a plan must be in place before funds can be applied for. The Plan will provide information on intercity service, operating funds, information sharing, remote area service, non-emergency medical, and local coordination support. There are many partners in this coordinated effort they are: transit consumers, regional planners, business community, elected officials, human service agencies, and transit providers.

When the Plan is completed the planned routes and service patterns criteria will be incorporated into a RFP for operators to provide the identified service.

**Western Climate Initiative** - Rick Sprott, UDAQ

The Western Climate Initiative started in 2007 with 5 states participating; there are now 7 states and

4 Canadian Provinces. The goals of Memorandum of Agreement are to reduce GHG (Green House Gases) emissions 15% below 2005 levels by 2020; design a plan for multi-sector, market-base GHG reduction programs, and participate in a GHG reporting registry. Each partner has its own climate action plan, individual reduction goals, and commitment to adopt clean tail pipe standards for vehicles. Utah's energy policy is energy should be affordable, independent and have secure sources, and reduce emissions.

Key issues to watch for:

Vehicle Tailpipe Standards to improve Ozone, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, etc., of course vehicles that get better gas mileage would reduce the gas tax.

Cap and Trade Program, avoid economic hardship for business and individuals; find more non-carbon or lower carbon based fuels i.e. ethanol, etc.

EPA and the PM<sub>2.5</sub> status: EPA has decided that the boundary for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> non-attainment area is the entire Wasatch Front. UDAQ is working to change that boundary to each MPO's area. A letter is being preparing for each elected official to send to EPA requesting the boundary change to each MPO's area.

**FHWA 2009 Funding Status** - Butch Waidelich, FHWA

The Highway Trust Fund would have gone broke next year; this was planned and the intent of SAFETEA-LU. Congress has passed a bill that will take \$8 billion from the general fund and move to the Highway Trust Fund. This amount should last until the end of SAFETEA-LU on September 30, 2009.

At the present time we are working from a six month continuing resolution with the same appropriations as last year. The next rescission will be about \$3.5 billion and will be distributed across all funding categories. UDOT will determine which funding categories to take the funds from.

**Possible Future Topics:**

Presentation on Transportation Demand Modeling Risk Analysis

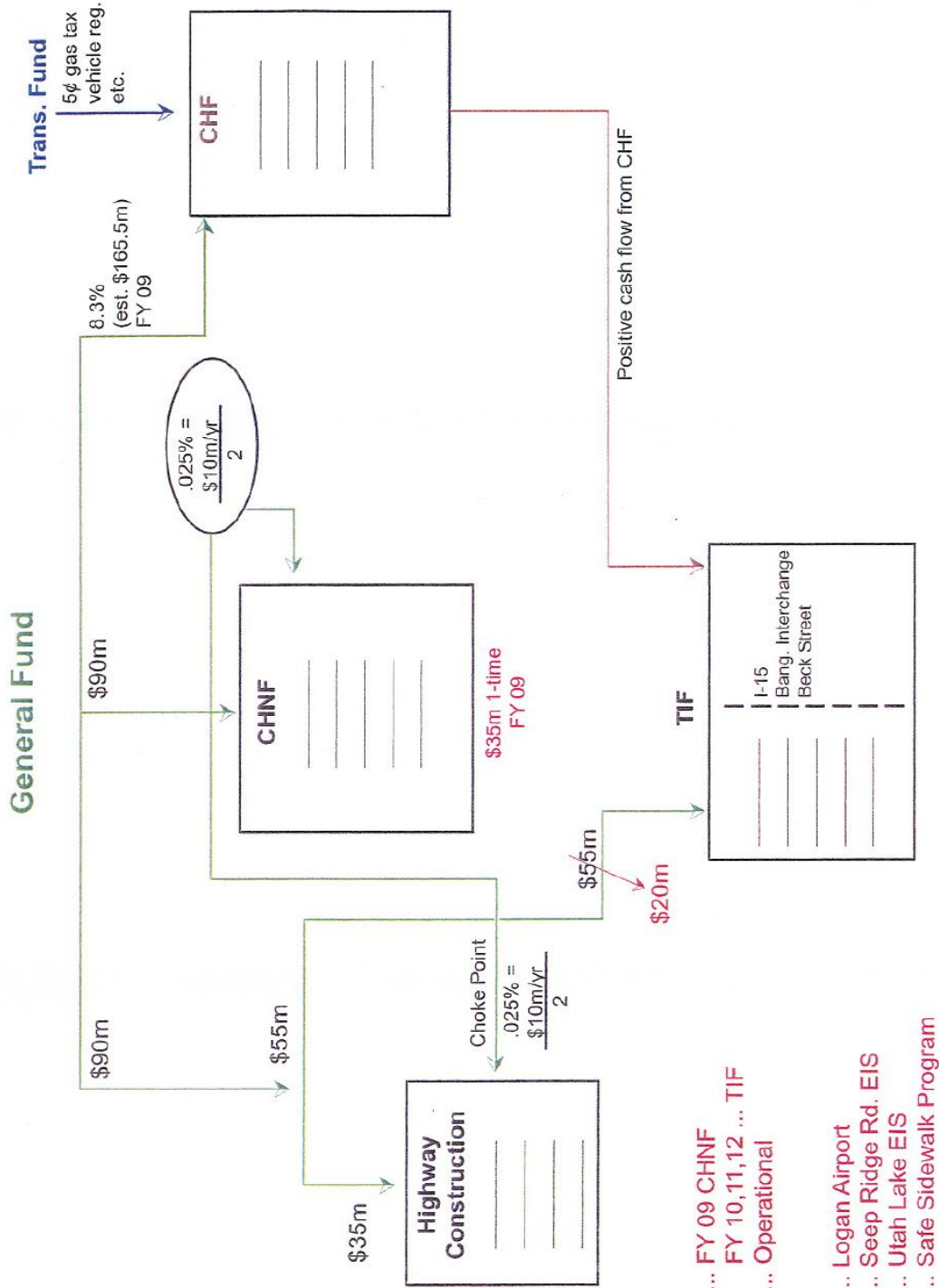
**Special Utah Legislative Session Budget Reductions** - Carlos Bracerias, UDOT

Ongoing: FY-09 CHNF \$35 million, FY-10,11,12 TIF

\$2.7 million from operations

1-time: Logan Airport \$250 k; Seep Ridge Road EIS \$2 m; Utah Lake EIS \$1.75 m, and Safe Sidewalk Program \$1.5 m

See the following page.



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