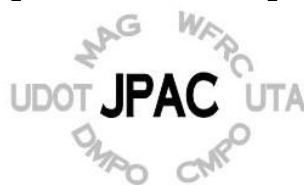


Joint Policy Advisory Committee

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

Studio B at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center
1355 West 3100 South
West Valley City, Utah

Thursday, February 5, 2009

MINUTES

Members Attending:

Councilwoman Suzanne Allen
Mayor Burtis Bills
Chuck Chappell
Darrell Cook
Mayor J. Lynn Crane
Mayor Dennis A. Dunn
Lowell Elmer
Mayor Jay Franson
Jeff Gilbert
Mayor Dennis Nordfelt
Commissioner John Petroff, Jr.
Mayor Darrell Smith
Mayor Russ Wall
Mayor Jerry C. Washburn
Commissioner Jan Zogmaister

Dixie MPO
Trustee, Utah Transit Authority Board
Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)
Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG)
Herriman (WFRC)
Elk Ridge City
Dixie MPO
Highland (MAG)
Cache MPO
West Valley City (WFRC)
West Point City (WFRC)
Draper (WFRC)
Taylorsville (WFRC)
Orem (MAG)
Weber County (WFRC)

Other Officials Attending:

Councilman Carlton Christensen

Salt Lake City (WFRC)

Others Attending:

Mike Allegra
Steve Call
Bryan Cawley
Sharon Gray
Doug Hattery
Ahmad Jaber
Andrew Jackson

UTA
FHWA
FHWA
WFRC staff
WFRC staff
UDOT
MAG

Others Attending (Continued):

Justin Jones	UTA
Sam Klemm	Wasatch Front Regional Council staff
Ross Larsen	Chief, UTA Police Force
Mark Nord	Provo City
Officer Peterson	Officer, UTA Police Force

Members Not In Attendance:

Mayor Ralph Becker	Salt Lake City (WFRC)
Mayor Lewis K. Billings - excused	Provo City (MAG)
Orrin T. Colby, Jr.	Trustee, Utah Transit Authority Board
Commissioner Larry Ellertson	Utah County (MAG)
Commissioner Meghan Holbrook	Utah Transportation Commission
John English	Utah Transit Authority
Councilman Michael Jensen	Salt Lake County (WFRC)
Mayor Mike Johnson	Millville City (Cache MPO)
Commissioner Bret Millburn - excused	Davis County (WFRC)
Commissioner Kent Millington	Utah Transportation Commission
John Njord - excused	Utah Department of Transportation

The meeting began at 12:23 p.m. with Mr. Chuck Chappell conducting.

Mayor Lewis K. Billings, Commissioner Bret Millburn, Mr. John Njord, and Mr. Carlos Braceras were excused from the meeting.

Mr. Andrew Jackson reported that the MAG, WFRC, Dixie, and Cache MPOs and UDOT had received an award from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) for their cooperation in preparing the Long Range Plan. He distributed the awards to WFRC, Dixie MPO, Cache MPO, and UDOT.

Mr. Doug Hattery reported that a similar award for the Statewide Unified Plan had also been received from AASHTO. Mr. Ahmad Jaber noted he will bring the award to the MPO meetings when received.

Minutes

Mayor Washburn moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petroff and passed unanimously.

Economic Recovery Act (UDOT, UTA, MPOs)

Mr. Andrew Jackson distributed copies of a summary of the economic stimulus bills being considered by the U.S. Senate and House. He noted that the Senate bill included the following:

- The funds to Utah should be about \$193,000,000.

- Locals will receive 40% of the funding to the state (0% of first phase and 80% of second phase funding).
- Half the funds to be obligated in 180 days with the second half obligated in 1 year, projects need to be completed within 3 years.
- States must spend at least 5% of their allocation on Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) (i.e. diesel retrofits, congestion mitigation, parking facilities, and traffic flow improvements)
- \$5.5 billion plus any unspent second phase funds go into a “Supplemental Discretionary Grants for a National Transportation System” competitive program for projects between \$20-500 million.
- Unspent first phase funds are use it or lose it and will be redistributed to a state that can use them.
- Extensions may be permitted beyond 1 year due to “unworkable bidding environment.”

He noted that the House Bill includes the following:

- The funds to Utah should be about \$214,524,000.
- Locals will receive 45% of the funding to the state.
- Not less than 50% of the funds must be under contract within 120 days, remainder of Local funds under contract by July 1, 2010.
- Anything not under contract to be redistributed to states that can obligate the funds (1st half at 120 days, second half at July 1, 2010, Local redistribute first to state for 30 days before going back to feds).
- Priority to projects in STIP and/or TIP, can be completed within 3 years, and located in an economically disadvantaged area.
- Federal funding can be 100%.
- No waiving of NEPA or other federal regulations (labor standards, etc.)
- Maintenance of effort requirement, no reduction in amounts state fund into program.

Mr. Brian Cawley, Acting Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration, Utah Office, discussed the Economic Recovery Act and stated that it is not a transportation bill, but a “recovery package” which will provide an opportunity and help the nation’s economy to turn around. He noted that funding will be allocated through standard appropriations percentages, and will be approximately the same as STP formula funds received in 2008. He discussed the differences in the House and Senate bills and stated that the bills will [it is hoped] come together and be given to the President by the 3rd week in February. Funds would then become available by the first week in March. He stated that the purpose of the Economic Recovery Act is to get people to work, and noted that this additional money is above and beyond the standard program. He also noted that there is a possibility that Utah can get additional funds if other states can’t get their projects started within the allotted time.

Mr. Ahmad Jaber distributed copies of a handout titled ***American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Side-by-Side Senate and House Analysis***. He discussed the differences in the current House Bill and the Senate Bill and noted that the bills keep changing. He stated that the challenge will be to take what Congress has worked on for the past two months, and come up with a list of projects in two weeks. He stated that most of the projects are preservation projects

for pavement and/or bridges. He stated that the commission will meet next week to take action, and that a list will be approved as soon as possible. He stated that the time is critical and everyone needs to be ready to amend the TIP as soon as the list is provided.

Mr. Chappell stated that the Wasatch Front Regional Council has developed a list to use the funding anticipated in the House bill. Given the higher funding levels of the Senate bill, the WFRC staff has also developed a list with enough projects on it to spend an additional \$10 million worth in Salt Lake County and an additional \$5 million in Davis/Weber Counties. He noted that the list is flexible and can be changed, if needed. He stated that the list is being taken to the COGs for their consideration and to Trans Com to approve changes on February 19, 2009, after which the list will be submitted to UDOT.

Mr. Andrew Jackson stated that JPAC members can check AMPO's website at <http://www.ampo.org/> to review updates to the House and Senate's bill.

Mr. Cook stated that the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) has multiple lists that have been reviewed 4 times. He stated that they have \$9.5 million in projects that focus on trails and road projects, which will be presented to their Board tonight. He noted that MAG could spend between \$120 and \$130 million on projects that are needed.

Mr. Lowell Elmer reported that the Dixie MPO is looking at projects that will be discussed by their Technical Committees on February 17th. He noted that no meeting schedule changes will be needed.

Mr. Jeff Gilbert stated that the Cache MPO will resolve their issues at a meeting on Tuesday, with formal TIP amendments being approved in early March.

Mr. Chappell asked that anyone interested in seeing the WFRC list of projects to contact him.

Mr. Mike Allegra discussed the transit side of the House and Senate Bills. He stated that the funding to UTA will be 100% federal money, will be based on ready projects, and will come on a formula basis. He noted that the list of needs is large [in the billions of dollars] but he thought that UTA would get somewhere between \$40 and \$50 million. He noted that other opportunities will include energy, sustainability grants, solar and energy [hybrid buses]. He stated that the theme of the Stimulus Package is "Get it out / Get it spent". UTA will spend most of the money they receive on capital projects already included in the TIP, and some money will be spent on additional buses. He noted that UTA is in a superb position to solicit funds that other states can't use.

Utah Legislative Session (UDOT, UTA, MPOs)

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed.

Park & Ride Safety and Security (UTA)

Mr. Mike Allegra introduced Chief Ross Larsen and Officer Peterson from UTA's Police Force, who were in attendance to explain UTA's Safety and Security. He stated the Department does a superb job and has made things safer than they have ever been before.

Officer Peterson presented a PowerPoint on UTA's Strategic Security Plan, and explained the following:

- UTA System Safety Priorities
 - Personal safety of passengers on system
 - Safety of train platforms and stations
 - Safety of vehicles parked in lots
- Strategies
 - Transit watch / 287 EYES
 - "See something? Say Something!" Campaign
 - Bucks for Bandits reward Program
 - Report Card Program [He noted this has been a huge success]
 - Bike Patrols
 - Detectives and Undercover Operations
 - Fencing Projects
 - Bug and bait program
 - Plate reading car
 - Ramtel Emergency Phones
 - Interagency Cooperation
- UTA is committed to offering safe, easy to use public transit that benefits and improves the communities we serve.

Chief Larsen stated that the UTA Police Force has a great working relationship and works directly with and between 30 and 40 police departments. He stated that they have three full time detectives who accomplish a lot of good work. He also stated that UTA's force has a unique brand of policing which is "heavy duty" on customer service.

Officer Peterson distributed two handouts titled ***Crime Rate Analysis: 2006 – UTA vs. Salt Lake County Cities and State of Utah*** and ***Crime Rate Analysis: 2007 – UTA vs. Salt Lake County Cities and State of Utah***. He briefly discussed the statistics.

In answer to a question, Chief Larsen stated that there are fewer problems with Commuter Rail than TRAX. He stated that there were 74 reportable incidents on Front Runner and 1,188 reportable incidents with TRAX during the last six months.

In answer to a question, Chief Larsen stated that UTA's police force service average is 14 years. He noted that they have hired officers that have served in West Valley, Utah County and Weber County. He also noted that UTA pays pennies on the dollar when they hire retired police officers.

Other Business

Next Meeting: March 5, 2009

Possible future topics:

- General Freight – Railroad Corridor
- Frontlines 2015 (70 miles/7 years) update
- Legislative Transportation Interim Committee
- Transit Performance (short/long term)
- Funding the Big Projects
- Energy
- Transportation Demand Models

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.