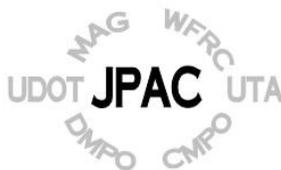


Joint Policy Advisory Committee

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UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



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CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**Joint Policy Advisory Committee**

3600 South 700 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

**Thursday, June 2, 2011  
11:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

Members Attending:

Andrew Gruber, Chair	WFRC
Michael Allegra	UTA
Mayor Bill Applegarth	Riverton City
Councilmember Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake City
Commissioner Larry Ellertson	Utah County
Jeff Gilbert	Cache MPO
Andrew Jackson	MAG
John Njord	UDOT
Commissioner John Petroff	Davis County
Kenneth Sizemore	Five County AOG
Mayor Darrell Smith	Draper
Ron Whitehead for Commissioner James Eardley	Dixie MPO
Mayor Russ Wall	Taylorsville City
Mayor Mike Winder	West Valley City

Others Attending:

Brian Carver	BRAG
Chuck Gates	ULCT / UTA
Doug Hattery	WFRC
Justin Jones	UTA
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Steve Meyer	UTA
Cory Pope	UDOT
Shawn Seager	MAG
Matt Sibul	UTA

Excused:

Mayor John Curtis, Commissioner Bret Millburn and Mayor Heather Jackson

Doug Hattery welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 11:50 a.m. with introductions.

***Approve April 7, 2011, Meeting Minutes***

Mayor Mike Winder moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2011 meeting. Michael Allegra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Major Project Updates – UDOT and UTA**

Cory Pope, Utah Department of Transportation, reported on the following bonding programs:

- The Centennial Highway Fund (CHF)
  - \$3.8 billion program
  - This program is wrapping up
- The Critical Highway Needs Fund (CHNF)
  - \$1.2 billion program
  - One project left in design and all others either in construction or complete
- The Highway Construction Program (HCP)
  - \$235 million program
  - Several completed projects, three projects in design
- The Transportation Investment Fund (TIF)
  - \$2.6 billion program currently
  - \$1 billion over next two years mainly for I-15 Core in Utah County, Mountain View Corridor in Salt Lake County and Southern Parkway in Washington County

Mr. Pope updated members on the following projects:

- I-15 Core
  - Design – 95% complete
  - Construction – 40% complete
  - Over 70 lane miles of concrete paved
  - 31 bridges under construction
- Mountain View Corridor
  - Under construction for a little more than a year
  - Two pieces to the project:
    - Utah County – 2100 North Lehi area, I-15 to Redwood Road is estimated to be open in October – November 2011
    - Salt Lake County from Redwood Road at about 16000 South to 5400 South is on schedule to be completed in 2012
- Southern Parkway
  - The first two segments from I-15 to the new St. George Airport are complete, open and operating
  - Two additional segments are funded for construction
    - One runs from the airport to Warner Valley Road
    - A second runs from Washington Dam Road to 4300 West (existing road) and will tie back into SR 9
  - These two segments to be completed by end of 2012
- West Davis Corridor EIS
  - Environmental Impact Statement began in January 2010
  - Currently three alternatives
  - Alternatives are being refined based on information gathered during the public comment period
  - Refined alternatives will be announced in late summer
  - Funding yet to be determined

Matt Sibul, Utah Transit Authority, gave an update focused on the FrontLines 2015 Program that included the following:

- Project began in 2007 and includes four light rail lines in Salt Lake County and a commuter rail line to Provo. It created about 5,000 direct and indirect jobs
- \$2.5 billion project

- The entire program is a little more than three-quarters complete. The goal for 2011 is 78%

Mr. Sibul provided the following information on each of the 2015 FrontLines projects along with some photographs of the progress at each of the sites:

- FrontRunner South
  - Construction began in Fall of 2008
  - 45 miles long – Provo to Salt Lake City
  - Six Stations
  - 75% complete
- Mid-Jordan TRAX
  - Construction began in May 2008
  - 10.6 Miles in length
  - Connects existing north – south line at the Fashion Place area
  - 9 Intermediate Stations
  - Opening on August 7, 2011
- Draper TRAX Extension
  - 8.5 Miles (initial 3.7 miles)
  - Three Stations
  - Estimated 5,300 riders per day
  - Expected to open in 2014
- West Valley TRAX
  - Construction began in Summer 2008
  - 5.1 miles long
  - Connects existing north – south line near 2100 South
  - Opening set for August 7, 2011
- Airport TRAX
  - 6.0 miles
  - Six proposed stations
  - Estimated ridership of 13,000+
  - 50% complete
  - Anticipated completion – mid 2013
- Jordan River Service Center
  - Storage and servicing for 100 light rail transit (LRT) vehicles
  - Cost - \$51.8 million -- \$24 million in ARRA funds
  - 100% complete

In addition to the FrontLines 2015 projects, Mr. Sibul said that the Long Range Transportation Plan includes several streetcar projects. UTA, Salt Lake City and South Salt Lake are already pursuing the Sugar House Streetcar project:

- \$55 million project -- \$26 million grant from U.S. Department of Transportation
- 2 miles long
- Seven Stations / Stops

After the project updates from UDOT and UTA, Andrew Gruber, WFRC, reported that last week the Wasatch Front Regional Council's Regional Transportation Plan 2011-2040 was adopted by the Council. This is a four-year effort and is a great partnership with UDOT, UTA and the many cities and counties in the region. He said that MAG, Cache and Dixie MPO, and UDOT had already adopted or would be adopting their long range plans soon as well. He noted that all of the adopted Long Range Plans over the next few months will integrate into a Unified Plan. Mr. Gruber said that at a future meeting we would like to present the statewide picture of the Unified Plan for Utah to JPAC members.

Mr. Gruber then gave a brief report on the kickoff event for the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Regional Vision that was held at the Rio Grande Station in downtown Salt Lake City on June 1. Approximately 200 people were in attendance including Shaun Donovan, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Utah Lt. Governor, Greg Bell.

***Legislative Update:***

Andrew Gruber discussed the following federal legislative issues:

- The FY2012 budget debate has begun. The House Appropriations Committee has released their initial allocations for FY2012. There is a 14% reduction from FY2011 which already had a reduction from the FY 2010 budget.
- Long-Term Authorization Bill -- Chairman Mica of the House Transportation Infrastructure Committee is said to be planning to release a bill in mid June that will hold to the amount of revenue that is generated by the gasoline tax, or about \$220 billion over a six-year period. The approach that they appear to be taking is eliminating earmarks and many discretionary programs to try to protect the core formula programs. They are also proposing to streamline project delivery, encourage public-private partnerships, and reduce red-tape – some things that are consistent with the themes that we've suggested as a state. However, of significant concern is the idea that the funding levels would be dramatically reduced.
- In the Senate there is talk that they are releasing a draft piece of legislation that would hold constant the funding of today's levels (although they have not identified funding sources). They also are discussing eliminating earmarks and consolidating and streamlining programs.
- There are many unanswered questions about money but there seems to be significant consensus about simplification and streamlining programs.

During the discussion of the legislative issues it was suggested by JPAC members that more information related to these issues be circulated. Andrew Gruber said that he would get more information collaboratively and some analysis of the issues and distribute it to JPAC members so that everyone can be informed and may then use the information in the conversations they are having with others.

**Other Business**

There was a brief discussion about taking a tour of one or more of the major UDOT and UTA projects for future meetings. It was determined that a tour would take place in August perhaps of the I-15 Core and / or Commuter Rail projects. This will be decided and information distributed in mid July.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.