

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held February 19, 2009

Commissioner Bret Millburn called Trans Com to order at 2:05 p.m. at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Bret Millburn, Chair	Commissioner, Davis County
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Michael Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Ron Russell	Mayor, Centerville City
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper City
Steve Curtis	Mayor, Layton City
William Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy City
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
David Newton	Mayor, West Jordan
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
Jim Horrocks	Utah Air Quality Board
Terry Diehl	UTA Board of Trustees
Stuart Adams	Utah Transportation Commission
Meghan Holbrook	Utah Transportation Commission

Others:

Kirk Schmalz	Davis County Public Works
Bill Wright	Layton City
Doug Hill	Murray City
John Naser	Salt Lake City
Ben McAdams	Salt Lake City
Max Johnson	Salt Lake County
Ken Short	South Jordan City
John Taylor	Taylorsville City
Steve Harris	Washington Terrace City
Jon Osier	Rio Tinto
Mat Carlile	Division of Air Quality
David Cox	Federal Highway Administration
Kelly Lund	Federal Highway Administration
Gaylord Scott	Unified Fire
Ahmad Jaber	Utah Department of Transportation
Cory Pope	Utah Department of Transportation – Region 1
Randy Park	Utah Department of Transportation – Region 2
Michael Allegra	Utah Transit Authority
Mick Crandall	Utah Transit Authority
Chuck Chappell	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
LaNiece Davenport	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Jory Johner	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Andy Li	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Barbara Thomas	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Eloise Thomson	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Renaë Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

MINUTES

ACTION: Mayor Smith moved that the minutes of the November 13, 2008, Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Councilman Jensen seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

DISCUSSION OF TRANS COM'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Wayne Bennion briefly explained the responsibilities of the Wasatch Front Regional Council by reviewing the Regional Transportation Planning Memorandum of Agreement that was included in members' packets. He said both the Regional Growth Committee and Trans Com are policy advisory committees to the Regional Council. The Regional Growth Committee is responsible for long range planning issues. Trans Com is responsible for advising the Regional Council on short range transportation issues and programming of projects. Trans Com also has two technical advisory committees --- one for the Ogden/Layton Area and another for the Salt Lake Area.

Mr. Bennion said the Regional Council has delegated authority to Trans Com to make amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to take some other actions. He also briefly talked about the membership of Trans Com.

Mr. Bennion handed out a copy of the draft 2009 schedule for Trans Com meetings (see attachment #1). He asked Trans Com members if they had any recommended changes or comments regarding Trans Com's 2009 schedule. There were no responses.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Review of Fiscal Year 2008 Obligations of Federal Highway and Transit Funds

Ben Wuthrich said that as per SAFETEA-LU requirements, the staffs of WFRC, UDOT and UTA have worked together to prepare a report of obligated federal, state, and local funding for fiscal year 2008 (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008). Mr. Wuthrich reviewed the 2008 Obligation Report (included in members' packets) which listed all of the funding sources and how those funds were distributed in the four MPO areas in Utah. Mr. Wuthrich pointed out that in FY 2008, \$1.314 billion was obligated in the State. Of that amount, \$1.013 billion was obligated in the WFRC area.

Mr. Wuthrich discussed a few of the projects that took place in FY 2008. He said that at the next Trans Com meeting in April, a list will be provided showing all of the FY 2008 Wasatch Front area highway and transit projects.

ACTION on Board Modifications to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Wuthrich discussed the following three proposed board modifications in Salt Lake County:

County / Sponsor	Project Location	Type of Work	Funding Source	Action
Salt Lake / DAQ	School Bus Diesel Retro-Fit	Diesel Retro-Fit	\$753,300 CMAQ Funds	Request to advance the programmed CMAQ funds forward to FY09 so that all of the bus diesel retro-fits can be completed this summer while school is out.
Salt Lake / UDOT	Redwood Road intersections at 4700 South and 5400 South	Intersection improvements	\$800,000 State Signal Funds and \$1,369,454 CMAQ Funds	Originally, the project was to add turn lanes at both intersections --- after further study, UDOT is requesting that a partial continuous-flow intersection (PCFI) be included at 5400 South.
Salt Lake / Herriman	5600 West; 13100 South to 12600 South	New Construction	STP Funds	Request \$4.5 million be transferred from Phase 2 Main Street project to 5600 West; and advance \$2 million from Concept Development into a funded year.

Mr. Wuthrich asked if there were any questions regarding the three projects in the Salt Lake Area. Councilman Christensen asked if there would be maintenance problems by putting diesel retro-fits on school buses. Mat Carlile from DAQ responded that the type of diesel retro-fits that will be installed on the buses are very low maintenance (a filter only needs to be changed annually). Also the cost is approximately \$2,000 per vehicle so the entire fleet can be converted. (Other types of retro-fits cost \$10,000 per vehicle.)

Mr. Wuthrich then discussed the following three proposed board modifications in the Ogden/Layton Area:

County / Sponsor	Project Location	Type of Work	Funding Source	Action
Davis / UDOT	1800 North in Sunset and Clinton; Main Street (SR-126) to 2000 West (SR-108)	Environmental Impact Statement	\$1,000,000 STP Funds	Request to advance the funds from Concept Development to the funded year 2012.
Davis / Clinton	800 North; 1000 West to 1500 West (Phase I) and 1500 West to 2000 West (Phase II)	Intersection improvements, roadway reconstruction, and widening	\$400,000 STP Funds	Request to advance funds so that Phase I and Phase II can be designed at the same time to save money.
Weber / UDOT	Weber section of the North Legacy Transportation Corridor Supplemental Study	Corridor study	\$46,589 STP Funds	Request additional funds so the study can be completed in mid to late summer of 2009.

Mr. Wuthrich asked if there were any questions regarding the three projects in the Ogden/Layton Area. There were none.

ACTION: Councilman Michael Jensen moved that Trans Com approve the Resolution to modify the 2009-2014 TIP as requested. Commissioner Bischoff seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

ACTION to include economic stimulus funding in the 2009-2014 TIP

Doug Hattery said that because of the economic stimulus package that Congress recently approved and President Obama signed, the State of Utah will receive approximately \$213 million for highway projects throughout the state. WFRC is responsible for programming \$25 million toward projects in the Salt Lake Area and \$12 million toward projects in the Ogden/Layton Area. UTA will receive \$50 million for transit projects.

Mr. Hattery said that included in member's packets was a list of projects that WFRC, UDOT and UTA have identified as potential projects to utilize the economic stimulus funding according to the purpose and objective of the economic recovery bill. Some of the criteria used to evaluate each project were: compliance with federal requirements, ability of the project to be advertised for construction within 90 days or within FY 2009, and inclusion of the project on the 2009-2014 TIP and STIP.

Mr. Hattery discussed some of the projects that could possibly receive the economic recovery funds including several roadway preservation and bridge projects. He said the list of potential projects was endorsed by all the COGs at their most recent meetings.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bischoff, Mr. Hattery explained that the economic recovery funds would only be used to move projects forward on the TIP, not to add any new projects. He said that last fall, Trans Com made a decision not to add any new projects to the TIP because of funding uncertainties. Because the economic stimulus funds will be used for projects already on the TIP, that will free up other funds to be used to add new projects to the TIP. Mr. Hattery said that in the next few months, the WFRC and the Technical Committees will look at projects that were submitted last fall, and possibly some other new projects, and put together a new recommendation of which ones to add to the TIP. They will also consider moving other projects already on the program forward.

Mr. Hattery said a request was received from Layton City for additional money to make the proposed half interchange on I-15 to a full interchange. The project is currently at \$67 million and the request is for \$30 million more. Cory Pope, UDOT Region 1 Director, was asked how this project could be funded without using stimulus funds. Mr. Pope said that UDOT recognizes that the Layton interchange is a very high priority project for the city and the regional transportation system. He is hopeful that the economic stimulus funds will free up some general support money. UDOT wants to use only state funding for this project. He said UDOT would appreciate any assistance that would help fund this and other important regional projects.

Mayor Curtis of Layton explained some of the reasons for the increased costs for the interchange project and emphasized how important this project is to the region. He said he would greatly appreciate any help.

Mr. Hattery said the WFRC's list of projects had two parts. The first part has projects identified based on the funding levels included in the initial House bill. These projects have been reviewed and approved by the individual county COGs. The second part of the list was put together when the Senate's bill increased the funding that would come to the region. These projects have not been reviewed by the COGs. The final bill more closely followed the initial House funding levels.

Mr. Hattery discussed the North Temple Viaduct project that would make the light rail project to the airport easier to build as well as opening up more area for development on the west side of Salt Lake City. He said that \$65 million is needed for this project. UTA currently has \$25 million to go toward the viaduct project so \$40 million would need to be found from other sources. A possible source would be that if other states cannot use their stimulus money, it will go back to Washington and be redistributed to other states that are ready to use the money.

Councilman Christensen said moving the North Temple viaduct to 400 West would open up the area for future light rail or street cars coming from Davis County. It would also eliminate a lot of problems in the future. Mr. Allegra said the North Temple viaduct project will be a wonderful benefit to the community and create a hub station for commuter rail and light rail. Because of the current construction of light rail to the airport, Mr. Allegra stressed the importance of doing the project right from the beginning and the great urgency to move it forward. Several other Trans Com members also voiced their support of the North Temple viaduct project.

Mr. Hattery suggested that the TIP be amended to add the new projects on both parts of the list with the understanding that projects on the first part are the first priority for stimulus funds. The projects on the second part will be considered for funding from several possible sources: redistributed stimulus funds, savings from other stimulus projects, or STP or CMAQ funds freed up by the stimulus funding.

Councilman Jensen asked since the airport light rail line is on the TIP, would that qualify the North Temple viaduct project to also be on the TIP, or would other projects have to be bumped off to keep the TIP financially constrained. Mr. Hattery responded that WFRC is not suggesting that anything be bumped off the TIP.

ACTION: Councilman Michael Jensen moved that Trans Com approve the lists of prospective projects to receive Economic Recovery funds in the TIP, with the condition that the projects added in the second part of the WFRC list for Salt Lake County be taken back to the Salt Lake COG for their review and approval. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

Mayor Newton asked if the three aviation projects that were on the list were going to receive FAA stimulus funding or transportation stimulus funding. Mr. Jaber replied that the three aviation projects (Logan/Cache airport, Salt Lake International Airport, and St. George airport) needed to be on the STIP to receive funding.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chuck Chappell distributed a list of transportation-related bills (see attachment #2) currently being discussed at the Utah State Legislature. He made the following comments on a few of the bills:

SB 57 – Local Option Transportation Corridor Preservation Amendment

This bill would retain the interest earned in each county account instead of allocating it to the Department of Revenue account. WFRC is supporting this bill through their lobbyist.

SB 134 – Transportation Funding Amendments

The intent of this bill is to deny federal highway earmarks coming to the State of Utah. Mr. Chappell understood that an amendment has been proposed that if the earmarked project is on the STIP or can get on the STIP, the earmarked funding will not be refused.

HB 371 – Transportation Governance

This bill would change the membership of the State Transportation Commission from six districts plus one at-large member to four districts plus three at-large members. Members would be appointed on a non-partisan basis. Mr. Chappell said this bill could result in more representation from the Wasatch Front area of the state.

HB 203 – High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Amendments

This bill would require UDOT to break up the solid white lines currently on HOV lanes so that motorists could enter and exit the HOV lanes at any time. Commissioner Adams said that the double white lines are beneficial because they help with safety and that in the future there will probably be electronic tolling at specific entrance and exit points.

Trans Com members discussed local option gas taxes. Commissioner Adams said that this would allow more gas tax dollars to stay along the Wasatch Front where there is a lot of congestion. Mr. Chappell said the Regional Council has already adopted a Resolution supporting a local gas tax option. Also, the Salt Lake Chamber's position is to look at increasing gas taxes in general. Mayor Dolan said the League of Cities and Towns has also endorsed a local option gas tax for years. He also said the gas tax is collected at the distributor (such as Flying J and Chevron) and that the distributors say it is too difficult to determine which county the gas tax is going to.

Commissioner Millburn asked if there were any other comments or business. There were none.

The meeting ended at 3:10 p.m.

Next meeting: April 9, 2009

DRAFT 2009 SCHEDULE FOR TRANS COM

February 19

- Discussion of Trans Com's roles and responsibilities and schedule for 2009
- Review of FY 2008 obligations of federal highway and transit funds
- Approval of modifications to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Action to include federal economic stimulus funding in the TIP
- Legislative update
- Opportunity for public comment
- Next meeting date

April 9

- 2010-2015 Surface Transportation Program (STP) approval
- 2010-2015 Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program approval
- Discussion or approval of modifications to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Human Service Transportation Project Applications
- Opportunity for public comment
- Next meeting date

June 18

- Approval of draft 2010-2015 TIP for public review
- Discussion or approval of modifications to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Mobility Management Study Update
- Opportunity for public comment
- Next meeting date

August 20

- Discussion or approval of modifications to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Approval of 2010-2015 TIP
- Self-Certification of the transportation planning process
- Opportunity for public comment
- Next meeting date

November 19

- Review UTA budget for 2010
- Discussion or approval of modifications to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Discussion of letters of intent received for 2011-2016 TIP
- Discussion of priorities for 2011-2016 TIP for input to UDOT
- Opportunity for public comment
- Next meeting date

Potential Discussion Topics

- Congestion Report
- Air Quality Report
- FrontLines 2015 Progress
- Mobility Management Study
- Project Updates

Wasatch Front Regional Council Summary of Legislative Issues - 18 Feb 2009

Bill #	Sponsor	Title	Bill Summary	Status	Support
SB 0057	Okerlund	Local Option Transportation Corridor Preservation Amendments	This bill would clarify the law on interest earned on locally generated corridor preservation funds. Presently, the interest is being held by the State Tax Commission. The bill would place the interest in the counties individual account.	Passed the Senate and referred to the House	Support
SB 0072	Valentine	Taxes on Motor Fuels	Introduced by short title without substance	Legislative Research & General Council (LRGC)	Monitor
SB 0134	Urquhart	Transportation Funding Amendments	This bill prohibits the state, counties, and municipalities from expending funds earmarked through a congressional transportation authorization act.	On Senate 2 nd Reading Calendar	Monitor
SB 0136	Bell	Diesel-powered Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program Amendments	This bill exempts diesel powered farm equipment over 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and diesel pick-up trucks that are used exclusively for farms from opacity emission tests.	Passed the Senate and referred to the House	Monitor
SB 0139	Bramble	Employer Election Retirement Amendments	This bill would create a window for certain public agencies created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act and their employees to transfer from the Contributory Retirement System to the Non-Contributory Retirement System	Passed the Senate and referred to the House	Support
SB 0221	Madsen	Dedication and Abandonment of a Highway	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
SB 0224	Bramble	Highway Construction Material Amendments	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
SB 0234	Valentine	Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
SB 0239	Killpack	Transportation Revisions	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
SB 0251	Mayne	Transportation Funding Modifications	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor

Bill #	Sponsor	Title	Bill Summary	Status	Support
HB 0140	Frank	Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Amendments	This bill would increase certain motor vehicle registration fees by \$2; provides that \$2 of certain motor vehicle registration fees shall be deposited in the Public Safety Restricted Account to pay for a portion of the costs to employ highway patrol officers.	Passed out of the House Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Committee	Monitor
HB 0143	Sumsion	Vehicle Inspection & Emissions Testing Exemptions	This bill defines a street rod and a custom vehicle; includes street rod in the definition of a vintage vehicle; provides that a custom vehicle is exempt from having a certificate of emissions inspection as a condition of registration or renewal of registration; and makes technical changes	House Committee Held 2/9	Monitor
HB 0161	Wiley	Motor Vehicle Insurance Fee	This bill creates the Automated License Plate Recognition System Restricted Account to administer an automated license plate recognition system program; imposes a 50 cent annual fee on every vehicle covered under a policy of insurance purchased to satisfy the owner's security requirement, etc.	Awaiting House Committee Action	Monitor
HB 0185	Harper	Transportation Amendments	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
HB 0203	Sumsion	High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Amendments	This bill requires the Dept. of Transportation to allow for continuous permitted access into and out of all high occupancy vehicle lanes by marking the lane with a single dotted normal white line.	Awaiting Committee Assignment	Monitor
HB 0278	Noel	B & C Roads Fund Amendment	This bill would allow certain counties to divert 30% of their B & C road money to fund legal action over the RS 2477 issue	Passed the House – Passed Senate Trans. Committee	Monitor
HB 0343	Bird	Safety Inspection and Emission Amendments	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
HB 0371	Harper	Transportation Governance	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor
HB 0392	Barrus	Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel Rates	Introduced by short title without substance	LGGC	Monitor
HB 452	Lockhart	Transportation Provisions	Introduced by short title without substance	LRGC	Monitor