

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held April 9, 2009

Vice-Chair Mayor Crane called Trans Com to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Wasatch Front Regional Council offices located at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah. He excused Commissioner Bret Millburn, the Chair of Trans Com.

1. ATTENDANCE

Members:

J. Lynn Crane, Vice-Chair	Mayor, Herriman City
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Ron Russell	Mayor, Centerville City
Mitch Adams	Mayor, Clinton City
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper City
Steve Curtis	Mayor, Layton City
Dan Snarr	Mayor, Murray City
Doug Clifford	Mayor, Pleasant View
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
Steve Call	Federal Highway Administration
Jim Horrocks	Utah Air Quality Board
Necia Christensen	UTA Board of Trustees

Others:

Carolyn Prickett	Draper City
Troy Wolverton	Draper City
Bill Wright	Layton City
Rob Jeppsen	Salt Lake County Mayor's Office
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Scott Cooley	South Jordan City
Tim Taylor	WCEC Engineers / Kennecott Land
James Dahl	Stanley Consultants
Angela Richey	Stanley Consultants
Ahmad Jaber	Utah Department of Transportation
Elden Bingham	Utah Department of Transportation
Carlos Braceras	Utah Department of Transportation
Jason Davis	Utah Department of Transportation – Region 2
Michael Allegra	Utah Transit Authority
Mick Crandall	Utah Transit Authority
Treva Blaisdell	Utah Transit Authority
Justin Jones	Utah Transit Authority
Ralph Jackson	Utah Transit Authority
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Sam Klemm	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Eloise Thomson	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Rena Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

2. MINUTES

ACTION: Mayor Smith moved that the minutes of the February 19, 2009, Trans Com meeting be approved as written including changing the date of the minutes from February 12 to February 19, 2009. Commissioner Bischoff seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Hattery read the following email that the Wasatch Front Regional Council received from Drew Chamberlain:

Please pass this on to the Trans Com and WFRC councils.

Is anyone talking about the monumental failure of the FrontRunner? Why are we building a 1 billion dollar FR to Provo when FR in Davis County has been such a failure?

Thank you for Legacy Parkway, it is wonderful and solved the congestion in Davis County.

*Please respond,
Thanks,
Drew Chamberlain*

Mr. Hattery responded that commuter rail is part of the planned transportation system and the WFRC staff feels it has been successful. Mr. Hattery agreed that Legacy Highway has been good, but Legacy by itself would not solve all the future congestion problems in Davis County. There were no other comments.

4. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. Status of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 Projects (ARRA)

Ben Wuthrich said that at the last Trans Com meeting in February, specific projects were reviewed and identified by WFRC, UDOT and UTA to utilize the funding made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA). Mr. Wuthrich reviewed a spreadsheet included in member's packets that listed all the projects that had received ARRA funding with their ARRA fund value, project value and delivery schedule.

Mr. Wuthrich said that regular status reports of the ARRA projects will be provided at each Trans Com meeting. Updated ARRA status reports can be viewed at any time on the UDOT website: www.udot.utah.gov.

In response to a question from Jim Horrocks, all of the projects recommended to receive ARRA funds were already funded projects on the TIP. The ARRA funding frees up funds for additional projects and allows other projects already on the TIP to move forward.

B. ACTION on Board Modification to the 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Wuthrich said WFRC has received several requests to modify the current 2009-2014 TIP. He reviewed the Board Modifications which were included in member's packets. All the projects included in the modification are included in Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan or are included in the 2009-2014 TIP. Those requesting additional funds did not create a negative impact on any other project due to the supplemented funds of the ARRA program.

In response to a question from Mayor Smith, Mr. Wuthrich said that the state received approximately \$213 million in ARRA funds for highway projects and \$49 million for transit projects. The majority of those funds have already been programmed and the projects are moving forward. Mr. Braceras added that UDOT will soon be going to the Transportation Commission to make recommendations of where to program the remaining \$20 million. Mr. Wuthrich said that if any additional ARRA funding is received, Trans Com and the Regional Council will also be making recommendations. Mr. Bennion clarified that the discretionary funding has not been awarded yet; it is just being sought after.

ACTION: Mayor Russell moved that Trans Com approve the Resolution to modify the 2009-2014 TIP as requested. Mayor Curtis seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

C. ACTION on Draft 2010-2015 Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Draft 2010-2015 Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

Mr. Wuthrich briefly reviewed the projects included on the Draft 2010-2015 STP program and Draft 2010-2015 CMAQ program. He said that no new projects were added to either of the programs. Several of the projects have been moved forward on the programs because of ARRA funds. Mr. Wuthrich also pointed out that there is a positive balance in every year of the STP and CMAQ programs.

Mr. Wuthrich encouraged project sponsors to work with UDOT to progress their projects as quickly as possible. Projects that are ready to go to construction will be able to proceed as quickly as funding is made available.

Mr. Wuthrich said new projects will be amended into both programs following the evaluation, prioritization, and selection process that will take place through the spring and summer months.

ACTION: Commissioner Bischoff moved that Trans Com approve the Draft 2010-2015 STP Program and the Draft 2010-2015 CMAQ Program and include them in the Draft 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to be made available for public review. Mayor Russell seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

D. Letters of Intent received for additional STP and CMAQ Projects

Mr. Wuthrich said that last fall, the WFRC staff requested that potential project sponsors submit "Letters of Intent" to apply for available STP and CMAQ funds. After the letters were received, Trans Com recommended that no new projects be added to the TIP at that time due to the uncertainty of federal funding. Now that federal stimulus funds (ARRA) have been

appropriated and programmed to supplement the STP and CMAQ programs, some projects have been able to move up in the program which will allow new projects to be added to the outer years.

Mr. Wuthrich said that a new request for "Letters of Intent" was sent out to jurisdictions in March 2009 stating that due to the recent ARRA funding, the process to add new projects to the 2010-2015 TIP could begin once again. Included with the request for "Letters of Intent" sent out in March was a list of all the letters that had been received last fall. Sponsors were asked to review the list to make any corrections and also submit any new "Letters of Intent" for projects they would like added to the list.

Mr. Wuthrich asked Trans Com members to review the list of all the projects WFRC staff had received "Letters of Intent" for. He said the next steps to add new projects to the TIP will be:

- Preliminary evaluation to exclude any projects that are not eligible for federal funds;
- Concept Reports will be due back from the sponsors in mid May;
- Staff will go on Field Reviews in June and evaluate the projects;
- Projects will be prioritized;
- Projects will be presented at the Technical Committees and Councils of Governments in July and early August for further review;
- Projects will be brought back to Trans Com at the August 20, 2009 meeting for final recommendations to be included in the 2010-2015 TIP.

5. IMPACTS OF 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Ahmad Jaber referred Trans Com members to a summary of transportation related bills in their packets from the recent 2009 General Session of the Utah State Legislature. He highlighted a few of the bills:

H.B. 185 – Transportation Amendments (sponsored by Rep. Harper) – This bill re-directs certain funds from the 'County of the First Class (Salt Lake County) Highway Projects Fund' to provide funding to specific projects. Mr. Jaber distributed a handout which showed the projects that will receive this funding (*see attachment*).

H.B. 331 – Health Insurance Coverage for State Contracts (sponsored by Rep. Dunnigan) – This bill requires contractors that work with UDOT for highway design or construction to provide health care coverage for their employees and their dependents for the duration of the contract. This applies when the contract value is \$1.5 million or more for prime contractor or \$750,000 or more for sub-contractors. This becomes effective July 1, 2009.

H.B. 371 – Transportation Governance (sponsored by Rep. Harper) – This bill will change how members are appointed to the Utah State Transportation Commission. Currently, six of the seven members of the Commission are appointed from six different areas of the state. The seventh member is appointed from the state at-large. In the future, four commissioners will represent regions and three will be at-large commissioners. All the appointments will be non-partisan. This becomes effective July 1, 2009. This bill will also give UDOT the flexibility to transfer and borrow money from different transportation related funds.

S.B. 239 – Transportation Revisions (sponsored by Sen. Killpack) – This bill increased the vehicle registration fee by \$20. The money goes into the Transportation Investment Fund. Based on these anticipated revenues, the bill authorizes the sale of bonds in the amount of \$2.207 billion. The bonds may be used for the reconstruction of I-15 in Utah County and the construction of the Mountain View Corridor in Salt Lake County. This bill also directs UDOT and the Transportation Commission to report to the Executive Appropriations Committee, to make these projects happen and adjust the cash flow.

In response to a question from Mr. Hattery, Mr. Jaber said that \$31 million from the bond will be used for the Riverdale Road project.

Sam Klemm discussed the following bill:

S.B. 57 – Local Option Transportation Corridor Preservation Amendments (sponsored by Sen. Okerlund) – This bill clarifies the law on interest earned on locally generated corridor preservation funds. Presently, the interest is being held by the State Tax Commission. Effective July 1, 2009, the bill will place the interest into the individual county accounts. An amendment in the House will also put \$250,000 of interest earned from the inception of the funds back into the individual county accounts.

6. UTA UPDATE

Justin Jones, manager of government relations for UTA, said that recent declines in sales tax revenue in the amount of \$18 million are impacting several aspects of UTA's service. Significant cuts have been made internally as well as to bus routes. As UTA continues to look at 2009 sales tax revenue projections, they will also evaluate additional ways they can reduce their costs.

Mr. Jones said that UTA is currently seeking public comment on the para-transit service that UTA has been providing since 1988. UTA has always exceeded the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for para-transit service in Salt Lake County by providing service throughout the entire county instead of the ADA required service within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of transit routes. Unfortunately, due to the current economic conditions, changes need to be made to the service.

Mr. Jones explained that UTA's proposal is to limit para-transit service to the ADA required $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile service from fixed transit routes. UTA is also proposing to follow the ADA guidelines which allow para-transit fares to be twice the amount of regular transit service.

Mr. Jones discussed how UTA has had several public hearings regarding para-transit since 2001. UTA has been partnering with UDOT, MAG, and WFRC on a Mobility Management Study to find other funding sources to keep the para-transit service operating. So far, no real funding solutions have been found.

Mr. Jones said that when more light rail and commuter rail lines are built further south, more para-transit service will become available in the southern end of the Salt Lake Valley. UTA is continuing to have discussions with cities on how para-transit needs can be met now and in the future.

Councilman Christensen asked if private transportation providers have been approached to help provide service for disabled persons. Mr. Jones responded that the Mobility Management Study is looking at private transportation providers as well as several other potential solutions.

In response to a question from Mayor Nordfelt, Mr. Jones said that approximately 250 people have been identified so far who would be impacted by not having curbside service with this proposed change. UTA's Special Services Department is currently reaching out to these individuals to see how they will be impacted.

Doug Hattery said that there will be more public hearings on the para-transit issue beginning April 15. He also said the Mobility Management Study will be holding workshops with public and private transportation providers in June. When Trans Com meets again in June or August, there will be more information about the needs and potential solutions.

Ralph Jackson of UTA gave a visual presentation showing slides of work in progress on the following five projects in the 2015 TIP:

Front Runner South – 44 miles from SLC to Provo – 24% complete (includes purchase of right-of-way, vehicle acquisitions, etc.)

Mid-Jordan Trax – 10.6 miles from Murray to Daybreak – 44% complete.

Draper Trax – 8.5 miles from 10000 South to 12400 South – 9% complete (just finished funding process, actual construction has not begun yet).

West Valley Trax – 5 miles from 200 West 2100 South to E Center and West Valley City Hall – 34% complete.

Airport Trax – 6 miles from SLC hub to airport – 17% complete (still working on final design).

Mr. Jackson said UTA's commitment is to have all five projects completed by 2015 (possibly earlier depending on revenue sources). Currently all five projects combined are 28% complete. UTA's goal is to have the five combined projects 40% complete by the end of 2009.

Mr. Jackson discussed how UTA actively coordinates with stakeholders and works with oversight consultants to keep the locally and federally funded projects on schedule. He said besides the five 2015 projects, UTA has begun the planning stages for other projects. Mr. Jackson also talked about the joint UDOT/UTA Bus Rapid Transit project on 3500 South.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bennion informed those in attendance that UDOT's Traffic Operation Center was having an open house on April 30 so community leaders, friends and partners could see firsthand how CommuterLink operates.

The meeting ended at 3:25 p.m.

Next meeting: June 18, 2009

HB 242 2008 and HB 185 2009

City/Payee	Amount	Purpose
Taylorsville City	6,500,000	6200 South and Redwood Road intersection, interchange, and highway improvements
West Valley City	2,000,000	7200 West
West Jordan City	4,000,000	7800 South and Airport Road intersection and highway improvements
Sandy City	6,250,000	1300 East, 9000 South to 11400 South, and State Street to Interstate 15
Riverton City	1,500,000	Right-of-way acquisition between Mountain View Corridor and Bangerter Highway north of 13400 South
UDOT R 2	3,500,000	Highway access and other improvements for the new commuter rail station in the south end of Salt Lake County
Draper City	11,000,000	Highway Improvements in the Salt Lake County portion of Draper City
Murray City	1,000,000	Highway Improvements between Cottonwood Street and 4500 South
Cottonwood Heights	1,000,000	Fort Union Boulevard between 1300 East and Highland Drive
Midvale City	1,000,000	State Street between 7200 and 9000 South
Salt Lake County	250,000	2300 East
	<u>38,000,000</u>	
Have letters		
Need a letter		
To be done by UDOT	15,000,000	To pay for projects in the following priority order Interchange improvements at 5400 South and Bangerter Highway Interchange improvements at 4700 South and Bangerter Highway Capacity lanes on 5400 South from Bangerter Highway going east, terminating at either Redwood Rd or I-15 Intersection and congestion mitigation projects identified by the DOT in the east-west transportation route imp. study
	20,000,000	To Salt Lake City for the viaduct on North Temple and 400 West
	4,500,000	To Sandy City for widening and improvement of 1300 East between 9800 South to 11000 South.
	395,000	Issuance costs
	<u>39,895,000</u>	