

# TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held

February 16, 2012

Mayor Darrell Smith 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.

## ATTENDANCE

### **Members:**

Darrell Smith, Chair	Mayor, Draper City
Jamie Nagle, Vice Chair	Mayor, Syracuse City
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale City
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden City
Doug Clifford	Mayor, Pleasant View City
Bill Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton City
Tina Kelley	Councilmember, Morgan County
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake City Council
Cory Pope	Utah Department of Transportation
Dan McConkie	Utah Transportation Commission
Necia Christensen	Utah Transit Authority – Board of Trustees

### **Others:**

Shane Greenwood	South Jordan City
Ben White	West Bountiful City
George Benford	Horrocks Engineers
Jason Jones	J-U-B Engineers
Nicole Christensen	Congressman Jim Matheson's Office
Leah Sirmin	Federal Highway Administration
Angelo Papastamos	Utah Department of Transportation – TravelWise
Jason Davis	Utah Department of Transportation – Region 2
Curtis Clayton	Utah Transit Authority – Rideshare
Christopher Chesnut	Utah Transit Authority
Wayne Bennion	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Doug Hattery	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ben Wuthrich	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Renae Bodily	Wasatch Front Regional Council

## 1. MINUTES

**ACTION:** Mayor Nagle moved that the minutes of the November 17, 2011, Trans Com meeting be approved as written. Dan McConkie seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

## 2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

### **3. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2012 AND DISCUSSION OF TRANS COM ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, presented the proposed 2012 Trans Com schedule with dates and topics for the coming year. Trans Com is scheduled to meet on the following Thursdays in 2012: February 16, April 19, June 21, August 16, and November 15.

Mr. Bennion explained that the primary responsibility of Trans Com is to advise the Regional Council on short range planning issues, especially the programming of transportation funds within the Salt Lake and Ogden-Layton Urbanized Areas as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

In order for transportation projects to move forward, they must be approved by both UDOT and the Regional Council. The intent is to have a continuous, comprehensive and cooperative planning process between the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Utah Department of Transportation and the Utah Transit Authority.

### **4. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

#### **A. ACTION to Approve Board Modifications to the 2012-2017 TIP**

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, said that since the Regional Council and Trans Com last met, WFRC has received requests to modify the current 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as follows:

1. **400 North; 800 West to 1100 West.** West Bountiful requests an additional \$279,690 of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from the Ogden-Layton Area for a complete reconstruction of the roadway. This request will not negatively impact other projects on the program. Available funds are a result of cost savings and effective construction practices on other projects in the TIP.
2. **I-80; mile post 129.0 to 131.0.** UDOT requests an additional \$3 million to fix an 8-foot diameter pipeline that carries Parley's Creek under I-80 for several miles. The pipe is quickly deteriorating. The project was advertised and the bids came back more than double the project estimate of \$2.5 million. UDOT Region Two has Interstate Maintenance de-obligation funds to cover the request.

In response to a question from Councilman Carlton Christensen, Jason Davis, UDOT Region Two Director, said that the I-80 Parleys Creek pipeline project is a challenge and will need to be worked on during the lowest water level to have minimal effect downstream. This project will be delivered under a CM/CG contracting method where the contractor can propose to UDOT the best way to do this project. The project will be accessed from either end of the tunnel, rather than digging up I-80.

3. **SR 154; Bangarter Highway at 600 West.** UDOT requests \$400,000 in General Fund – 2009 House Bill 242 funds for the design phase of the Grade Separated Interchange. These funds are available from funding remaining from the Bangarter Highway at 600 West Environmental Document.

4. **SR-39 (Ogden Canyon); SR-158 (Pineview Dam) to SR-167 (Trapper's Loop).** UDOT Region One requests to change the project from a rotomill and overlay to a hot-mix recycle project which would reduce the cost of the project by \$1.3 million in STP-Flexible (Any Area) Statewide funds, and extend the life of the existing roadway.
5. **SR-126 (1900 West); SR-108 (Midland Dr) to the Weber River.** UDOT Region One requests that the \$1.3 million cost saving from the SR-39 project (#4 above) be moved to the \$2 million STP-Flexible fund rehabilitation project on SR-126 so that the pavement can be rehabilitated as needed.

**ACTION:** Necia Christensen moved that Trans Com approve the Resolution to modify the 2012-2017 TIP as requested. Mayor JoAnn Seghini seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

**B. ACTION to recommend Board Modifications to the 2012-2017 TIP**

Mr. Wuthrich said that Trans Com has the authority to approve additional funds on a project that is already on the TIP (such as the projects listed under 4.A.). The Regional Council needs to take action on projects that are new to the TIP. The following two projects are new to the TIP; therefore, Trans Com is being asked to consider recommending that the Regional Council take action on these projects.

1. **Tooele County – One Call –One Click Center.** Tooele County has received a grant for \$177,230 in federal Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative funds. This will make it easier for U.S. veterans, active service members, military families, and others to learn about and arrange for locally available transportation services that connect them with work, education, health care, and other vital services in their communities, through the development of a “one-call” information center and other tools.

Wayne Bennion, WFRC, further explained that other funds are being sought for a major part of this project which is to establish mid-day service between the Tooele Valley and Salt Lake Valley for the transportation disadvantaged in the community.

2. **University of Utah Central Campus Shuttle Electrification Project.** UTA has received a grant of \$2,692,999 in FTA Section 5309 Program “TIGGER” funds. These funds will be used for engineering and installation of the electrification equipment and infrastructure associated with the Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) technology to be used for the U of U Central Campus Shuttle. These funds are an 80/20 match. The match for the \$2,692,000 federal portion will be \$673,000 paid by UTA and the University.

Doug Hattery, WFRC, further explained that this will be a circulating shuttle system that will help move people from the TRAX station to other parts of the campus.

**ACTION:** Mayor Jamie Nagle moved that Trans Com recommend that the Regional Council approve the Resolution to modify the 2012-2017 TIP as requested. Councilman Carlton Christensen seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous.

## **5. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Wayne Bennion discussed some of the budget, transportation, Community Development Block Grant, and Air Quality issues currently being discussed at the Utah State Legislative session (see attachment #1).

Cory Pope and Jason Davis, UDOT, talked about Senate Bill 164 which as currently written would dedicate \$3.5 million of any savings from the 3500 South and I-215 project to the frontage road improvement project at 7200 West and SR-201 and a frontage road connection project at 2400 South and Bangerter Highway.

Mr. Pope also talked about possible savings from the I-15 Core Project in Utah County and how those funds might be used.

Mr. Hattery said there is a bill being discussed to reduce safety inspections from every two years to every four years. Some counties are concerned because they recently bought inspection equipment to test for new emission guidelines and they would have difficulty paying for the equipment if vehicles are only tested every four years.

Mr. Bennion reported on federal legislative activity. The current continuing resolution of SAFETEA-LU, the federal authorization of transportation funding, expires at the end of March. Both the House and Senate are actively working on proposals to extend the reauthorization.

Other federal issues Mr. Bennion highlighted were unique provisions of proposed Senate Reauthorization (MAP 21), unique provisions of proposed House Reauthorization (American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act), and provisions of both federal reauthorization proposals (see attachment #2).

Mr. Bennion noted that a finance package has been put together for the 2-year Senate proposal. Funding for the House proposal is still uncertain. A few hundred amendments have been proposed to the House bill. Given the funding and timing differences, an extension of the current authorization is likely.

Mr. Bennion said the President's recently released proposed budget shows a significant increase in transportation funding which would come from shortening the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Administration's proposed budget for FY13 includes continued funding for commuter rail to Provo and the light rail extension to Draper.

## **6. UDOT TRAVELWISE REPORT**

Angelo Papastamos, UDOT, gave a PowerPoint presentation on UDOT's TravelWise Program. Some of the points he highlighted were:

- The population of the Wasatch Front will increase by approximately 65% within 30 years. To meet the growth challenge, UDOT is focusing on its Final Four Strategic Goals: Preserve Infrastructure, Optimize Mobility, Improve Safety and Strengthen the Economy.
- The TravelWise program helps provide viable and reliable travel options, especially during peak travel times.

- TravelWise has several objectives and is developing partnerships with several organizations to encourage carpooling, vanpooling, alternate work schedules, public transit, teleworking, and trip chaining.
- TravelWise encourages the Governor's "Clear the Air Challenge."

Mr. Papastamos said UDOT would welcome the opportunity to talk to communities and other organizations to educate them on the TravelWise program. He can be reached at [apapastamos@utah.gov](mailto:apapastamos@utah.gov).

## 7. UTA RIDESHARE REPORT

Curtis Clayton, UTA, gave a PowerPoint presentation on UTA's Rideshare Program. Some of the points he highlighted were:

- UTA Rideshare's mission is to educate the community concerning alternative transportation options and promote those options that reduce single occupant vehicle usage, improve mobility, enhance air quality, and conserve energy.
- Some of the services Rideshare provides are: vanpool, carpool and bicycling matching, bicycle lockers at rail stations, commute tracking calendar, and U Car Share at select rail stations.
- Vanpool activity in 2011 saved over 52.6 million vehicle miles traveled.
- UTA Rideshare works with employers and municipalities to encourage people to carpool.
- UTA has free transportation-related surveys employers can use that are specific to their needs.
- UTA Rideshare helps people find the appropriate commuting transportation that meets their needs and has the best outcome for the environment.

Further information can be found at [www.UTARideshare.com](http://www.UTARideshare.com) and [www.UTACommuter.com](http://www.UTACommuter.com) or by contacting Curtis Clayton at [cclayton@rideuta.com](mailto:cclayton@rideuta.com), 801-287-2062 or Jan Maynard at [jmaynard@rideuta.com](mailto:jmaynard@rideuta.com), 801-287-2429.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

The meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting date: April 19, 2012

# Trans Com Legislative Update

## February 15, 2012

### Issues This Session

- **Budget**
  - The \$280 million in additional anticipated Utah State revenues will just be enough to fund growth in public and higher education student enrollment, Medicare/Medicaid and a few other smaller programs. There will be little, if any, left over for new initiatives.
  - SJR 6—Sen. Casey Anderson. This resolution would place a proposed constitutional amendment on the state ballot that would require a 2/3 vote of both houses of the state legislature to raise a tax or fee beyond that of providing the associated service. Defeated in Committee
  
- **Transportation**
  - Possible changes to the use of the third quarter cent sales tax fund for transportation in counties of the second class for use on urban collector roads. It is understood this would primarily affect Weber County.
  - HB 264—Rep. Ken Sumsion. High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Amendments—This bill would allow UDOT to raise the speed limit on HOV lanes to 75 mph. Defeated in committee.
  - SB 46—Sen. Scott Jenkins. Agricultural Sustainability Act—Requires counties of the first, second and third class to set up a fund from rollback taxes to purchase conservation easements on agricultural land. Highway corridor designations would have to avoid such lands unless there was not a reasonable alternative and UDOT's powers of eminent domain would be curtailed. The bill passed the Senate Agriculture Committee unanimously and is on the Senate second reading calendar.
  - SB 164—Sen. Jerry Stevenson. Transportation Funding Measures—This bill would dedicate \$3.5 million of any savings from the 3500 South and I-215 project to the frontage road improvement project at 7200 West and SR-201 and a frontage road connection project at 2400 South and Bangerter Highway. The bill has passed the Senate Transportation Committee and is on the Senate second reading calendar.
  - There are three bills with a short title only, dealing with transportation, to which the sponsors have not yet added text.
  
- **Community Development Block Grant**
  - HB 139—Rep. Wayne Harper. Department of Community and Culture Amendments—In the 2011 legislative session, HB 287 required a study of various state government agencies including the Department of Community and Culture for the purpose of recommending efficiencies. One of those recommendations is that the Division of Housing and Community Development be moved to the Department of Workforce Services which would require legislation. House Bill 139 will effectuate that change. The bill has passed the House Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Committee.
  
- **Air Quality**
  - HB 70—Rep. Patrice Arent. Air Quality Task Force—This bill will set up a legislative task force over the interim period to evaluate “public and private sector efforts to improve air quality in Utah” and “...suggest changes to state laws and regulations that could

improve air quality in Utah.” The bill passed the House and has been referred to the Senate.

- HB 104—Rep. Wayne Harper. Local Highway Authority Regulatory Powers—The bill would restrict a city’s ability to prohibit extended vehicular idling. The bill has passed the House Business and Labor Committee and is on the House reading calendar.
- HB 152—Rep. John Dougall. Emissions Amendments—Reduces the frequency of automobile emission tests for older vehicles. Newer vehicles will not need to be tested for the first six years. The bill has been introduced, but has not been assigned to a committee as yet.
- SB 21—Sen. Dayton. Department of Environmental Quality Boards Revisions—This bill would re-vamp all the boards serving within the Department of Environmental Quality including the Division of Air Quality. It would also shift some authority to administrative law judges. The bill passed the Senate, was amended in the House and is back in the Senate for concurrence.

### **Highlighted Unique Provisions of Proposed Senate Reauthorization (MAP 21)**

- Two year reauthorization - \$110 Billion
- Continues the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund
- Establishes 200,000 population threshold for designation of new MPOs
- Significantly decreases funding for bus systems for those areas with rail systems.
- Focuses 50% of CMAQ funding on reducing particulate matter, including retrofit of highway construction engines

### **Highlighted Unique Provisions of Proposed House Reauthorization (American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act)**

- Five year reauthorization - \$260 Billion
- Eliminates the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund, thereby greatly increasing the uncertainty of transit funding
- Establishes 100,000 population threshold for designation of new MPOs
- Allows State DOTs to override MPO project decisions on certain Interstate Highway projects

### **Highlighted Provisions of Both Federal Reauthorization Proposals**

- Eliminate earmarks
- Generally extend current funding levels
- Streamline project delivery regulations
- Direct incorporation of performance measures and targets into transportation planning and programming
- Simplify and/ or consolidate several transit programs
- Increase Urbanized Area Formula funding for transit
- Consolidate many highway programs
- Eliminate the Safe Routes to School and Transportation Enhancement set asides
- Increase funding for federal loan programs (TIFIA)
- Reduce percentage of STP funds for urbanized areas