

# Trans Com

## February 21, 2013—Legislative Update

### Federal Issues

1. The Congress avoided the so-called fiscal cliff by agreeing on tax issues and putting off a decision on possible spending cuts (“sequester”) until March 1. We are closely following the transportation portion of any spending reduction negotiations. Federal budget authorization expires at the end of March. The debt ceiling increase was extended for three months, until May.

### State Issues

1. HB 11—Rep. Brad Last, R-St. George, is proposing a bill that would allow locally collected corridor preservation funds to be used for transportation master planning in areas of a county not covered by a metropolitan planning organization. *The bill has passed the House, the Senate Transportation Committee and is on the Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> reading calendar.* WFRC position: support
2. HB 23—Rep. Steve Handy, R-Layton, is sponsoring a bill that would allow UDOT to cap the number of clean fuel vehicle stickers giving access to the HOV lanes. *The bill has passed and been enrolled.* WFRC position: support
3. HB 138—Rep. Marjorie Poulson, D-Millcreek, is proposing a state income tax credit for the purchase of transit passes. *The bill is still in the House Rules Committee.* WFRC position: monitor
4. HB 144—Rep. Merrill Nelson, R-Grantsville is sponsoring a bill that “adds a nonvoting member who represents all municipalities within the district that are located within a county that is not annexed into the public transit district to the board of trustees...” *The bill is still in the House Rules Committee.* WFRC position: monitor
5. HB 294—Rep. Johnny Anderson, R-Taylorsville, is sponsoring a bill to provides that “a person operating a vehicle may operate the vehicle to the left of the center of the roadway when overtaking and passing a bicycle or moped proceeding in the same direction...” *The bill has passed the House, the Senate Transportation Committee and is on the Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading calendar.* WFRC position: monitor
6. HB 297—Rep. Johnny Anderson, R-Taylorsville, is sponsoring a bill to allow a motorist to use the center two-way turn lane to pass a bicycle or moped. The bill has passed the House and is on the Senate consent calendar. WFRC position: monitor
7. SB 29—Sen. Kevin Van Tassell, R-Vernal, is sponsoring an annual housekeeping bill to adjust the state highway network. *The bill has passed the Senate and is on the House 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar.* WFRC position: monitor

8. SB 63—Sen. Wayne Harper, R-West Jordan, is sponsoring a bill to create a legislative task force to examine transportation needs and funding concerns. *The bill has passed the Senate Transportation Committee and is on the Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading calendar.* WFRC position: support
9. SB 177—Sen. Stuart Reid, R-Roy, is sponsoring a bill that would designate the Legacy Parkway and the Mountain View Corridor as the Leavitt Parkway. *The bill is still in the Senate Rules Committee.* WFRC position: monitor
10. SB 201—Sen. Curtis Bramble, R-Orem, is sponsoring a bill to grant the power of eminent domain for trails in cities of the first and second class. *The bill passed the Senate Business and Labor Committee and has been referred to the full Senate.* WFRC position: support