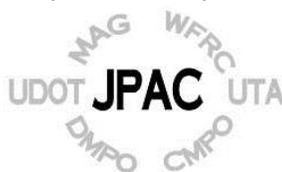


Joint Policy Advisory Committee

MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL  
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**Joint Policy Advisory Committee**

669 West 200 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

**Thursday, March 7, 2013**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

Members Attending:

Andrew Gruber, Chair	WFRC
Michael Allegra	UTA
Mayor Bill Applegarth	Riverton City
Commissioner Matthew Bell	Weber County
Carlos Braceras	UDOT
Councilman Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake City
Jeff Gilbert	CMPO
Andrew Jackson	MAG
Roger Jones	Bear River AOG
Mayor Heather Jackson	Eagle Mountain City
Myron Lee	Dixie MPO
Commissioner Bret Millburn	Davis County
John Njord	UDOT
Commissioner John Petroff	Davis County
Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach	Taylorsville City
Matt Sibul	UTA
Kenneth Sizemore	Five County AOG / Dixie MPO
Russ Wall (for Mayor Ben McAdams)	Salt Lake County
Commissioner Jan Zogmaister	Weber County

Others Attending:

Steve Call	FHWA
Rebecca Cruz	UTA
Chuck Gates	ULCT / UTA
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Doug Hattery	WFRC
Linda Hull	UDOT
Bruce Jones	UTA
David Kallas	UTA
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Jon Larsen	WFRC
Steve Meyer	UTA
Ron Phillips	Phillips Associates

Excused:

Commissioner Larry Ellertson

Andrew Gruber welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 11:45 a.m. with introductions.

**Approve February 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner John Petroff moved to approve the February 7, 2013 meeting minutes. Mayor Heather Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**State and Federal Legislative Issues**

Andrew Gruber reported that this will not be the year for doing some adjustment on the gas tax nor the year for indexing to stop the decline in buying power or local option gas tax. He said that although there was considerable discussion with House and Senate leadership it turned out that there was not enough support to coalesce around moving something forward this year on the gas tax.

Mr. Gruber then reported on the following bills:

**HB 377** – Representative Brad Dee – Transportation Funding Modifications. This bill addresses bonding authority for UDOT and Salt Lake County and specifies certain projects to be built with the proceeds. The Bill passed the House 72-1 and was referred to the Senate.

**SB 63** – Senator Wayne Harper – Transportation Planning and Funding Task Force. This bill would create a legislative task force to consider transportation needs and revenues. The Bill passed the full Senate and the House Transportation Committee. Mr. Gruber answered questions as to the makeup of the task force noting that it would be made up of legislators – five members appointed by the House and four members appointed by the Senate. He said that once the task force is created the actual membership would be determined.

Also discussed was **SB 201** – Senator Curtis Bramble – Public Use Trails Amendments. This bill restores some eminent domain authority for trails to cities of the first and second class. As part of the discussion it was suggested that those working on this bill consider having an environmental process requirement that must be met before communities could use eminent domain for trails.

Linda Hull, UDOT, reported on the following legislative issues:

**HB 111** – Representative Lee Perry – Eminent Domain Amendments. This bill enacts language related to a public entity's power of eminent domain; the duties of the Property Rights Ombudsman to provide certain information on its website; amends provisions related to the purposes for which eminent domain may be used; enacts provisions that require a political subdivision, or person who seeks to acquire property by eminent domain, to provide a property owner with certain information from the Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman.

**HB 115** – Representative Keven Stratton – Towing Amendments. This bill provides that a tow truck operator, tow truck motor carrier, and an impound yard shall accept payment by cash and debit or credit card.

**SB 240** – Senator Stephen Urquhart – Billboard Amendments. This bill provides and amends definitions – repeals provision relating to a municipality's or county's acquisition of a billboard by eminent domain; repeals provision relating to relocating a billboard in certain circumstances. This bill was defeated in the Senate Transportation and Public Utilities and Technology Committee.

Bruce Jones, UTA, discussed a number of bills and his report included:

**SB 12** – Senator Keith Van Tassell – Public Transit District Customer Information. This bill classifies certain public transit district customer account information and travel data received or collected as a private record under the Government Records Access and Management Act

**SB 58 Second Sub.** – Senator Wayne Harper – Amendments to Sales and Use Tax. This bill addresses the disposition of sales and use tax revenue if Congress or the Supreme Court of the United States take certain actions related to the collection of sales and use taxes on interest purchases that are not currently imposing sales and use taxes. This bill passed in both the House and the Senate and sent for enrolling.

**SB 275** – Senator Stuart Adams – Energy Amendments. This bill provides for the construction of natural gas fueling facilities to be paid for by natural gas ratepayers. This bill was referred to the Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Committee.

**HB 401** – Representative Joel Briscoe – Clean Air Public Transit Pilot Program. This bill appropriates \$6 million from the Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) to UTA to cover free fares for the months of July and January 2014.

**HB 411** – Representative Joel Briscoe – Public Transit Funding Amendments. . This bill shifts \$90 million annually from the TIF to a Community Clear Air Public Transit Fund and would increase transit sales tax authorization for counties by .20%.

Also discussed was **Senate Joint Resolution 8** sponsored by Senator Karen Mayne concerning Railroad and Railroad Crossing Safety. This joint resolution of the Legislature encourages the Utah Driver License Division to include testing and education on safe motor vehicle operation in and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings when issuing licenses to operate motor vehicles.

### ***Statewide Household Travel Survey Key Findings***

Jon Larsen, WFRC, said the Utah Statewide Household Travel Survey was a major statewide collaborative effort. The participating agencies include: Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO), Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMPO), Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC). The survey was conducted January – August 2012.

Mr. Larsen reported that the information provides the foundation for the MPO and Statewide travel models. It is the foundation of the RTPs and the Unified Plan and is used for environmental and other studies. It is also useful for policy decisions. Elements of the survey include the main survey of household trip making as well as a number of add-on surveys that included: long distance; attitude; college students, housing preference; and bike and pedestrian questions. In addition, cell phone origin—destination data are obtained through a separate vendor. Data collected from the survey respondents included:

- All trips made by the household on a given day
- The number and characteristics of household members
- Where they went
- When they went there
- Why they went there
- How they got there

Mr. Larsen reviewed the results of the survey which included:

- Trip Generation
  - Trips per household – lower than in 1993 survey
  - Trips per person – lower than the national average
- Average Trip Length
  - Distance (miles) – lower than the national average
  - Time (minutes) – lower than in 1993 survey
- Trip Length – SL County Household VMT
  - 40% of households travel fewer than 35 miles any given day
- Trip Length – Wasatch Front Trip Length
  - 50% of all trips are three miles or less
- Trip Length – Work Trips – longest in urban fringe

- Trip Length – All Trips – longer in rural areas
- Understanding Bicyclists
  - Distance Traveled – nearly 60% less than 2 miles
  - Trip Purpose – one-fourth bike trips are for work
- Housing Choice
  - Respondents seem to want more mixed use
  - Small town / rural relatively popular
  - Aversion to pure residential
- Transportation and Air Quality
  - Respondents were asked: *I try to carpool, ride transit, and otherwise reduce my driving habits during bad air quality days.* 24% agree – 5% strongly agree
- Opinion Questions – Popular Concepts are:
  - Infill and Redevelopment
  - Better connected streets and sidewalks
  - Good transportation is good for the economy

Mr. Larsen said that these types of surveys are conducted so that cities, counties, elected officials and the public can feel confident that transportation planning is based on good data. This information is available by contacting staff at WFRC, MAG, DMPO, CMPO, UDOT and UTA.

### **2015 Unified Plan Development Process**

Ned Hacker, WFRC, gave a brief status update on where the transportation agencies in the State are in the development of the next Unified Transportation Plan. He reported that the RTP Process Review and some discussion and development of Performance Measures have been accomplished. He said that the process the MPOs and UDOT focus on has been very collaborative. Mr. Hacker said there is a Policy Committee, a Coordinating Committee and five technical groups focused on the real work of the MPOs plans that will become a Unified Plan. The technical groups include: Finance, Safety, Data, Performance Measures and Transit.

Mr. Hacker further reported that the new Transportation Bill – MAP-21 also provides some guidance as far as the planning process. He said that the new Plans within each MPO area and across the State would increase their focus in four areas: 1) Performance Measures; 2) Scenario Planning; 3) Active Transportation; and 4) Preservation and Maintenance. He asked that JPAC members with comments or suggestions of other ideas that should be included in the 2015 Plan contact him or others involved in the planning process.

### **Other Business**

- The April 4, 2013 meeting was scheduled to meet in St. George. However, due to many people planning to be out of town for spring break, the consensus was that the April 4 meeting would be held in Salt Lake City at UTA Frontlines Headquarters and the May meeting would be held in St. George on Friday, May 3. Ken Sizemore will provide time, location and possible agenda in the next few weeks.
- Ken Sizemore reported that they recently received notification about an analysis that the Florida Department of Transportation undertook that explored best practices for citizen friendly long range transportation planning across the Nation. Six citizen friendly long range transportation planning documents were selected – two of those selected were Dixie MPO and Cache MPO.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.