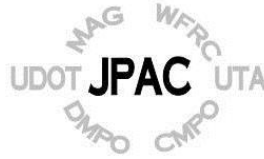


Joint Policy Advisory Committee

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



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**UDOT Complex, Calvin L. Rampton Building
UDOT First Floor John Njord Conference Room
4501 South 2700 West, Taylorsville, UT**

**Thursday, February 4, 2016
11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Members & Alternates Attending:

Carlos Braceras
Shane Marshall
Nathan Lee
Todd Buetler
Jeff Gilbert
Larry Ellertson
Kent Millington
Gary Gygi
Andrew Jackson
John Petroff
Joanne Seghini
Andrew Gruber
Matthew Bell
Carmen Freeman
Bret Milburn
David Burton
Kenneth Sizemore
Myron Lee
Jerry Benson
Steve Meyer
Matt Sibul

Executive Director -UDOT
Deputy Director -UDOT
Director, Program Development -UDOT
CMPO – Cache Valley Transit District
Planner – Cache MPO
Utah County Commissioner – Utah County/MAG
Transportation Commission (UDOT Region Three)
Mayor – Cedar Hills
Executive Director – MAG
Commissioner – Davis Co - WFRC
Mayor – Midvale City - SLCoG
Executive Director – WFRC
Commissioner – Weber Co – WFRC
Mayor – Herriman
Commissioner – Davis Co – WFRC
UTA Chair – UTA
Councilman – Santa Clara City – Dixie MPO
Director – Dixie MPO
Interim CEO, UTA
Chief Development Officer – UTA
Chief Planning Officer – UTA

Others Attending:

Shawn Seager
Jayme Blakesley
Carlton Christensen
Jory Johner
Jeff Harris
Steve Call
Roger Barrus
Muriel Xochimitl
Brigitte Mandel
Eileen McCown

MPO Director – MAG – Utah Co
General Counsel – UTA
Regional Development Director, SLCo
Long Ranger Group Manager – WFRC
Planning Director – UDOT
Program Development Team Leader – FHWA
Farmland Reserve, Inc.
Communications Director – WFRC
Acting Division Administrator – FHWA
Executive Assistant – UDOT

Welcome and Introductions

Shane Marshall conducted and opened this meeting at 11:45 am by welcoming attendees.

Approve November 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Petroff and seconded by Commissioner Millington to approve the November 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.

2016 Legislative Issues – Shane Marshall

UDOT is watching a proposed piece of legislation that is still in research and has not yet been numbered which could allow government agencies to collect location data as long as the data contains no personal data. Companies who collect this information are looking to collect the data in real time related to speeds on and off the interstate. These companies can anonymize the data and it can be used to show the performance of the system.

Noise Policy – UDOT has worked with the League of Cities and Towns, the Association of Counties and Salt Lake County to develop a consistent approach to permitting night time construction. The bill would exempt UDOT from a noise permit on a road over 55mph and require the Department to follow certain guidelines on roads under 55mph. We want to mitigate issues for our neighbors. We believe we have a consensus bill.

UTA/MPOs – Andrew Gruber

Two bills being introduced to modify agreements reached during the development of HB 362 (2015) .

HB 183 – sponsored by Rep. Draxler (Cache County)

- Modifies the Sales and Use Tax Act by amending provisions relating to the county option sales and use tax for highways and public transit. It allows the counties of the 5th class to modify the .025% to allow a larger percentage of the funds to stay with the city's and counties

HB 215 – sponsored by Rep Green (Utah County)

- Would allow Counties the option of keeping the .01% dedicated to transit in HB362 (2015), with transit or allowing it to stay with the county for highway improvements.
- **Andrew Jackson** – met with Rep Green regarding the impact on transit. League of Cities and Towns not unanimous in opposing; feels there is a greater need for local decisions. Local governments should have more say in the decisions for their area. Several Senators out of Utah County are supportive of this option.

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- **JPAC** doesn't take a formal decision on these bills – just information sharing.
- **Chairman Millburn** (Davis County): Proposition 1 – supports with Mayor Dolan; leave it alone.
- **Mayor Freeman, Herriman:** Mayor Freeman likes HB362 and Prop 1 because it has a focus on the whole transit (air quality, maintenance of roads).
- **Myron Lee** – Washington County did not choose to put on ballot because of the tax increase; there is interest amongst the cities that are strapped for dollars.
- If HB 215 passes the counties have the option of which path to follow.

Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) – Carlos Braceras

SB 80 – sponsored by Senator Adams (Davis County)

Proposes to take 1/16 from the Transportation Fund and move it to water infrastructure projects. The bill then proposes to fill the void in the Transportation Fund by moving the same amount of funding out of the Transportation Investment Fund (TIF); this fund is typically used for capacity projects. This would leave the TIF approximately \$35,000,000 short. This would require UDOT to delay at least one project currently programmed.

David Burton, UTA Chair: reiterate the commitment that Interim CEO, Jerry Benson expressed. Appreciate suggestions on how UTA can work with partners.

Jerry Benson, Interim CEO-UTA: commented that clarification needed for SLCO related to new metro township changes; just heard that Senator Harper proposing a bill related to UDOT and UTA. UTA is watching this proposed bill. UTA would like to see more joint project oversight partnering. UTA has been involved with UDOT, but would like to have more involvement with other members of JPAC.

Matt Sibul and Jerry Benson have met with several legislators lately focusing on dialogue.

***FAST Act – Federal Transportation Funding:* Nathan Lee, Director of Planning and Programming, Muriel Xochimitl, WFRC Communications Director, Matt Sibul, UT, Brigitte Mandel, FHWA:**

Muriel Xochimitl – 2015 was significant year for transportation.

The FAST Act authorizes \$305B for federal highway, transit, and rail projects; provides for five (5) years of predictable, consistent funding, and modest increase to keep pace with inflation – does not significant policy changes. STP the Surface Transportation Program has been renamed the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP), for local government funding increases 1% per year from 50% to 55% over the life of the bill – there won't be a net negative loss over the years; provides funding for projects that need time to develop.

The FAST Act (FAST) maintains many of same policies as MAP 21. FAST involves intercity public transit bus facilities, including employer based commuting programs. It puts projects in a good position if included in RTP, commuter tax benefit/transit benefit, language trying to point agencies towards

solutions that will have more of a benefit, we can stand on decisions that we make in the planning process.

Andrew Gruber commented that already thinking about working towards streamlining the entire process (concept to development) more to come.

Two Major Grant Programs:

- Tiger Grant remains in tact
- National Significant Freight and Highway Projects - \$25M at least

A new freight program was developed and Utah is eligible for \$11M to be used in freight projects. Expanded funding for bridges not on national highway system. Safety Program Modification – Railroad Grade Crossings roadway safety critical needs – remove funds for education needs; streamline some environmental, took away requirements for data on gravel road.

Matt Sibul

5% increase overall; 10% for transit; keep assets in good repair, Bus and Bus Facilities Program – Central Garage, Shovel Ready; competitive grant programs; rail side more money for State of Good Repair Program – rebuild any component of rail system.

Brigitte - \$70B fund transfer from the Federal Fund; Utah in good shape.

Newly-release 2015-2040 Unified Transportation Plan: Andrew Gruber

Forgo presentation; 60 seconds – approach that is performance based; setting goals with communities, we want to be good stewards with tax dollars; we are lucky to work with great colleagues, elected officials, volunteers, working on 2019 – 2050.

Other Business:

Housekeeping:

Agreed next meeting date is March 3, 2016 to be held at the Capitol Complex, Centennial Conference Room. No meeting will be held in April. Utah County will host the May meeting; June meeting will be held in Logan later in the month; no meetings will be held in July, August, or September; Davis County will host October meeting; the final meeting will be held in November at UDOT Complex, Calvin L. Rampton Building.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2016 – Capitol Complex, Centennial Conference Room