# Joint Policy Advisory Committee

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# MEETING AGENDA Davis County Conference Center Zephyr Room 1651 North 700 West Layton, UT 84041

Thursday, October 6, 2016 11:30 am – 1pm

## **Minutes**

Members & Alternates Attending:

Shane Marshall. Chair **Carlos Braceras** Andrew Jackson Gary Gygi John Petroff **Bret Millburn** Shawn Seager Wilf Sommerkorn Ned Hacker Myron Lee Bill Applegarth Matt Sibul Nathan Lee Kenneth Sizemore Christopher Pengra Cameron Diehl Jeff Gilbert Todd Beutler Larry Ellertson

<u>Others Attending</u>: Jeff Harris Carlton Christensen Roger Barrus Jory Johner Bob McKinley Richard Miller Eddy Cumins Muriel Xochimitl

Deputy Director, UDOT Executive Director, UDOT Executive Director, MAG Mayor, Cedar Hills Commissioner – Davis County Commissioner, Davis County Planning Director – MAG Director-Reg. Planning & Transp. - SLCo Director of Operations, WFRC Director, Dixie MPO Mayor, Riverton City Chief Planning Officer, UTA Director, Program Development – UDOT Santa Clara Council, Dixie MPO DTEC Mayor, Eagle Mountain City Dir. Govt. Relations, UT League of CT Planner, Cache MPO CEO/GM. Cache MPO. CVTD Commissioner, Utah County

Planning Director, UDOT Regional Dev Director, SLCo Envision, Farmland Reserve, Inc. Long Range Group Manager, WFRC UTA Chair, UTA Project Manager, UTA Regional GM, UTA Director, Govt. Affairs & Comm, WFRC

For Questions or Logistics Please call Eileen McCown (UDOT) at 801-965-4030

#### Welcome and Introductions

Shane Marshall opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and attendees introduced themselves.

#### Approve June 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Christopher Pengra motioned to approve, Commissioner Bret Millburn second the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the June 2, 2016 Minutes.

#### Transportation Impact Fees and Municipality Utility Fees – Andrew Jackson, MAG

Andrew began by defining the difference between Taxes and Fees. Taxes imposed for the primary purpose of generating revenue; fees imposed for the primary purpose of covering the cost of providing a service. Both Taxes and Fees go through a truth and tax hearing.

A Utility Transportation Fund (fee) was created in Provo City to fund roads using the principles of equity, transparency, and sustainability:

- Equity All groups who use the roads need to participate in maintaining the roads.
- Transparency It is important that residents understand what is being charged, how it is being charged and why. Equally important – the city leaders and elected officials need to know what residents expect of them. These funds are clearly set aside in a dedicated account. All can clearly see how these funds are paying for roads which allows for greater accountability of elected officials.
- Sustainability The plan needs create predictability into a system that does not traditionally have a dedicated source of revenue. Provo City cannot continue to bond road projects; eventually they will run out of capacity to bond. Example: Continuing to bond road projects is like taking out an equity loan to pay your utility bills; this is neither fiscally responsible nor sustainable.
- Provo City is unique because 50% of the revenue base is tax exempt; however, businesses, non-profit organizations including churches, residents, etc., require and use utilities. What users pay is determined based on the cost of the services provided to them. In the past, road bonds have been used in Provo City, but these bonds have proven to not be an efficient source of funds for roads improvement. The cost of this fee is \$3.17 per household.
- One challenge to creating a fund that is fee based as opposed to using taxes to support roads improvement projects is the perception that fees and taxes are one in the same.

#### New UTA Services in Davis County – Eddy Cumins, Regional GM, UTA

Eddy Cumins provided a presentation on the new UTA Services in Davis County. UTA has created a Dashboard to identify stakeholder involvement, outline community priorities, identify Prop 1 Implementation, service improvements, service oriented investments – demand response service, bus shelters, bike service. The Dashboard demonstrates the plan for the Prop 1 funds starting in 2015 out to 2018 and beyond. They are expanding service hours, weekend service, bus fleet, adding new routes including year round routes. The annual bus service in Davis County has increased by 15% and the weekend service has increased by 36%. During 15 days of August ridership the data shows a 29% increase in Sunday ridership on the busiest route. UTA has added six (6) peak hour trips on school routes resulting in a 28% increase in ridership.

## TIGER Grant – Richard Miller, Project Manager, UTA

Richard Miller provided a presentation on the TIGER Grant funds that UTA was awarded. UTA is using these funds to support their First/Last Mile Connections Program. UTA's goals for this program are:

- Develop a comprehensive first/last mile strategy to improve access to transit stations.
- Double UTA's ridership by 2020.
- Make the case that Bicycles + Transit = Success.
- Reduce and remove barriers to transit access and transportation corridors in order to connect communities, employment centers, educational institutions, public services, and other community resources.
- Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, with an emphasis on developing mobility for transportation disadvantaged communities and the creation of ladders of opportunity.
- Complete all Phase I projects; 350 projects identified.
- Deliver a quality program of projects.
- Improve UTA relationships with local agencies.
- Provide a program management structure.

Nationally there were 585 applicants totaling over \$9.3B in projects. \$500M was available in funding. Two-thirds of the awarded applicants were not first-time submissions. UTA was awarded 4% of the total funds, which is the second highest national award amount.

### **Other Business:**

The final meeting for 2016 is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the UDOT Complex, Calvin L. Rampton Building, UDOT First Floor John Njord Conference Room, 4501 South 2700 West, Taylorsville, UT 84129. Visitor parking is located on the north side of the building.