

# Tooele Valley Rural Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

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## 1. **June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes (0:00)**

*Motion – Commissioner Tripp*

*Second – Mayor Winn*

***Approved***

## 2. **Sheep Lane Developments (1:45)**

*James Waltz discussed upcoming land development in this area that will lead to rapid growth in traffic on this road. Traffic studies are being prepared on different development projects, including the Sky Walk project, and will be available for reference. Oanh LeSpradlin noted that the future middle section of the Midvalley Highway will mitigate some of the future traffic impacts to Sheep Lane. Midvalley Highway is likely to be the designated State Route in the area and not Sheep Lane. She also noted that there is a petroleum pipeline for 5.5 miles which is a constraint on development.*

*It was noted that the intersection to old SR-138 needs attention and improved signage.*

*Kim Clausing asked a question about pedestrian and bicycle opportunities on Sheep Lane. James Waltz responded that Sheep Lane offers a good opportunity for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.*

## 3. **Utah Road Usage Charge Program (18:00)**

*Tiffany Pockock discussed the State's Road Usage Charge program, which is a new means for assessing roadway fees to replace or supplement motor fuel taxes. As vehicles become more fuel efficient or shift to alternate fuels such as electricity or CNG, road usage charges are being considered as a more stable revenue source for highways. Road usage charges are likened to a utility bill where you pay for the miles you drive similar to paying for the electricity you use.*

*One option is a flat fee such as \$0.015 per mile capped at a maximum amount. This approach involves an in-vehicle mileage counter and a partnership with the EMOVIS service. In 2008 there were 760 electric vehicles, 219 plug-in electric vehicles, and 1,029 gasoline hybrid vehicles activated.*

*SB-150 will begin enrolling vehicles in June 2021 with the goal of enrolling all vehicles by 2031. UDOT is analyzing revenue impacts to keep city pavement funding levels uniform.*

**4. Midvalley Highway & Westbound I-80 Update (33:40)**

*Oanh LeSpradlin of UDOT reported that surcharging of the I-80 interchange for Midvalley Highway is complete. Settlement of 5.5 feet is expected by May 2021. New westbound I-80 auxiliary lane will be open tomorrow, 6 months ahead of schedule.*

**5. I-80 Bridge Replacements Update (35:40)**

*Pat Kalisz of UDOT reported that all I-80 traffic will be moved to the westbound lanes and the new bridge structure by the end of September. Next work on the eastbound lanes will begin.*

**6. Transit Study and Area Corridor Study Updates (41:45)**

*Kayla Kinkead of UTA reported that the schedule for completing the transit study has been extended. The report on existing conditions has been completed. The direct ridership model, which is separate from the WFRC travel demand model, is being retuned and better results are expected this week. Jon Nepstad of Fehr & Peers is leading the effort to explore transit alternatives for Tooele Valley.*

*For the corridor study, Grant Farnsworth of UDOT reported that UDOT is considering 9 different alternatives and vetting each option. Grant noted that the directional split for Tooele Valley to Salt Lake City is 70/30 which is why reversible lanes is being considered as one of the alternatives.*

**7. Other Business (53:00)**

*Jeff Miller reported that Tooele County is selecting a consultant to update their general plan. Grant Farnsworth of UDOT asked to be included on the distribution list along with Jay Aguilar.*

*Grant Farnsworth informed the committee of a funding opportunity that will be available to local governments. In addition to projects in the first phase of the Unified Plan, nominations are considered in four categories: 1) State Highway, 2) Active Transportation, 3) Transit, and 4) First/ Last Mile. More information will be distributed to the RPO later this fall.*

**8. Next Meeting (1:01:20)**

*December 14, 2020*

