

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W015 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack, Senate Chair  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray, House Chair  
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
Sen. Carlene M. Walker  
Rep. Jeff Alexander  
Rep. David Clark  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Brad L. Dee  
Rep. John Dougall  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan  
Rep. Julie Fisher  
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen

Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Todd E. Kiser  
Rep. Aaron Tilton  
Rep. Larry B. Wiley

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Ed Mayne

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Mark B. Steinagel, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Killpack called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Walker moved to approve the corrected minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting, and the minutes of the October 18, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Alexander, Rep. Clark, Rep. Dougall, and Rep. Wiley were absent for the vote.

**2. Draft Legislation "Commercial Driver License Amendments"**

Mr. Bill Lloyd, Commercial Driver License Program manger, and Ms. Kim Gibb, Driver License Division, highlighted the provisions of 2007 General Session draft legislation, "Commercial Driver License Amendments," as distributed in the mailing packet.

Ms. Nannette Rolfe, Director, Driver License Division, responded to questions from the Committee about the planned distribution and use of the proposed increase in driver license fees as described in the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Walker moved to amend the draft as follows: on line 512, delete "32A-12-209 or" and on line 513, delete "53-3-231 or". The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Jenkins, Rep. Alexander, Rep. Clark, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Tilton, and Rep. Wiley were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Walker moved to recommend "Commercial Driver License Amendments" as amended, as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Jenkins, Rep. Alexander, Rep. Clark, Rep. Dougall, and Rep. Wiley were absent for the vote. Rep. Hansen and Rep. Gibson declared a conflict of interest because they each have a commercial driver license.

### **3. Draft Legislation "Driver License Fee Amendments"**

Ms. Rolfe distributed "Utah Driver Licenses and ID Cards," and a brief which describes the importance of the proposed fee increases. Ms. Rolfe commented on the provisions of 2007 General Session draft legislation, "Driver License Fee Amendments," as distributed in the mailing packet and requested committee support of the bill.

Mr. Joe Brown, Director of Finance, Department of Public Safety, spoke in support of the bill.

Mr. Ed Phillips, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Walker moved to recommend "Driver License Fee Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Alexander, Rep. Clark, Rep. Gibson, Rep. King, Rep. Tilton, and Rep. Wiley were absent for the vote.

### **4. Driver License and ID Card – Sunset of Race Checkoff Provisions**

Ms. Allyson Isom, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Culture, commented on the value of data collection.

Mr. Mike haddon, Director of Research, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, discussed how the data collected can be used.

Staff distributed versions five and nine of 2007 General Session draft legislation, "Driver License and Identification Card – Sunset of Race Checkoff Provisions" and an amendment containing Ms. Isom's comments.

Ms. Halverson commented on the differences between the two versions.

Mr. Rick schwermer, Administrative Office of the Courts, said the information is used in making up a jury pool which is more representative of the population.

**MOTION:** Rep. Fisher moved to recommend version five of "Driver License and Identification Card – Sunset of Race Check Off Provisions" as a committee bill. The motion passed with Rep. Daw and Rep. Dougall voting in opposition. Rep. Dee, Rep. Gibson, Rep. King, and Rep. Tilton were absent for the vote.

### **5. Draft Legislation "Traffic Code Amendments"**

Staff distributed version five of 2007 General Session draft legislation, "Traffic Code Amendments."

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to recommend amendments to the legislation as follows: (1) on line 84 after "enforcement", insert "on a state highway with four or more lanes"; and (2) on line 300 after "telephone", insert "or other electronic device". The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Gibson, Rep. King, and Rep. Tilton were absent for the vote.

Sen. Jenkins discussed provisions of the legislation.

Mr. Tracy Conti, Director of Operations, and Ms. Linda Hull, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, Utah Department of Transportation, responded to questions from the Committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to recommend the amended version of "Traffic Code Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed with Rep. Clark voting in opposition. Sen. Walker, Rep. Gibson, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

#### **6. Draft Legislation "Required Headlight Use on Vehicles"**

Rep. Dougall introduced the issue with the help of Ms. Chloe Danwalder.

Ms. Danwalder gave a presentation on the merits and provisions of 2007 General Session draft legislation, "Required Headlight Use on Vehicles."

Ms. Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Ms. Dave Creer, Utah Trucking Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Ms. Elaine M. Gause, Girl Scouts, spoke in support of the bill.

Ms. Sharon Danwalder spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Clark moved to recommend "Required Headlight Use on Vehicles" as a committee bill. The motion passed with Rep. Alexander, Rep. Dunnigan, and Rep. Kiser voting in opposition. Sen. Walker, Rep. Gibson, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

#### **7. Draft Legislation "State Highway Amendments"**

Mr. Steinagel introduced 2007 General Session draft legislation, "State Highway Amendments."

Commissioner Stephen M. Bodily, Vice Chairman, Utah Transportation Commission, reported on changes being made to state highways as found in the legislation.

Sen. Walker commented in support of the work done by the Transportation Commission.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dunnigan moved to recommend "State Highway Amendments." The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dougall, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Hansen, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

#### **8. Bonding for Rights-of-Way for Corridor Preservation**

Staff distributed 2007 General Session draft legislation, "Funding for Purchase of State highways Rights of Way."

Sen. Stephenson commented on the development and provisions of the bill.

Mr. John Fellows, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, responded to questions regarding bonding issues.

Mr. Chuck Chappell, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Darrell Cook, Executive Director, Mountainland Association of Governments, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Edward Alter, Utah State Treasurer, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to recommend "Funding for Purchase of State Highway Rights of Way" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Hansen, Rep. King, and Rep. Tilton were absent for the vote.

**9. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Hansen, Rep. King, and Rep. Tilton were absent for the vote.

Chair Killpack adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.