

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – Room 20 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Julie Fisher, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
Rep. Johnny Anderson
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway

Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. F. Jay Seegmiller
Rep. C. Brent Wallis

Members Absent:

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Chair
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

Staff Present:

Mr. Leif G. Elder, Policy Analyst
Ms. Gretchen C. Lee, 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.

1. Committee Business

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. Chair VanTassell, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. Poulson were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Wallis moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Goodfellow, Sen. Urquhart, and Rep. Clark were absent for the vote.

2. Class B and C Roads

Mr. Elder distributed and presented "Transportation Funding: Class B and Class C Road Funds," and responded to committee members' questions.

Mr. Brent Gardner, Executive Director, Utah Association of Counties, distributed and commented on "2009 Road Mileage and Funding." Mr. Gardner asked the Legislature to consider an increase in highway user revenue and alternative funding mechanisms to meet the needs for the maintenance of Class B roads.

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Director of Legislative Affairs, Utah League of Cities and Towns, distributed and commented on "Class C Revenue Fails Revenue Adequacy Test."

Mr. Elder distributed and commented on "UDOT Annual Statistical Summary" and "Letter from Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization."

Mr. Chuck Chappell, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, distributed and commented on "Local Transportation Funds Needed."

3. Impoundment of Motor Vehicles

Mr. Elder reviewed provisions of 2008 General Session H.B. 151, "Motor Vehicle Revisions," which was distributed in the mailing packet.

Lt. Rich Christianson and Sgt. Troy Denney, Utah Highway Patrol, spoke in favor of the bill which authorizes a peace officer to impound a vehicle if the operator of the vehicle is not carrying evidence of motor vehicle insurance and the officer verifies that the motor vehicle is not insured through the Uninsured Motorist Identification Database. Lt. Christianson and Sgt. Denney responded to committee members' questions.

Mr. Rod Marrelli, Executive Director, Utah State Tax Commission, reported 1,298 vehicles impounded during the past year for failure of the operator to have evidence of motor vehicle insurance.

Mr. Wayne Jones, Executive Director, Independent Auto Dealers Association, said their dealers have been including the issue of motor vehicle insurance on the motor vehicle contract of sale and responded to committee members' questions.

Chair Fisher asked staff to clarify the requirement of proof of insurance that is to be carried in the motor vehicle.

4. Special Group License Plate Issues

Mr. Elder distributed and presented "Special Group License Plates." He distributed and commented on a table also entitled "Special Group License Plates" and "Special Group License Plate Issuance by Type." Mr. Elder briefed the Committee on details of obtaining special group license plates.

Ms. Lee discussed legal issues pertaining to special group license plates.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

Chair Fisher adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.