

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 23, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Chair
Rep. Julie Fisher, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
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. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. F. Jay Seegmiller
Rep. C. Brent Wallis

Members Absent:

Rep. Johnny Anderson

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.leg.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Urquhart moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stevenson and Rep. Wallis were absent for the vote.

2. Railroad and Railroad Crossing Amendments

Rep. Richard A. Greenwood spoke briefly about legislation currently being drafted that will address trespassing on railroads and railroad properties, public safety, and terrorism issues.

Mr. Jeffery Devashrayee, General Director of Compliance, Union Pacific, said there is no law to keep trespassers off of railroad properties.

Mr. Paul Boyden, Executive Director, Statewide Association of Prosecutors, noted that the layout of railroads is unique enough that it is likely the bill will propose a new statute regarding trespassing on railroad property.

Chair Fisher invited further discussion when the draft legislation is presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

3. Driver License Issues

Ms. Nanette Rolfe, Director, Driver License Division, distributed and reviewed "Driver License Update" and responded to committee members' questions regarding renewal of driver licenses and office wait times.

Ms. Rolfe also distributed a letter dated March 17, 2010, addressed to Governor Gary Herbert from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and discussed provisions of 2010 General

Session H.B. 234, "Opting Out of the Real ID Act," which was distributed in the mailing packet. The legislation prohibits the state from participating in the implementation of the REAL ID Act of 2005, but provides that the Driver License Division may comply with provisions of the REAL ID Act which have been previously adopted by administrative rule or authorized in statute. Ms. Rolfe outlined the items the Division is currently working on and responded to committee members' questions.

4. Annual Review of New Transportation Capacity Projects

Mr. Elder distributed and reviewed "Traffic on I-15: Utah, Salt Lake, and Davis County."

Ms. Linda Hull, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, and Mr. Randy Park, Project Development Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), distributed and reviewed "Centennial Highway Fund Projects," "Critical Highway Needs Fund," "Highway Construction," "Transportation Investment Fund," "Southern Parkway, Serving St. George to Hurricane," "South Layton Interchange," "Mountain View Corridor Project Information," and "Projects Considered for Delay."

Mr. Dal Hawks, I-15 Core Project Director, UDOT, gave an overview of the I-15 Core Project.

5. Annual State Highway System Changes

Ms. Lee distributed and commented on "State Highway Transfer Process."

Ms. Hull distributed and reviewed "Northern Utah County - Proposed Jurisdictional Transfer" and "Proposed Additions To or Deletions From the State Highway System Annual Report to the Transportation Interim Committee, June 23, 2010."

6. Overview of Petroleum Industry and Related Taxes

Mr. Elder distributed and reviewed "Overview of Utah Oil Production, Tax Structure on Oil Producing Industry, Utah Refinery Capacity and Production, and Utah Gasoline Prices."

Ms. Rolayne Fairclough, Public Affairs and Legislative Representative, AAA Utah, distributed "Gas Prices Adjusted for State and Federal Taxes." Ms. Fairclough briefed committee members on several issues that affect gas prices in the state.

Mr. Lee Peacock, President, Utah Petroleum Association, discussed factors affecting the retail price of gasoline including price and availability of crude oil, supply and demand, local market conditions, and taxes.

Mr. Dave Davis, Vice President, Utah Food Industry Association, noted that the issue of cost to the consumer is one of supply.

Mr. John Hill, Director, Utah Petroleum Marketers and Retailers Association, commented on supply contracts, which can affect pricing.

7. Public Transit Issues

This item was not discussed.

8. Other Items / Adjourn

Chair Fisher adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.