

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 18, 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. 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. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. F. Jay Seegmiller

Members Absent:

Rep. C. Brent Wallis

Staff Present:

Mr. Leif G. Elder, Policy Analyst
Ms. 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.leg.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Van Tassell called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Morley moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Goodfellow, Sen. Urquhart, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Frank, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

2. Coordinated Human Service Transportation Update

Ms. Mary Guy-Sell, Mobility Manager, Wasatch Front Regional Council, distributed "Wasatch Regional Coordination Council For Community Transportation Coordination Strategies."

Mr. Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, stated that they are working to foster and coordinate efforts between public and private entities to provide transportation services for people who may not have the ability to drive.

Mr. Doug Hattery, Deputy Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, reported on the results of a mobility management study that was accomplished by joint efforts of the Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA). Mr. Hattery also discussed the strategies listed on the handout provided by Ms. Guy-Sell, and responded to committee members' questions.

Mr. Chad Eccles, Transit Program Manager, Mountainland Association of Governments, distributed the recruiting brochure, "Utah County Area Mobility Coordinating Council Questionnaire," and commented briefly on the development of their website: <http://www.mountainland.org/mobility>.

Ms. Kate McConaughy, Executive Director, Work Activity Center, said the Work Activities Center provides day, residential, employment, and other services to adults with significant disabilities.

Ms. McConaughy commented on the work of the Wasatch Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (RCC), and indicated that a list of Member Agencies to the RCC was provided in the handout distributed by Ms. Guy-Sell.

Ms. Guy-Sell, distributed the postal insert, "Wasatch Regional Coordination Council for Community Transportation," and discussed transportation resources that the RCC is working to coordinate.

3. Public Transit Issues

Rep. Greg Hughes, UTA Board Chair, commented on the provisions of 2010 General Session S.B. 272, "Amendments to Transportation Provisions," which was provided in the mailing packet.

Mr. Bruce Jones, General Counsel, UTA, distributed and presented "2010 General Session S.B. 272 Amendments to Transportation Provisions." He briefed committee members on the potential benefits of Transit Oriented Developments which include increased ridership, economic growth, and reduced congestion on Utah roads.

Mr. Michael Packard, citizen, said the proposed developments sound good, but the people who use public transit out of real need aren't being adequately served.

4. Licensing and Motor Vehicle Coverage for Foster Children

Mr. Brent Platt, Director, Division of Child and Family Services, gave an update on the impact of reimbursing foster parents for insurance coverage for their foster children in the state's custody. Mr. Platt said the program has been used some, but not enough to cause significant financial impact on the Division.

5. Maintenance of Transportation Infrastructure

Mr. John Njord, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation, presented "Condition of State Highway Pavements and Bridges." He reported that the condition of most roads within the state is currently acceptable, but that over time, the condition will worsen. Mr. Njord explained that it is more cost effective to maintain roads than to rebuild severely damaged roads. He said that sometime in the future the Legislature should consider additional funding for the operation and maintenance of highways.

Mr. Elder distributed and presented "Transportation Planning Task Force (2003-2004)."

Mr. Elder also distributed and commented on "Authorized Local Option and Dedicated Tax Comparison" and "Potential Transportation Revenue Tools."

6. Other Items / Adjourn

Chair VanTassell adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.