

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 20, 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. 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

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.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Van Tassell called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Morley was absent for the vote.

2. Operation of Bicycles and Mopeds on Roadways

Rep. Anderson distributed "Background Material" and introduced 2010 General Session H.B. 424, "Operation of Bicycles and Mopeds on Roadways," which was distributed in the mailing packet. He noted the intent of the legislation will be to clarify how a cyclist can use a traffic lane, when it is legal for a motorist to pass a cyclist using a traffic lane even when a double yellow line exists, to provide guidance for municipalities, and to create uniformity throughout the state.

Mr. Dan Fazzini, board member, Utah Bicycle Coalition, discussed the provisions of H.B. 424. Rep. Anderson and Mr. Fazzini responded to committee members' questions.

Ms. Linda Hull, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), pointed out some of UDOT's concerns with the legislation.

Committee discussion followed. No action was taken.

3. 2011 General Session Draft Legislation, "Railroad and Railroad Crossing Amendments"

This item was not discussed.

4. 2011 General Session Draft Legislation, "High Occupancy Toll Lane Customer Information"

Rep. Julie Fisher introduced 2011 General Session draft legislation, "High Occupancy Toll Lane Customer Information," which was distributed in the mailing packet.

Ms. Hull reviewed the provisions of the legislation and responded to committee members' questions.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to recommend 2011 General Session draft legislation, "High Occupancy Toll Lane Customer Information" (2011FL-0301/004), as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Wallis was absent for the vote.

5. Traffic Accident Management

Rep. Morley explained and invited input from the Committee on a proposal that would: 1) define a penalty for those who, by failing to yield to an automobile accident by moving over, cause serious bodily injury or death, and 2) require those involved in an accident, driving a vehicle equipped with hazard lights, to turn their hazard lights on to alert oncoming traffic of the accident.

Ms. Hull spoke in support of Rep. Morley's proposal.

Col. Daniel Fuhr, Utah Highway Patrol, spoke in support of the proposal and responded to committee members' questions.

Committee discussion followed. No action was taken on this item.

6. State Highway Systems Changes

Committee staff distributed 2011 General Session draft legislation, "State Highway System Modifications" (2011FL-0419/002).

Ms. Hull distributed and reviewed "Proposed Additions To or Deletions From the State Highway System Annual Report to the Transportation Interim Committee."

MOTION: Rep. Julie Fisher moved to recommend 2011 General Session draft legislation, "State Highway System Modifications" (2011FL-0419/002), as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wallis absent for the vote.

7. Crash Statistics

Mr. John Njord, Director, UDOT, presented "ZERO Fatalities: A Goal We Can All Live With." He reported that fatalities on state highways have been reduced by 18 percent over the past year.

Col. Fuhr stated that the decline of accidents in the state is the result of better engineered roads, vehicles, emergency medical equipment, education, and enforcement of the laws. He reported that Utah has the lowest rate of alcohol related fatalities of all the states.

8. Annual Report of DUI-Related Data

Ms. Mary Lou Emerson, Director, Utah Substance Abuse Advisory Council (USAAC), distributed and reviewed the "Eighth Annual DUI Report to the Utah Legislature."

Ms. Anna Kay Waddoups, DUI Committee Chair, USAAC, spoke about a DUI-related tragedy that occurred this past year.

9. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to adjourn the meeting. Sen. Jenkins, Sen. Mayne, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wallis were absent for the vote.

Chair Van Tassell adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.