

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley M. Daw, House Chair
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Rep. Stewart Barlow
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion

Members Absent:

Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

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 9:12 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Knudson, Rep. Kiser, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

Mr. Elder reviewed the handout "Open and Public Meetings Act Summary of Key Provisions" and responded to committee members' questions.

2. 2012 Road Construction Projects

Mr. John Njord, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), introduced Randy Park, Project Development Director, UDOT.

Mr. Park distributed and presented "UDOT 2012 Project Map By County." He discussed current state road projects and those scheduled to begin before the end of the year. Mr. Park encouraged use of the UDOT website for up-to-date information on projects throughout the state.

3. Disposal of Surplus Property

Ms. Linda Hull, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, UDOT, discussed the salvage and sale of surplus property purchased with funds appropriated to UDOT for transportation needs. She stated that there is not much incentive for UDOT to salvage personal property detached from the real property because the money received from the sale of salvaged personal property goes into the General Fund. Ms. Hull recommended that the committee consider legislation in the 2013 General Session, which would allow UDOT to deposit the proceeds from the sale of surplus personal property into the Transportation Fund rather than the General Fund.

Mr. Kent Beers, Director, State Purchasing and General Services, discussed some of the difficulties associated with the sale of surplus property, and spoke in support of amending state statute in a way that would benefit both State Surplus and UDOT.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved that committee staff open a committee bill file and begin to draft language that would allow UDOT to salvage and dispose of personal property with the proceeds deposited back into the Transportation Fund instead of the General Fund, and to also consider the privatization of the salvage and disposal of personal properties available on real property purchased by UDOT for transportation projects. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Mayne, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

4. Federal Buy American Provisions

Mr. Park presented "Buy America" and gave an overview of the federal program, what the issues are, and what UDOT is doing to comply with the program.

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Director of Legislative Affairs, Utah League of Cities and Towns, stated that the Buy America program is a local concern as well as a state concern.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

The chairs invited committee members to email staff about any additional study items they would like to study during the 2012 Interim.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Last and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

Chair Van Tassell adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.