

REVISED AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TASK FORCE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 4, 2003 • 9:00 a.m. • Region 2 Hurley Conference Room (2010 S. 2760 W. SLC)

Approximate
Time Frame

9:00 1. Task Force Business

- Call to order
- Consideration of the minutes of May 20, 2003

9:05 2. Centennial Highway Fund History and Status

The CHF (Centennial Highway Fund) was initially an 11-year program beginning in 1997 which was used to fund the I-15 reconstruction project in Salt Lake County and for funding several other major construction and reconstruction projects in the state. The primary funding source through FY 2003 is bonding at 41%. Recent significant reductions in General Fund dollars going to the CHF will delay several projects and extend the bond payoff period beyond the initial 11-year period of the program. The initial plan would have provided a \$1.9 million deficit at the end of FY 1997 while current projections will leave a \$1.4 billion deficit. What is the history of the CHF? What projects are included and how has the list changed? What is the funding plan, how has it changed, and when will it be paid off? Should changes be made to the project list or to the funding plan?

- John R. Njord, Utah Department of Transportation
- Mark Bleazard, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst

10:10 3. Highway Funding Categories and Limitations

Federal highway funding to the state has been averaging approximately \$238 million per year in apportionment in recent years and approximately \$200 million per year in obligation limitation (what we can actually spend). This federal-aid is vital to the planning, construction, and maintenance of the state highway system. There are limitations on how the money can be spent and considerable effort is expended to effectively program and account for the numerous funding categories. Utah, with most states, continues to lobby for more flexibility in the use of these federal funds. What are the federally imposed restrictions on the use of federal-aid transportation dollars? What categories exist and how is it spent?

- Max J. Ditlevsen, Utah Department of Transportation

10:30 4. Other Items / Adjourn

10:40 5. Tour of the UDOT Traffic Operations Center

The task force will adjourn the meeting and task force members and guests are invited on a UDOT led walking tour of the Traffic Operations Center which opened April 1999.