

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TASK FORCE**
Wednesday, July 2, 2003 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 131 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Senate Chair
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart, House Chair
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Sen. John L. Valentine
Rep. J. Stuart Adams
Rep. Craig W. Butters
Rep. John Dougall
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Todd E. Kiser

Members Absent:

Sen. David L. Gladwell
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson

Staff Present:

Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel
Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or by contacting the committee secretary, Joy Miller, at 538-1032.

1. Committee Business

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. She indicated she had been appointed as the co-chair for the Transportation Planning Task Force with the resignation of Sen. David Steele. She recognized Sen. Sheldon Killpack who will serve on the Task Force and has replaced Sen. Steele. Rep. Hendrickson and Sen. Gladwell were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2003 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Valentine, Rep. Butters, and Rep. Hansen were absent for the vote.

2. State and Federal Highway Funding Categories and Limitations

Mr. Max J. Ditlevsen, Utah Department of Transportation, distributed handouts "Utah Department of Transportation FY 2004 STIP Funding Summary," "UDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program," and "Federal-Aid Highways Funding Overview." He presented an overview on the restrictions and use of federal-aid highways transportation funding. He discussed what categories exist in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and briefed the Task Force on the expenditure of state and federal monies.

Mr. Mike Allegra, UTA (Utah Transit Authority), responded to funding questions from the Task Force.

Chair Walker moved to agenda item four for Task Force discussion.

3. Centennial Highway Fund Status

Mr. Mark Bleazard, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, distributed a handout "Centennial Highway Program FY 1997 - 2017." He discussed the financial status of the Centennial Highway Funding, and presented an overview on the final legislative action from the 2003 General Session. Mr. Bleazard discussed the current funding issues and needs that are vital to the future of Utah highway funding.

Rep. Lockhart distributed handouts "Draft - Centennial Highway Program FY 1997 - 2017, Lockhart 4," and "Centennial Highway Fund Projects Updated 2/3/03." She explained that the information distributed is another scenario for funding the Centennial Highway Program.

Chair Walker referred the Task Force to the handout "Lessons Learned from the Centennial Highway Fund and Things that need to be considered in a new CHF Program." The handout was written by Clint Topham at the request of the Task Force at the last meeting.

Chair Walker noted that the chairs will revisit the guiding principles from past meetings to evaluate if the Task Force is going in the right direction in meeting the needs and future growth in Utah.

Chair Walker directed staff to put together historical data on toll roads in other states to evaluate if it would be useful as a revenue source for Utah.

The Task Force members suggested topics to study for future meetings in reference to highways and funding.

4. Mass Transit Programs and Plans

Mr. John English, General Manager, UTA, distributed a handout "Utah Transit Authority Planning for the Future." He provided an overview on the current and future plans of UTA. He discussed transportation problems and plans for reducing traffic congestion.

Chair Walker returned to agenda item three for Task Force discussion.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Rep. Buttars was absent for the vote.