

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TASK FORCE**
Monday, November 10, 2003 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 131 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Senate Chair
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart, House Chair
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Sen. John L. Valentine
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. John Dougall
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Todd E. Kiser

Members Absent:

Sen. David L. Gladwell
Sen. Karen Hale
Rep. J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel
Joy L. Miller, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at www.le.utah.gov or by contacting the committee secretary, Joy Miller, at 538-1032.

1. Task Force Business

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Sen. Gladwell, Sen. Hale, and Rep. Adams were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to amend the minutes of the October 1, 2003 meeting. He noted that the name of the mayor of Lindon City was misspelled and should be corrected to read Mayor Larry Ellertson. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Final Report, Recommendations, and Proposed Draft Legislation

Chair Walker reviewed the findings of the Task Force as outlined in the proposed report to be presented to the Transportation Interim Committee. After discussion of the individual findings the following changes were made:

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to delete the words "as significant discriminators" from the boldface heading of Finding #12. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to amend Finding #5 on the 4th line by changing "road" to "transportation". The motion passed unanimously.

The Task Force discussed the 14 recommendations as outlined in the report.

Questions were asked about the corridor preservation fund as noted in Recommendation #8.

Mr. Mark Bleazard, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, pointed out that the first \$500,000 received from the 1/16 of a cent sales tax goes to the corridor preservation fund. The remainder of the fund is from

car rental fees.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to amend Recommendation #5 as follows: After "includes state and" insert the words "regionally significant". The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to amend Recommendation #5. After "unified," insert "multimodal" and after "facilities" delete "as well as anticipated transit improvements". The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to delete Recommendation #9 – Establish comprehensive financial management procedures. The motion failed with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hendrickson, Rep. Kiser, and Rep. Lockhart voting in favor.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to add the "'Good Roads Roberts' father of Utah highways" and "Local Option Transportation Taxes: Devolution as Revolution" articles to the report appendix for educational purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to adopt the appendices with the additions that have been made. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to adopt the report of the Transportation Planning Task Force as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Lockhart discussed Draft Legislation "Joint Transportation Planning Amendments." The bill requires the UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) to cooperate with MPOs (metropolitan planning organizations) for transportation planning and project programming. UDOT will also be required to cooperate in coordinated transportation plans and improvement programs with MPOs with contiguous boundaries.

Mr. John Njord, UDOT, pointed out that federal guidelines already require them to cooperate with MPOs in certain situations.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to approve "Joint Transportation Planning Amendments" as a task force bill. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Christensen discussed Draft Legislation "Guidelines for Local Matching Dollars for Transportation Projects." The bill requires the Transportation Commission to make rules adopting guidelines for partnering with counties and municipalities to help finance state highway capacity improvement projects through local matching dollars.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to amend the bill as follows: On line 15 delete "a consistent treatment" and insert "consideration" and on line 38 delete "consistent treatment" and insert "consideration". The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to amend the bill as follows: On lines 9 and 34 delete the word "capacity" and on line 37 after "finance" insert "state highway improvement". The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to amend the bill as follows: On line 41 delete "imminent" and insert "future". The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to approve "Guidelines for Local Matching Dollars for Transportation Projects," as amended, as a task force bill. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Dougall reviewed Draft Legislation "Transportation Planning Task Force Reauthorization." The bill would reauthorize the Task Force for one year. He distributed a list of proposed amendments to the legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to adopt the following amendments:

- Page 1, Line 21: Delete "\$44,500" and insert "\$14,500"
Page 2, Line 46: After line 46 insert "(6) The Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall provide staff for fiscal planning support to the task force."
Page 2, Line 53: After "neighborhoods:" delete "and"
Page 2, Line 54: After "needs" insert
":
(f) the reports from agencies as requested in the November 2003 Transportation Planning Task Force Report."
Page 3, Line 63: Delete "; and" and insert "."
Page 3, Lines 64-65: Delete lines 64-65

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to approve "Transportation Planning Task Force Reauthorization," as amended, as a task force bill. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Walker thanked members for all of the time and effort they have put forth on behalf of the Task Force.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to request staff to draft a letter to leadership requesting that the membership of the Task Force remain the same if the Task Force is reauthorized. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.