

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Kevin V. 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. Stephen H. Urquhart
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. Craig A. Frank

Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
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 2:25 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Wallis moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Goodfellow, Sen. Mayne, Sen. Urquhart, Rep. Clark, Rep. Janice Fisher, Rep. Julie Fisher, Rep. Holdaway, and Rep. Morley were absent for the vote.

2. Coordinated Human Service Transportation

Mr. Elder distributed and presented "Coordinated Human Service Transportation." He gave an overview of coordinated human service transportation.

Mr. Doug Hattery, Deputy Director, and Ms. Barbara Thomas, Project Manager, Wasatch Front Regional Council, discussed the Mobility Management Project which is supposed to improve transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities and low-incomes through coordination of public and private transportation services. Mr. Hattery encouraged the Legislature to endorse coordination efforts throughout the state and said that final recommendations will be available in December.

Mr. Will Rodman, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc., responded to committee members' questions.

Mr. John English, Director, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), distributed "UTA Proposal for Paratransit Service, August 2009." Mr. English reported that several programs are currently underway to make paratransit service better.

Ms. Mary Guy-Sell, Transportation Planner, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), distributed and presented "Salt Lake County Community Transportation Association of America Team Pilot Project."

3. Motorcycle Operator Restrictions

Mr. Wally Wintle, Bureau Chief, Driver License Division, showed a KSL Investigative Report dealing with motorcycle safety. Mr. Wintle distributed "Number of Failures" and "2008 Motorcycle Fatal Crashes" and introduced Ms. Tara Zamora, Manager, Motorcycle Programs, Driver License Division.

Ms. Zamora said there is a decreased number of persons taking motorcycle safety courses and responded to committee members' questions.

Colonel Danny Fuhr, Utah Highway Patrol, spoke in favor of the 2008 updates to R708-10-4, Classified License System Restrictions.

4. Licensing and Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage for Foster Children

Mr. Duane Betournay, Director, Division of Child and Family Services, discussed the background of 2008 General Session H.B. 122, "Driver License-Application of Minor Amendments." Mr. Betournay reported that 188 youth in foster care currently hold driver licenses, but did not have information available to discuss the impact of foster parents signing for foster children to receive a driver license. He also reported that the Division of Child and Family Services has not paid out any funds towards liability insurance in the past year.

5. Scenic Byways

Staff distributed 2010 General Session draft legislation, "Utah Scenic Byway Amendments."

Senator Dennis E. Stowell discussed the provisional changes contained in the draft which are meant to clarify 2009 General Session H.B. 272, "Utah Scenic Byway Designation Amendments."

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Director of Legislative Affairs, Utah League of Cities and Towns, stated that he is supportive of discussing this issue with other interested groups.

Representative Christopher N. Herrod stated that he would like to see how the provisions in 2009 General Session H.B. 272, "Utah Scenic Byway Designation Amendments" work before making further changes to the scenic byway process.

Ms. Nancy Dalton, Scenic Byway 143, spoke in favor of the draft. Ms. Dalton also distributed "Scenic Byways," "An Overview of Utah's State Scenic Byway Program," "Scenic Byway Program Timeline," "Legislator, Committee Member, Byway, County List 2009," "Federal Register-National Scenic Byways Program," and "Designation Readiness Worksheet-FY 2008 America's Byways Nomination Cycle."

Mr. Dewey Reagan, Reagan Outdoor Advertising, requested that no changes in segmentation be made in the draft until there is time to see the effects of 2009 General Session H.B. 272, "Utah Scenic Byway Designation Amendments."

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Hinkins, Sen. Jenkins, Rep. Clark, Rep. Morley, and Rep. Seegmiller were absent for the vote.

Chair Van Tassell adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.