

**Utah Department of Transportation  
Utah Transportation Commission  
St. George Area Tour  
March 20, 2014**

The tour departed at 12:00 p.m. from the Clarion Suites in St. George. Kevin Kitchen gave an overview of the handouts that were distributed and Rick Torgerson welcomed the group on the tour. The bus traveled southbound on I-15 to SR-7/Southern Parkway, then to River Road and the Family Dollar Distribution Center. The group went inside the distribution center for a presentation, where Will Frace from Family Dollar gave an overview of the company, their distribution operations, and the facility, and Chris Long and Pat Burken from Family Dollar provided additional information and answered questions from the group. Following the presentation, the group toured the Family Dollar Distribution Center facilities.

Following the tour, the group boarded the bus and traveled eastbound on SR-7/Southern Parkway. Jim McConnell talked about Segments 1, 2 and 3A of the parkway, and Dana Meier talked about Segment 3B. The bus exited the parkway at the Warner Valley Road exit and traveled on Washington Fields Road and Washington Dam Road, returning to the parkway on Segment 4A, of which Mr. Meier noted was a very busy segment of the parkway. Mr. McConnell shared additional information about the segment. The bus turned onto 4300 West at Sand Hollow Reservoir and traveled to I-15 via SR-9. As the bus traveled southbound on I-15, Mr. McConnell pointed out the Purgatory/Dixie maintenance station and offices, and talked about the climbing lanes being constructed through Leeds. Mr. Meier mentioned Leeds' unique interchanges and the request by Leeds City for a full diamond interchange. He also talked about the study done on the Northern Corridor. A short rest stop was taken at this point.

The bus continued south on I-15. Mr. McConnell talked about safety improvements made, and Mr. Meier briefly talked about the proposed Mall Drive Crossing project. The bus exited at Green Springs Drive and traveled on Red Hills Parkway to Bluff Street, where Mr. Meier discussed the challenges with the Green Springs drive interchange and intersections and Mr. McConnell commented on the Diverging Diamond Interchange that was recently completed on St. George Boulevard and recent improvements made to the Red Hills Parkway. Mr. Meier noted that the Red Hills interchange at Bluff Street was getting ready to begin construction, and would be completed in November of 2014. The bus traveled south on Bluff Street, and Mr. Meier commented on the project planned for the Bluff Street and Sunset Boulevard intersection. The bus then traveled to the northbound St. George Port of Entry on I-15. The group went inside the facilities for a brief overview of port of entry operations by Joanna Gunderson, the POE supervisor, and to watch some of the port activities. The group returned to the bus and the traveled back to the Clarion Suites.

The tour ended at 3:49 p.m.

The following Commissioners, UDOT staff, and others attended the tour: Jeff Holt, Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook,, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Naghi Zeenati, Gayle McKeachnie, LeAnn Abegglen, Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Cory Pope, Bill Lawrence, Robert Pelly, Linda Hull, Jason Davis, Nathan Lee, Rick Torgerson, Kevin Kitchen, Jim McConnell, Monte Aldridge, Kirk Thornock, Dana Meier, Brandon Anderson, Myron Lee, Curt Hutchins, Dave Deemas, Ed Cooper, Joe Wooley, Dick Kohler, Jamie Evans, Jerald Tower, Gretchen Tower, Louise Zeenati, Linda Millington.

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LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary