

**Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Transportation Commission
San Juan County Area Tour
May 15, 2014**

The tour departed at 12:11 p.m. from the Inn at the Canyons in Monticello. Handouts were distributed and Rick Torgerson welcomed the group on the tour. The bus traveled north on US-191 to the Monticello Airport, where Pat Morley gave an overview of the new airport that was built about two years ago, and talked about the importance of the airport in this region. The bus turned around and traveled south on US-191. Mr. Torgerson talked about the current pavement rehabilitation project on US-191 from Monticello to Devil's Canyon. He also provided information regarding wildlife fencing projects south of Monticello. Randall Taylor shared additional details on those projects. Monte Aldridge discussed the ElectroMat that would be installed along with the wildlife fencing. He also mentioned a future rehabilitation project on US-191 from Devil's Canyon to the Blanding Cemetery. Robert Dowell stated there were message boards placed in various locations to warn people that the Lake Powell Ferry is closed. Kelly Pehrson from San Juan County provided information on the Uranium Mill located in San Juan County.

The bus turned onto SR-262 and traveled to Montezuma Creek. Daryl Friant noted that SR-262 is a Level 2 road and not in great shape. Mr. Dowell commented on speed radar/speed zone signs that have been or will be installed around Montezuma Creek. The bus turned onto SR-162 and traveled east. Mr. Aldridge talked in detail about the completed Montezuma Creek to Aneth EIS, and the challenges of that road. The bus turned around and stopped for a short break in Aneth. Following the break, the bus traveled west on SR-162, through Montezuma Creek and on to Bluff. Mr. Dowell mentioned upcoming signage and safety work that will be done on SR-163, between the Arizona border and US-191. In Bluff, the bus stopped at the UDOT Maintenance Station, where the Commissioners and a few of the UDOT staff got in three trucks for a tour to Goosenecks State Park and the Moki Dugway. The rest of the bus passengers returned to Monticello.

The group in the three trucks traveled on US-163 to Mexican Hat, where they stopped to view the bridge and hear about the challenges of the sharp curve at the north end of the bridge. The group then traveled to Goosenecks State Park via SR-163, SR-261, and SR-316. After a short stop there, they traveled to SR-261, through the Moki Dugway, to SR-95 and US-191, and back to Monticello.

The tour ended at 6:12 p.m.

The following Commissioners, UDOT staff, and others attended the tour: Jeff Holt, Kent Millington, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Charlene McConkie, Naghi Zeenati, Louise Zeenati, Gayle McKeachnie, Kathlene McKeachnie, LeAnn Abegglen, Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Cory Pope, Bill Lawrence, Robert Pelly, Randy Park, Jason Davis, Pat Morley, Rick Torgerson, Monte Aldridge, Daryl Friant, Robert Dowell, Chet Johnson, Pat McGann, Gary Black, Randall Taylor, Kelly Pehrson.

LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary