

## UTAH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

June 13, 2014  
Roosevelt, Utah

The regular meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Commissioner Meghan Z. Holbrook, in the Roosevelt City Council Chambers, 255 South State Street, Roosevelt, Utah. Commissioners Holt, Millington and McConkie were excused from the meeting. The following Commissioners, staff members and others were in attendance:

Meghan Z. Holbrook, Commissioner	Senator Kevin VanTassell, Utah State Senate
Wayne K. Barlow, Commissioner	Mark Reidhead, Ballard Town Council
Naghi Zeenati, Commissioner	Mayor RoJean Rowley, Duchesne City
Gayle F. McKeachnie, Commissioner	Ron Winterton, Duchesne County Commission
LeAnn G. Abegglen, Commission Secretary	Greg Todd, Duchesne County Commission (elect)
Carlos Braceras, Executive Director	Ken Burdick, Duchesne County Commission (elect)
Shane Marshall, Deputy Director	Dave Millheim, Farmington City
Cory Pope, Program Development Director	Kent Cashel, Park City
Bill Lawrence, Program Development	Gordon Snow, Roosevelt City Council
Bob Pelly, Program Development	Chris Thomsen, Roosevelt City
Jeff Harris, Program Development	Mark Raymond, Uintah County
Randy Park, Project Development Director	Richard Hansen, Parsons
Jason Davis, Engineer for Operations	Richard Miller, Parsons
Nile Easton, Communications Director	David Warnock, Parsons
Elizabeth Weight, Communications	Bret Reynolds, Civco Engineering
Lyle McMillan, Right of Way Director	Joe Wolley, WW Clyde
Dian McGuire, Right of Way	Greg Buxton, Civil Engineering Technologies
Pat Morley, Director of Aeronautics	Andy Powell, URS
Teri Newell, Region Three Director	Jamie Evans, Evans Grader & Paving
Eileen Barron, Region Three	Ron Clegg, PB
Craig Hancock, Region Three	John Massey, Vernal Area Chamber
John Thomas, Region Three	Cheri McCurdy, Uintah Transportation SSD
Ervan Rhoades, Region Three	Doug Johnson, Ash Grove Cement
Ivan Marrero, FHWA Division Administrator	

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2014, UDOT/Commission tour, and the May 16, 2014, Commission meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Holbrook turned the time over to Commissioner McKeachnie for Public Comments. Senator Kevin VanTassell commented on the tour taken yesterday. He talked about several items, including the Roosevelt Airport, energy independence in the US, planning for growth, and taking care of needs. Ron Winterton, Duchesne County Commissioner, noted that US-40 and SR-191 is the next traffic hot spot, as traffic will be increasing in the next 18 months. It is a high concern for them. Mark Raymond, Uintah County Commissioner, reiterated what Commissioner Winterton said. He also mentioned the train study and the potential for rail service in the Uintah Basin. Gordon Snow, Roosevelt City Council, welcomed the Commission to Roosevelt and said they have been the

beneficiaries of a number of UDOT's projects. They are very appreciative of that. Mayor RoJean Rowley of Duchesne spoke to the Commission regarding the timeliness of the installation of a signal in Duchesne a few years ago, and the work done on the bridge on the road to Altamont. She mentioned the possibility of widening the intersection of US-40 and US-191 because of increased truck traffic.

Mark Reidhead, Ballard Town Council, commented on the widening of US-40 through their town, which has been a tremendous help. Cheri McCurdy, Uintah Transportation Special Service District, talked about the growth of their funding levels through the years and the current projects they are working on, such as Seep Ridge Road and the Ashley Valley Energy Route. She said traffic will continue to be a challenge, and they are thankful to be a part of the Uintah Basin Energy and Transportation Study. Adam Massey, Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce, talked about the huge role that the Uintah Basin has in commerce in Utah. He also talked about the myth of air quality. Dave Millheim from Farmington City commented on the West Davis Corridor and the importance of advanced corridor preservation efforts. They want to make sure Shepherd Lane is kept on the radar, but they also think there are some potential fatal flaws in the EIS. Greg Buxton, Civil Engineering Technologies, spoke about the Ute Tribe and a Correctional Facility that would be built soon. Commissioner McKeachnie turned the time back to Commissioner Holbrook.

### **LOCAL AREA PRESENTATION BY REGION THREE UINTA BASIN UPDATE**

Commissioner Holbrook said that the Local Area Presentation and the Uinta Basin Update would be combined. Teri Newell, Region Three Director, reviewed current and future projects in the area. Craig Hancock from Region Three reviewed the Uinta Basin Road Study, and John Thomas from Region Three provided a Uinta Basin Update that focused on the Uintah Basin Rail EIS.

### **UDOT SCOREBOARD**

Randy Park, Project Development Director, gave the report on the construction program, and Jason Davis, Engineer for Operations, gave the report for the Safety program.

### **AREA AIRPORTS AND TRANSIT PROJECTS UPDATE**

Bill Lawrence, Program Finance Director, gave an update on area airports and transit projects. Airports that were highlighted included Duchesne, Roosevelt, Vernal, Dutch John, and Manila. Public Transit information reviewed included the types of FTA funds that are being used in the Uintah Basin, the entities that are using those funds, and the people who are benefitting from those services. Commissioner McKeachnie asked if the Intercity Bus route could include a stop at the VA Hospital in Salt Lake City. Mr. Lawrence said he would check into it.

### **WINTER CLOSURES STUDY UPDATE**

Jeff Harris, Program Development, gave a presentation on the Winter Closure Study and the findings that would be published in a final report later this summer. The routes included in the study were SR-39 (Monte Cristo), SR-65 (East Canyon), SR-190 (Guardman's Pass/SR-224), SR-150 (Mirror

Lake Highway, SR-35 (Wolf Creek Pass), SR-92 (Alpine Loop), SR-148 (Cedar Breaks), and SR-153 (Mount Holly Junction).

## **PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING**

### **2014 STIP Amendment #9**

#### **Funding Adjustment at Post Construction**

Bill Lawrence reviewed the one project returning funds at post construction. He requested approval to transfer the funding to be reprogrammed at a later date.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the transfer of funding from the adjustment at post construction, as reviewed. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

#### **I-80; East Snowville to Hansel Valley – Approval to Exceed \$3 Million Limit**

Bill Lawrence said that Region One is requesting approval to bid a pavement preservation project that exceeds the \$3 million limit. It is the I-84; East Snowville to Hansel Valley project, it is programmed for \$3.5 million, and is eight miles long with 38 feet of pavement for both northbound and southbound.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the request to exceed the \$3 million limit for the I-84; East Snowville to Hansel Valley project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKeachnie and unanimously approved.*

#### **SR-68; Redwood Road, 4700 South & 5400 South – Funding Addition**

Bill Lawrence said Region Two is requesting approval to add \$1.1 million of NHPP\_NHS funds to the SR-68; Redwood Road; 4700 South & 5400 South project, due to some cost overruns, in which the major overrun was for Right of Way.

*Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve the addition of \$1.1 million of NHPP\_NHS funds to the SR-68; Redwood Road, 4700 South and 5400 South project. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

#### **SR-36; 3 O'clock Drive to 1000 North – Project Transfer, Funding Approval, and Add to STIP**

Bill Lawrence said that the SR-36; 3 O'clock Drive to 1000 North project is part of Tooele Main Street. The road has many deficiencies in regards to drainage, curb and gutter, and sidewalk. Region Two would like to fix those deficiencies, but they fall outside of the purple book guidelines; therefore, they would like to move the project from the Pavement Rehabilitation Program to a major rehab project. It is currently programmed at \$25.6 million and will not require any additional funds. The action needed would be to remove the project and its funding from the 2014 Pavement Rehab program and add the project to the 2014-2019 STIP.

*Commissioner McKeachnie moved for approval to remove the SR-36; 3 O'clock Drive to 1000 North project and its funding from the 2014 Pavement Rehabilitation program and*

*add the project to the 2014-2019 STIP. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **SR-201 & I-80 Culverts Project – Funding Transfer**

Bill Lawrence said Region Two is requesting approval to transfer \$500,000 of NHPP\_NHS and \$500,000 of NHPP\_IM funds from their Pavement Preservation efficiency funds to cover culvert repairs on the SR-201 & I-80 Culverts project.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the addition of \$500,000 of NHPP\_NHS and \$500,000 of NHPP\_IM funds to the SR-201 & I-80 Culverts project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zeenati and approved unanimously.*

### **Sugarhouse/Parley's Rails to Trails DRAW Project – Funding Approval**

Bill Lawrence explained that the Legislature included the Sugarhouse/Parley's Rails to Trails DRAW project in HB 3, item #31, and is an appropriations adjustment. The Legislature intends that the Transportation Commission consider funding \$200,000 from the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 Capacity Program for the Sugarhouse/Parley's Rails to Trails DRAW project.

*Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve funding \$200,000 of Transportation Investment Funds to the Sugarhouse/Parley's Rails to Trails DRAW project. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **Transportation Investment Fund Projects – Add to STIP**

Bill Lawrence said he is requesting approval to add the TIF funded Capacity Projects to the FY 2014-2019 STIP. The projects were identified at the 2014 STIP Workshop and the total programmed amount of the projects is \$401,501,000. He referenced the list of projects on the fact sheet and in the spreadsheet, and noted that the I-15 Interchange at Hill Field Road is being funded with current efficiencies and the Uinta Basin Environmental Study is being cash flowed through efficiencies as well.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve adding the list of Transportation Investment Fund projects to the FY 2014-2019 STIP. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **Tooele County: Veterans Outreach Program Grant – Add to STIP**

Bill Lawrence said that Tooele County has been awarded an FTA Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative grant to implement a Veterans Outreach Program. Tooele County Aging will use the funds for the acquisition of software and hardware, as well as technical assistance, to develop the Center.

*Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve adding the Tooele County Veterans Outreach Program to the FY 2014-2019 STIP. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **UTA: One Call-One Click Center and Veterans Outreach Program Grant – Add to STIP**

Bill Lawrence said that UTA has also been awarded an FTA Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative grant for a UTA One Call-One Click Center and for a UTA Veterans Outreach Program.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve adding the UTA One Call-One Click Center & Veterans Outreach Program to the FY 2014-2019 STIP. Commissioner McKeachnie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **Region One Request to Combine Projects – Information Only**

Bill Lawrence said Region One would like to combine two 2016 Choke Point projects – the I-15; SR-273 to Layton Parkway project and the I-15; SR-273 to MP 329.8, Davis County project – into one project. These projects were approved as independent projects going northbound and southbound at the interchange on I-15 at SR-273. It would be advantageous to construct these two projects together because of their close proximity. He noted this was for information only.

### **Vineyard Connector Project – Funding Adjustment**

Bill Lawrence said Region Three (not Region One as listed on the fact sheet) requests approval to add \$1.2 million to the Vineyard Connector project. The low bid came in over the engineer's estimate, so the additional funds would allow them to award the project, do additional railroad requirements, and maintain a 5% contingency. Funding would come from available Statewide Transportation Investment Funding obtained from efficiencies.

*Chairman Barlow moved to approve adding \$1.2 million to the Vineyard Connector project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zeenati and unanimously approved.*

### **2015-2020 DRAFT STIP**

#### **Approval to Release Draft STIP for Public Comment**

Bill Lawrence said he is seeking approval today to release the 2015-2020 Draft STIP for public comment. Notice will be given in a local newspaper and the draft document will be available online on UDOT's website. It will then be brought back to the Commission in August for approval to send to FTA and FHWA for review and approval.

*Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve releasing the FY 2015-2020 Draft STIP for public comment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barlow and unanimously approved.*

### **Aeronautics**

#### **2015-2019 Airport Capital Improvement Program Approval**

Bill Lawrence said the Draft 2015-2019 ACIP project listing was presented at the May Commission meeting for review, but there have been some revisions that have been made since the May meeting. Mr. Lawrence reviewed five changes that were made and then requested approval of the 2015-2019 ACIP.

*Commissioner Barlow made a motion to approve the 2015-2019 Airport Capital Improvement Program as requested. It was seconded by Commissioner Zeenati and unanimously approved.*

## **REQUEST FOR USE OF CORRIDOR PRESERVATION FUNDS**

### **Jim Armstrong – West Davis Corridor**

Lyle McMillan distributed a handout and reviewed the budget and obligations of the Corridor Preservation Fund. He talked about the overwhelming number of applications they are receiving in the West Davis Corridor and their efforts to get the counties involved in preserving the corridor. Mr. McMillan said the first request for use of corridor preservation funds is from Jim and Nancy Armstrong, who own a one acre lot in West Point that is in the West Davis Corridor. Mr. Armstrong has been transferred out of state by his employer and is unable to support two households. The home has appraised for \$275,000.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the purchase of the Jim and Nancy Armstrong property. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **Brian Cieslewicz – West Davis Corridor**

Lyle McMillan said the second request is from Brian Cieslewicz. Mr. Cieslewicz has been laid off by his employer and the unemployment benefits are not enough to cover the house payment. The home has appraised for \$400,000 and is in the Shepard Lane alternative of the West Davis Corridor.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the purchase of the Brian Cieslewicz property. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

## **UDOT PROPERTY TRADE**

### **Ivory Homes**

Lyle McMillan explained that Ivory Homes owns 44 acres of vacant land at approximately 5886 West Parkway Boulevard in WVC. UDOT needs 2.6 acres of the Ivory property for future utility relocation for Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) and Kern River Gas (KRG). UDOT owns 3.8 acres of vacant land at approximately 3762 South 5600 West in WVC. UDOT would like to do a value for value exchange with Ivory Homes. Benefits of the trade include eliminating about \$1 million in retaining wall construction, eliminating maintenance, repair, and graffiti removal from the wall in the future, reducing the construction schedule when MVC is constructed through the area, and reducing design costs by RMP and KRG that would have been paid by UDOT due to the forced relocation.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the value for value property trade between UDOT and Ivory Homes. Commissioner McKeachnie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **FHWA Report**

Ivan Marrero, Division Administrator for FHWA, reported on the current Highway Bill and the Highway Trust Fund, and the impacts of the uncertainty of Trust Fund dollars. He also talked about Utah's FHWA office and the retirement of their financial manager, Betty Bangerter.

### **Commission Committee Assignments/Reports**

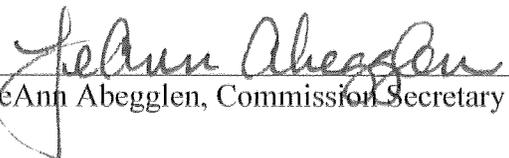
Commissioner Barlow reported on the Corridor Preservation Advisory Committee that met last week, and Commissioner Zeenati reported on the DTEC meeting he attended.

### **Upcoming Transportation Commission Meetings**

The next regular Utah Transportation Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2014, in Lehi, Utah. The following meeting dates have been scheduled:

July 2014 – No meetings scheduled  
August 14-15, 2014 – Lehi  
September 11-12, 2014 – Salt Lake City  
October 9-10, 2014 – Bountiful  
November 13-14, 2014 – Price  
December 5, 2014 – Salt Lake City

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

  
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LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary