

**Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Transportation Commission
Staff Update Meeting
September 10, 2015**

The Utah Transportation Commission convened in a Staff Update Meeting with UDOT staff on September 10, 2015, at 2:25 p.m., in the Layton City Council Conference Room, 437 North Wasatch Drive, Layton, Utah. In attendance were:

Commission Members: Jeff Holt, Wayne Barlow, Naghi Zeenati.

UDOT Staff and others: Shane Marshall, Randy Park, Cory Pope, Bill Lawrence, Bob Pelly, Joe Walker, Kris Peterson, LeAnn Abegglen, Heather Barthold, Brian Dean, Zack King.

Welcome and Review Agenda

Shane Marshall welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.

Rural Transit Funding

Bill Lawrence gave a presentation on rural transit funding, as a result of a question asked last month on what the cost per rider is that funding is provided for. His presentation and discussion focused on three groupings: Fixed Route, Specialized Transit Service and Intercity Bus Routes. The Fixed Route/Innercity Routes include Cedar Area Transit, Park City Transit, Uintah Basin Transit, and Cache Valley Transit. Mr. Lawrence broke down the information for Park City Transit, Cache Valley Transit, and the Basin Area Transit that included ridership average, transit expenses and average cost per rider. For Specialized Transit, which includes service for seniors and persons with disabilities, he reviewed the number of providers and the average cost per trip. Intercity Bus is public transportation equipment and services connecting rural areas to urbanized areas. The requirement is that it has to provide meaningful connection with Greyhound. Mr. Lawrence reviewed a breakdown of monthly boardings for the two new routes that started service in August of last year by Elevated Transit, from SLC to Richfield and SLC to Blanding. He also reviewed the costs for each route, including expenses, passenger revenue, net deficit and cost per boarding. There was extensive discussion regarding the cost per boarding amounts, Elevated Transit's contract, high administrative expenses, bus maintenance issues, and federal requirements. Mr. Lawrence said he would check further into the administrative expenses and also making sure they are compliant with the contract.

Open Discussion

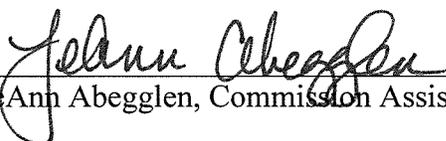
Shane Marshall posed a question about the STIP Workshop and how to make it more meaningful for the Commission. Cory Pope continued the dialogue and there was discussion on ways to improve the workshop and the process leading up to the workshop. Jeff Holt said that the region presentations were more important for him to hear, and Wayne Barlow said he would also like to see more time spend on the region presentations. Chairman Holt liked the idea of having a programmatic discussion in March and the discretion discussion could take place in April at the workshop.

Chairman Holt also brought up the possibility of having a couple of the Commissioners attend TRB and rotating the attendance each year. There was discussion on the possibility and a suggestion

was made to have an item on the next Staff Update meeting agenda on ideas that have been brought back from TRB and implemented by UDOT.

Mr. Marshall led a brief discussion regarding Commission meeting dates and locations for 2016. Some ideas for tours included Indian Canyon and Nine Mile Canyon, and meeting in Duchesne and Kanab.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Assistant