

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2016

ATTENDEES: Scott Henrikson, Paul Goodrich, Polly Millet, Karl Gadd, Keith White, Leslie Nelson, Tom MacDonald, Sam Kelly and Ken Anson with UTA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Henrikson suggested we add corrections to the November 3rd minutes and that the commission approve them and the January minutes. Ms. Neilson seconded. All present were in favor.

UTA BUS ROUTE 842

1. Proposed Changes – Ken Anson UTA

Mr. Anson talked about route 842, which is of concern. They are wanting to make a change with the whole route. They are 60 minute routes. There should be 30 minute routes at the most. They wanted to shift some services around so that 842 would supplement segments. Mrs. Nelson asked what the ridership is. Mr. Anson said there are around 100 people a day on the 842. The anticipated ridership on the 836 on 800 North is about 62 people a day. The 821 would ride 11 people a day. Mr. White asked if, with the double routes per day, wouldn't ridership be 5 per bus? Mr. Anson said that usually ridership increases significantly when frequency is increased. Mr. MacDonald asked about the word perfect campus, and Mr. Anson said ridership would be better with more frequency. They are essentially proposing to re-align resources. Mr. White asked what the "breakeven point" would be. Mr. Anson said he doesn't think they would ever really be profitable. The goal for UTA is to use the resources the best way possible. Mr. Henrikson asked about the purpose of this meeting and Mr. Anson said the purpose of the meeting is to provide information and to share what UTA is planning on doing. Mrs. Nelson asked what the expected ridership would be. Mr. Anson said between 25-30,000 more riders for the full year with the change. 26:00

ANNUAL BIKE EVENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Goodrich said that he had someone from the city manager's office talk with someone from the Summerfest committee and they think it is a good idea to add the even to Summerfest. Mr. Goodrich suggested we have just one event this year and not complicate it too much. This year the Summerfest committee doesn't want Summerfest to be any longer than a week. It needs to be between Monday – Saturday, so the bike event should be Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. It wouldn't officially be a Summerfest activity if it was the Saturday afterwards. Mr. Henrikson said that we discussed it to NOT be tied with Summerfest. Mr. White asked if it had to be within a calendar week, or could it be the Tuesday after Summerfest. Mrs. Nelson said as she recalls the only reason we wanted it tied with Summerfest was for advertising. If we can't adequately advertise before and get 2 pages on the

Summerfest magazine then there is no reason to do it within that week. UTA would be willing to still fund the food for the event, even though it is in June. Mr. White gave a summary of 2 options that we have with Summerfest. 1. We can be in the circular and hold it on the Tuesday or Wednesday before. Or 2. We advertise in a booth at Summerfest and hold the event the Saturday afterwards. Mrs. Nelson thinks we wouldn't have much advertising if it was done during Summerfest. Mr. White stated that the advertising at Summerfest would be in addition to our normal advertising. Ms. Nelson said the 3rd option would be hold the event in May and advertise in schools.

Mr. White said he was open to trying the June time frame. Mr. Goodrich said the city manager's office doesn't have enough boots on the ground to manage more events and so they want to slowly grow year by year.

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Goodrich for Tuesday or Wednesday. Mr. Goodrich asked for a morning or evening event. Mr. MacDonald said that people have work Tuesday or Wednesday in the morning so that it would be harder to do hold it then. Mrs. Nelson thinks that we should go back to the city manager's office to request to hold the event the Saturday before Summerfest. Mr. MacDonald said that Summerfest doesn't start till later in the morning, so maybe we could hold the even the Saturday morning of Summerfest, but earlier in the morning.

The Rotary pancake breakfast started at 8:00am last year for Summerfest. Mr. MacDonald, Mr. White, and Mrs. Nelson suggested piggy backing on the pancake breakfast the morning of the Saturday Summerfest, since Summerfest events start at 10:00 am. Mr. White suggested we promote attendees to ride their bikes to the event, since parking for Summerfest is really bad. Mr. Goodrich said that we could have UTA pay for the first 100 people who ride their bike to get a free breakfast. The rest would be charged \$2 a person and \$10 a family.

Mr. White motioned that the event be held with the rotary pancake breakfast at 8:00am the Saturday of Summerfest. Mrs. Nelson seconded. All present were in favor.

Mr. Goodrich said Plan B would be for Tuesday or Wednesday of that week.

MAG PROJECT IDEAS PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

1. CENTRAL COUNTY RAIL (TRANSIT STUDY)

MR. GOODRICH SAID THERE IS A RAIL LINE ON THE WESTSIDE OF GENEVA ROAD AND COULD BE USED AS FUTURE LIGHT RAIL LINE. FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS VINEYARD HAS BEEN TRYING TO RELOCATE THE LINE IN ORDER TO HAVE A FRONT RUNNER LINE AND LIGHT RAIL STOP IN VINEYARD. UTA, UDOT, AND VINEYARD HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING AND APPROVAL FROM THE RAILROAD TO MOVE THE LIGHT RAIL FROM GENEVA ROAD DOWN TO VINEYARD, BUT WITH FUTURE PATHS TO STATE STREET IN OREM. **MR. WHITE** TALKED ABOUT A SURVEY FOR UVU CAMPUS AND WHERE TO ADD TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS. **MR. GOODRICH** SAID WE WERE APPROVED BY THE MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION AND WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR A TRANSIT STUDY FOR \$325,000 THE STUDY WILL BE HAPPENING NEXT YEAR. **MR. GOODRICH** INTRODUCED SOME POSSIBILITIES FOR LIGHT RAIL DOWN 1200 WEST AND UP 800 NORTH.

2. 800 N/ UNIVERSITY AVE/ CENTER STREET

THE CITY WOULD NOT WANT TO WIDEN CENTER STREET BECAUSE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, RESTAURANTS ETC. MR. GOODRICH IS TRYING TO GET MORE PUBLIC TRANSIT ETC. MR. GOODRICH SAID THEY WOULD WANT TO REDIRECT THE RIVERWOODS TRAFFIC TO 800 NORTH. THEY WOULD WANT TO COMPLETE ROADS CONNECTING RIVERWOODS TO 800 NORTH. MR. HENRICKSON ASKED HOW THESE ADDITIONS AND CHANGES WOULD DECREASE TRAFFIC ON CENTER STREET. IF CENTER STREET TAKES LONGER AND 800 NORTH WAS MORE CONVENIENT THEN IT WOULD RE-DIRECT ON 800N. MR. GOODRICH SAID IF THE STUDY CAN PROVE THAT COSTS WOULD BE MINIMAL, AND THE IMPACT ON TRAFFIC WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, THEN THEY WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO COVER CONSTRUCTION COSTS. 1:12:00

3. 1-15 FRONTAGE ROAD STUDY

THE STUDY WOULD FOCUS ON THE EAST SIDE FRONTAGE ROAD ON 1-15 AND COULD CONNECT ALL THE WAY THROUGH OREM. WE WOULD REQUEST A STUDY ON THE IMPACT ON HAVING A FRONTAGE ROAD, POSSIBLY TO PROVO CENTER STREET. THE STUDY WOULD HELP THE COMMISSION DETERMINE IF FRONTAGE ROAD SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE WIDENING 800 SOUTH. 1:16:00

4. STATE STREET RAISED MEDIANS – (APPROVED 3.7 MILLION AND THEY WILL ASK FOR ANOTHER 1.5 MILLION FOR LANDSCAPING)

THE STUDY WILL COVER 2000 NORTH IN OREM TO THE PROVO HOSPITAL, TO DETERMINE A PRELIMINARY DESIGN TO FIGURE OUT THE MAIN SAFETY POINTS. THEY ESTIMATE AROUND THE MALL AND SOUTH OF CENTER WOULD BE THE BEST PLACES TO PUT THE MEDIANS. THE STUDY WOULD FIND WHERE THE BEST PLACES WOULD BE AND THEN THE FUNDING WOULD COVER CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR A FEW BLOCKS. MRS. NELSON ASKED WHO WOULD MAINTAIN THE LANDSCAPING SO THAT IT DOESN'T GET FORGOTTEN. MR. GOODRICH SAID THE FUNDS WILL COVER THE STUDY AND MOST OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS. 1:22:00

5. 1600 NORTH, 1-15 STATE STREET – THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED \$5 MILLION TO WIDEN 1600 NORTH AND WIDENING THOSE STREETS IN PHASES. EVENTUALLY THEY WANT 1600 NORTH TO BE WIDENED TO 5 LANES. MR. GOODRICH SAID THEY STILL NEED TO COMPLETE A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD WIDEN THE NORTH OR SOUTH SIDE OF 1600 NORTH. MR. GOODRICH SAID THEY WOULD START ON THE PROJECT AS SOON AS THEY RECEIVE THE FUNDS. 1600 WILL BE IN TOTAL AROUND \$20 MILLION TO COMPLETE, SO CONSTRUCTION WOULD NEED TO BE DONE IN STAGES.

6. LAKESHORE TRAIL EXTENSION PHASE 1 - \$433,300

MR. GOODRICH SAID THIS WOULD BE A TRAIL EXTENSION TO UVU FROM THE LAKE BIKE TRAIL AROUND SLEEPY RIDGE.

7. 1200 SOUTH 400 WEST ROUNDABOUT IMPROVEMENT 1.9 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT

MAG ONLY HAS \$40 MILLION EACH YEAR TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS PROJECT WAS 8TH OUT OF 67 ON THEIR PRIORITY LEVEL. CURRENTLY PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO SPEED THROUGH THE ROUNDABOUT, SO THE ORIGINAL DESIGN WAS DONE INCORRECTLY AND NEEDS TO BE REBUILT. MR. GOODRICH SAID THERE ARE TOO MANY ACCIDENTS THERE CURRENTLY.

MR. WHITE ASKED ABOUT THE FRONTAGE ROAD STUDY, AND MR. GOODRICH SAID THAT THE FIRST RATINGS ON ALL OF THE PROJECTS WERE HIGH ENOUGH ON THE PRIORITIES FOR MAGS SO THAT THEY WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ALL OF THE STUDIES. STATE STREET RANKED 13TH OUT OF 67 PROJECTS.

BRT UPDATE

MR. GOODRICH SAID IN 2008 CITY COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION THAT IF ALL THEIR REQUIREMENTS WERE MET BY UTA THEY WOULD PASS THE BRT PLAN. UTA HAS DONE ALL BUT ONE. (1 TO 1 LANDSCAPE REPLACEMENT ON UNIVERSITY PARKWAY) MR. GOODRICH SAID THE BUSINESSES PARKING IMPACT WOULD BE SO BAD THAT 1 TO 1 REPLACEMENT WOULD NOT BE A PRACTICAL OPTION. THEY WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE THE PARKING STALL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH DEVELOPMENT. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE CODE MINIMUMS AND PARKING THAT EACH DEVELOPMENT WOULD WANT.

MR. GADD ASKED IF THEY WERE WORKING WITH UDOT OR UTA ON THIS PROJECT. MR. GOODRICH SAID BOTH. IN REALITY THE 1 TO 1 RATION WOULD NOT WORK, IT WOULD BE MORE LIKE 75% LANDSCAPING TO 1 ROAD ADDITION, BECAUSE THE IMPACT WOULD CAUSE THE BUSINESSES TO SUFFER. Mr. Goodrich said they will need to take this information to City Council to have them pass 65-75% range so that it wouldn't hurt businesses. Mrs. Nelson suggested 50-65%. Mr. Goodrich asked if the commission would like to make a motion or a formal recommendation to the city council in general terms about changing the 1 to 1 agreement.

Mr. White made a motion for city council to consider reducing the landscape requirement below 100% in order to decrease impact on businesses and still building bus lanes.

Mr. Gadd asked if BRT lanes would be down the center of the road. Mr. Goodrich said it is just like light rail but for rubber tires. Mr. Gadd asked if ornamental lighting would be sufficient at each station. Mrs. Nelson suggested flowering vines at each station. Mrs. Nelson asked how many lanes there are now and how many will there be in the future. Mr. Goodrich said the same number of traffic lanes plus the BRT lanes. Mr. Goodrich also said walk ways for each station. The project is also improvement sections all along university parkway.

Mr. White re-stated his previous motion. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Mr. White wanted to make one more comment. They already have funding for light rail and frontage roads. Mr. White was wondering if those studies could be linked together, because they are highly inter-related. Mrs. Nelson seconded the recommendation from Mr. White. Mr. Goodrich agreed.

Mrs. Nelson moved that we adjourn and Mr. White seconded. All present were in favor.

Griffin Harris, Chairperson

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