

UTAH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, April 15, 2016

Salt Lake City, Utah

The April 2016 meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Acting Chairman J. Kent Millington, in the Njord Conference Room of the Calvin Rampton Complex, located at 4501 South 2700 West in Salt Lake City, Utah. Chairman Millington reminded presenters and audience members that the meeting was being broadcasted live, and that previous meetings were available on www.youtube.com/utahdot.

Introductions of Commission members, UDOT staff and local government officials were made. Those in attendance included:

Gayle McKeachnie, Commissioner
Dannie McConkie, Commissioner
Meghan Holbrook, Commissioner
J. Kent Millington, Acting Commission Chair
Wayne Barlow, Commissioner
Naghi Zeenati, Commissioner
Heather Barthold, Commission Assistant
Carlos Braceras, UDOT Executive Director
Shane Marshall, UDOT Deputy Director
Mat Allred, UDOT Communications
Joe Walker, UDOT Communications Director
Jason Davis, UDOT Operations Director
Randy Park, UDOT Project Development Director
Nathan Lee, UDOT Program Development Director
Kris Peterson, UDOT Region One Director
Jeff Harris, UDOT Planning Director
Bill Lawrence, UDOT Programming Director
Bob Pelly, UDOT Planning and Programming
Kirk Thornock, UDOT Region Four
Bryan Adams, UDOT Region Two Director
Lisa Zundel, UDOT Region Two
Linda Hull, UDOT Policy & Legislative Services Director
Becky Nix, UDOT Structures

John Gleason, UDOT Communications
Dave Schwartz, UDOT Region Two
Dian McGuire, UDOT Right of Way
Lyle McMillan, UDOT Right of Way Director
Becky Bradshaw, UDOT Finance Director
Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Brigitte Mandel, FHWA
Alex Janak, OLRGC
Kurt Gasser, OLRGC
Charlene McConkie
Michael Laslo, CH2M
Vijay Kornala, JUB
Jeff Ray, Parsons
Lee Davidson, SL Tribune
Jodi Pearson, Kimley-Horn
Brandon Kidd, Jacobs
Trent Parkhill, Kleinfelder
Eric Isom, MIB Partners
Andy Powell, AECOM
Dan Isom, Hatch Mott MacDonald
Shannon Bond, WSP-Parsons Brinckerhoff
Wayne Bennion, WFRC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the minutes of the March Staff Update and Commission meetings. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

Carlos Braceras, UDOT Executive Director, reminded the Commission and audience members that information from the previous day's STIP Workshop was available online at www.udot.utah.gov/go/commission, under the "STIP Workshop and Project Lists" link. Comments can be made by clicking on the "Public Comment Form for STIP Program" link. Chairman Millington said any comments received will be appreciated.

UDOT SCOREBOARD

Randy Park, UDOT Project Development Director, reported on the Construction program. Since the March Commission meeting, 12 projects were advertised for \$60 million. He said the majority are preservation projects that will be completed this summer.

Jason Davis, UDOT Operations Director, reported on the Safety program. Year to date, there have been 54 fatalities. The group had brief discussion about the warming weather and increased numbers of pedestrian, bicyclist and motorcycle road users, distracted driving, and cell phone usage and laws. Jason also discussed UDOT's New Driver Program that the safety group offers to high school drivers ed classes and parent nights.

REPURPOSING EARMARKS UPDATE

In March's Staff Update Meeting, the Commission was informed of the State's opportunity to repurpose unused or leftover earmarked funds. One of the requirements for repurposing is that the funds must be used within a 50-mile radius buffer of the earmarked project. Chairman Millington asked how much money would be allocated to specific MPO areas.

In response to Chairman Millington's question, Jeff Harris, UDOT Planning Director, presented a Story Map on UPlan that showed the potential dollar amounts for each Region, planning jurisdiction and county. A total possible dollar amount was listed for each area, and dollars were counted multiple times in adjacent areas.

Jeff also shared a timeline of the process. Current efforts are the first steps; a list of projects will be brought to the Commission for action in September.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

2016 STIP Amendment #7

Funding Adjustments at Award or Post Construction

Bill Lawrence, UDOT Programming Director, presented 6 at award and 2 post construction funding adjustments, requesting to return over \$16 million to their respective programs.

Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Barlow seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

Region One Requests

I-15, I-84; SR-240 to SR-102 – Funding Addition

Region One requested approval to add \$1 million to the I-15, I-84; SR-240 to SR-102 project, which is currently funded at \$6 million. The Commission recently added this project, which was a combination of several segments, to the 2016 Pavement Rehabilitation program, but the estimate for one of the segments (I-84, from SR-102 to I-15) was inadvertently left off when the project was programmed. This request does not add additional scope, just the dollar amount that was left off from previous action. Funding is available from the Region's unprogrammed balance within the 2016 Pavement Rehabilitation program.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the request and Commission Zeenati seconded the motion. The request to add \$1 million to the project was unanimously approved.

SR-91; SR-13 to Mantua – Funding Addition (*For information only*)

Region One and the Traffic & Safety group are combining the SR-91, SR-13 to Mantua Pavement Preservation project (currently programmed at \$1.8 million) with the US-91, MP 2 to 6.6 Concrete Median Barrier HSIP project (programmed at \$3.5 million). Both project have the same limits. The combined project value is \$5.3 million.

No action for this item was required.

Region Two Asset Projects

Region Two requested a scope and funding adjustment for four Asset Management project, and the addition of a new project.

I-80 and I-215 Replacement Project – Funding Addition

Currently funded for \$4 million, this request would add \$3 million to the project from balance available in the Region Two Preservation Program, allowing for an increase in the number of signs being completed, and replacing sign structures that are in bad shape. Bryan Adams, UDOT Region Two Director, explained this project would replace overhead signs and structures that were installed in the original I-15 job that are rusted and peeling.

I-215; Sub-standard Barrier Replacement – Funding Addition

The scope for this project is to replace substandard barrier and barrier in disrepair. Currently funded for \$2 million, this request would add \$2.5 million to the project from balance available in Region Two's Rehabilitation Program, allowing for an increase in the number of barrier being replaced.

I-215; Knudsen Corner Bridge Preservation – Scope & Funding Addition

The scope for this project is for bridge repair on I-215. The structures in the area are in need of preservation work. Currently funded at \$4.7 million, this request would add \$4 million from balance available in Region Two Rehabilitation Program, and allow for all preservation work to be done in one project. UDOT's Structures group would reimburse the Region Two Pavement Program in 2021 or 2022, when their funding is available.

I-84; Henefer to Echo Pipe – Funding Addition

Currently funded at \$2 million, this request would add \$500 thousand from balance available in Region Two's Rehabilitation Program, extending the project limits and including rehabilitation on six additional culverts.

I-80 Snow Fence, Various Locations – New Asset Project

A new project would construct snow fence along various locations along I-80. The requested \$500 thousand would come from balance available in Region Two's Preservation program.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve all five requests as detailed. Commissioner McKeachnie seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

Dixie MPO TIP Amendment

The Dixie MPO requested to amend the TIP by changing the scope of the River Road, Ft. Pierce to Brigham project, by construction instead, a section further north: River Road; Riverside Drive to 1450 South. The project name on the STIP will need to be changed to reflect the amendment.

The amendment also included programming an additional \$1.1 million to 2019, and moving the currently programmed funding from 2017 to 2019, resulting in a total program amount of \$3,539,633 for the project. St. George City has committed to build the original section (Ft. Pierce Wash to Brigham Road) using their own funding.

Commissioner McKeachnie moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Schedule

In response to a discussion during March's Commission Meeting about the replenishment of the SIB Loan Fund, Bill Lawrence reviewed a spreadsheet of the SIB Loan Fund balance, which included a repayment schedule. In May, Vineyard has a \$1.8 million dollar payment. By May 2017, the SIB Loan Fund will have a balance of just under \$4 million.

Commissioner Holbrook asked if anyone was ever unable to repay the loan, and was told no. A brief discussion about the Geneva Road expansion project and timeline took place.

Shane Marshall, UDOT Deputy Director, emphasized to the Commission that if a SIB loan request was received

before the balance was replenished, the Commission has the ability to capitalize the loan fund through existing funding.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF CORRIDOR PRESERVATION FUNDS

Lyle McMillan, Right of Way Director, reviewed the Marda Dillree Corridor Preservation Budget and Obligations spreadsheet. The current fund balance is \$12,958,432, which will drop to \$3,802,324 after transactions for recently obligated funds are completed. If the following pending applications are approved, the balance will then be \$3,187,324.

LDS Church – US-89, Fruit Heights

Lyle presented the Corridor Advisory Council's recommendation to purchase a 1.286 parcel of vacant property located on Highway 89 and 400 North in Fruit Heights. The land is currently zoned medium density residential but is best suited for neighborhood commercial; it has appraised for \$240,000 and is needed for the US-89 Corridor.

Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion.

William Compton – West Davis Corridor, West Point

Lyle presented the Corridor Advisory Council's recommendation to purchase a 9.5 acre property in West Point that is needed for the West Davis Corridor. The land has appraised at \$408,500.

Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion.

WASATCH FRONT CENTRAL CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

Lisa Zunel, UDOT Region Two Project Manager, gave an update on the Wasatch Front Central Corridor Study. She said the project team is currently in the process of developing and analyzing initial scenarios, and outreach efforts have included local government workshops in Draper and South Salt Lake.

Lisa discussed the need to change behavior by incentivizing commuters. She also discussed possible considerations such as reduced transit fares, double-tracking FrontRunner, pay-per-use vehicle kiosks, as well as a 'cycle autobahn', which would allow cyclists to travel on a facility separate from live traffic.

Lisa said she will update the Commission on the study again in August, and that final recommendations will be made by the end of the year.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FHWA Report

Ivan Marrero, FHWA Division Administrator, thanked Brigitte Mandel, FHWA Assistant Division Administrator, for filling in while he was away on a six month assignment. Chairman Millington echoed Ivan's sentiment.

Ivan said that FHWA is developing a strategic plan in preparation for their new performance year which will begin in June. A risk assessment has been done in conjunction with UDOT, and some items within civil rights, right of way, and internal FHWA have been identified, due to new personnel. He said other potential risks could stem from new regulations and requirements, and that air quality standards may also come into play as a risk area. He said FHWA will work on identifying activities, training and clarifications to mitigate the risks.

Ivan said FHWA has been having regional Truck Parking meetings, where DOTs identify needs and areas across the state where additional parking for truckers can be provided. A meeting will be held in Salt Lake City on June 8; more details will be shared with the Commission as the event nears.

Commission Committee Reports

Commissioner McEachnie had no reports, but mentioned the upcoming Joint Highway Committee meeting in

St. George where he will be talking on behalf of, and about, the Commission. Commissioner McConkie reported that he has attended several UDOT Local Government visits, and will attend upcoming UTA committee meetings and Transcom.

Commissioner Barlow and Chairman Millington attended the Corridor Preservation Advisory Council meeting, and Commissioner Zeenati attended DTEC, where the TIP amendment was discussed.

A discussion about CIB money swap and qualifying counties took place.

Upcoming Transportation Commission Meetings

Chairman Millington reminded everyone that the Commission will meet in Tooele in May. Tour highlights will include Tooele Main Street, Grantsville Main Street and Midvalley Highway, and UTA will be giving their annual report at the Commission meeting.

Remaining 2016 Meeting Date and Locations:

- May 12-13– Tooele
- June 16-17 – Logan
- August 11-12 – Duchesne
- September 15-16– West Point
- October 13-14 – Ephraim
- November 17-18 – Eagle Mountain
- December 9 – Salt Lake City

Commissioner Barlow moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.



Heather J. Barthold, Commission Assistant