

## UTAH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

May 10, 2013  
Vernal, Utah

The regular meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission was held in the Vernal City Council Chambers, 374 East Main Street, Vernal, Utah, and called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chairman Jeffrey D. Holt. He welcomed those attending, and excused Commissioner Holbrook. The following Commissioners, staff members and others were in attendance:

Jeffrey D. Holt, Chairman	Mayor Tom Nordstrom, Ballard City
J. Kent Millington, Commissioner	Ken Bassett, Vernal City
Wayne K. Barlow, Commissioner	Mayor Randy Farnworth, Vineyard Town
Dannie R. McConkie, Commissioner	Barry Edwards, North Salt Lake City
Eddie L. Cox, Commissioner	Ken Leetham North Salt Lake City
Naghi Zeenati, Commissioner	Paul Ottosen, North Salt Lake City
LeAnn G. Abegglen, Commission Secretary	Danyale Blackmore, Virgin Town Council
Carlos Bracerias, Acting Executive Director	Vincent Blackmore, Virgin Town
Ahmad Jaber, Engineer for Operations	Lori Rose, Virgin Town
John Gleason, Community Relations	Jason Smith, Virgin Town
Cory Pope, Director of Program Development	Ron Clegg, PB
Bill Lawrence, Program Development	Joe Wolley, WW Clyde
Bob Pelly, Program Development	Jamie Evans, Evans Grader
Linda Hull, Dir of Policy and Legislative Services	Kim Wilson, AMEC
Pat Morley, Director of Aeronautics	Sally Ellis, Jacobs
Shane Marshall, Region Three Director	Steve Snelgrove, URS Corp
Muriel Xochimitl, Region Three	Dave Hansen, UTSSD
Brent Schvaneveldt, Region Three	Bret Reynolds, Civco Engineering
Ervan Rhodes, Region Three	Jared Bigler, SWCA Env. Consultants
James Christian, FHWA	Cheri McCurdy, Uintah Transp. SSD
Jeff Gilbert, CMPO	Merlin B. Sinfield, Uintah Transp. SSD
Senator Kevin Van Tassell, Utah State Senate	Richard Kohler
Ron Winteron, Duchesne County Commission	Pete Marshall, HNTB
Mark Raymond, Uintah County Commission	Alan Massey, Vernal Area Chamber
Darlene Burns, Uintah County Commission	Laynee Jones, Lochner

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Cox moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2013, STIP Workshop and the April 19, 2013, Commission meeting. Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

### **LOCAL AREA PRESENTATION BY REGION THREE**

Brent Schvaneveldt from Region Three gave the local area presentation that covered information on 2013 Uintah Basin projects and the Region's public outreach efforts. Shane Marshall, Region Three Director, provided an overview of US-40, which included historical information on the amount of funds invested in US-40 the last 10 years, local priorities, and future US-40 projects.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Kevin Van Tassell, Utah State Senate, thanked the Commission for coming to Vernal, commented on Carlos Braceras' appointment as executive director and expressed appreciation to Region Three for what they do for the area. Uintah County Commissioner Mark Raymond echoed what Senator Van Tassell said and also gave kudos to Region Three. Duchesne County Commissioner Ron Winterton expressed appreciation for the attention they get in this area, as well, and talked about the impacts being made by the gas and oil industry and the super tankers, as well as impacts on SR-191.

Mayor Randy Farnworth, Vineyard Town, spoke to the Commission regarding their intention to officially apply for a loan from the State Infrastructure Bank. He provided a letter to be distributed to the Commission, and said the relocation of an existing rail spur is a necessity for their town. Director Braceras asked that Mayor Farnworth work with Region Three and Program Finance to get the process going. He also asked for an update on the progress of the application at the July meeting.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **FHWA Report**

Chairman Holt moved this item up on the agenda. James Christian from FHWA reported on the nomination of Anthony Foxx from North Carolina as the next Secretary of Transportation. He also reported on the current Transportation Bill and ARRA.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont.)**

Jamie Evans, Evans Grader, congratulated Carlos Braceras on becoming UDOT's executive director. Cheri McCurdy, Uintah Transportation Special Service District, thanked UDOT for their attention to the Basin and the work done on US-40. She also expressed appreciation for John Thomas' work on the Uintah Basin Energy and Transportation Study. She provided a project summary to be distributed to the Commission, which showed Uintah Transportation Special Service District, Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, and Federal funds spent on local projects since 2005. Chairman Holt stated that it is stunning to see what has been done out here.

## **UINTAH BASIN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY UPDATE**

Cory Pope, Program Development Director, distributed 'Final Report: Uinta Basin Energy and Transportation Study,' and said the first phase is finished. The study was made possible through partnerships in the Basin, leadership, and funding. He looks forward to more work being done in the future. The next phase, which was partially funded by the Legislature, will start the environmental study phase. There is still a lot of work to be done to prepare for that, and the Department is in the process of outlining the next steps. There was additional discussion regarding the current and upcoming studies.

## **UDOT SCOREBOARD**

Ahmad Jaber, Engineer for Operations, gave the report for both the Safety program, and the Construction program.

### **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

#### **2013 STIP Amendment #8**

#### **Federal/State Fund Exchange Request – North Salt Lake**

Bill Lawrence, Program Finance Director, stated that North Salt Lake is requesting that for the 1100 North Street; Redwood Road to 110 East project, \$2.512 million in STP\_URB\_O/L federal dollars be exchanged for \$2.135 million in state dollars. This project is on the STIP with federal dollars split between FY 0213 and FY 2014, and WFRC has agreed to move the federal dollars into FY 2013, making it available for the exchange. The state funding is available from the I-15; North Salt Lake to I-84 Express Lanes project; it would receive \$2.512 million of STP\_URB\_O/L funds in exchange for \$2.135 million of state TIF funds. Representatives of North Salt Lake, Barry Edwards, Ken Leetham, and Paul Ottoson, spoke to the Commission and explained the reason for their request to exchange funds.

*Commissioner Millington moved to approve North Salt Lake's request to exchange state dollars for federal dollars on the projects discussed. Commissioner McConkie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

#### **Virgin Town Federal Funds Exchange**

Bill Lawrence said this is another federal/state funds exchange request. Virgin Town is requesting to exchange \$2 million of 2014 STP\_Rural Federal funds for \$1.25 million of Region Four's 2014 State Preservation funds, and \$0.45 million of Region Four State Preservation Efficiency funds. Virgin Town would supply the required 10% match. Region Four would then fund the US-50; Scipio to County Line, MP 129.816 to MP 149.13 Lane Level/Chip Seal Coat project.

*Commissioner Millington moved to approve the Federal/State Funds Exchange with Virgin Town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zeenati and unanimously approved.*

#### **Snow Fence Installation on SR-92 and SR-85 – New Project**

Bill Lawrence said this is a request for a new project. Last winter, Region Three saw the benefits of a snow fence installed near Eagle Mountain, and they are recommending two other locations – one on SR-92 and one on SR-85. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1 million of NHS funds, which would come from Region Three's De-obligation fund.

*Commissioner Millington moved to approve the addition of the SR-92 & SR-85; Snow Fence Installation project to the STIP. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion.*

Shane Marshall indicated that there is a third location, a small gap on SR-73, which they would like to add to this project request, assuming favorable bids are received and funding is available.

*Commissioner Millington amended his motion to include all three locations, and amend the scope of the SR-92 & SR-85; Snow Fence Installation project. Commissioner Cox seconded the amended motion, and it was unanimously approved.*

### **Joint Highway Committee Projects Amendments to the Current STIP**

Bill Lawrence said the Joint Highway Committee met in April and have recommended the following adjustments to their programs: STP Small Urban Program – Tremonton would like to scale back the project limits of the 1000 North; I-84 to I-15 project to 1000 North; 2300 West to I-15. Off-System Bridge Program – the Weber County Bridge Replacement scheduled in FY 2015 was cancelled and removed from the program list at the County’s request. Transportation Alternative Program – add a new project, Town Square Perimeter Improvement, Phase 1, Price City, \$332,000, FY 2014.

*Commissioner Cox moved to approve the Joint Highway Committee program adjustments to the FY 2013 – 2018 STIP. Commissioner Zeenati seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **Joint Highway Committee Projects New Projects for the Draft STIP (Information Only)**

Bill Lawrence said this is for information only. He reviewed the projects the Joint Highway Committee is recommending to be included in the 2014-2019 Draft STIP. The projects are in the STP Small Urban Program and the Off-System Bridge Program. Director Braceras asked Mr. Lawrence to review the next steps in the Draft STIP approval process. Mr. Lawrence mentioned that there is a bit of a scheduling conflict, due to the June meeting being cancelled and rescheduled for July, and there may need to be a meeting/conference call scheduled earlier than the July meeting.

### **Cache MPO TIP Amendments**

Bill Lawrence said this Cache MPO TIP amendment adds two new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program projects, and adds funding to an existing CMAQ project. The following projects were reviewed: Bear River Health Department Vehicle Emission Inspection & Maintenance Program Startup Costs project; Cache Valley Transit District Bicycle Facilities project; and Logan Traffic Signal Coordination project.

*Commissioner Zeenati made a motion to approve adding two new CMAQ projects to the FY 2013-2018 STIP, and add \$987,774 to the BRHD Vehicle Emission Inspection & Maintenance Program Startup Costs project. It was seconded by Commissioner Barlow and unanimously approved.*

### **Programming Adjustments at Award**

Bill Lawrence said that they are requesting approval for the following programming adjustments at award: return and reprogram at a later date, \$880,000 of NHPP\_IM funds from the I-84; Echo Frontage Road, Bridge Replacement project, to Region Two’s De-obligation Program; return and reprogram at a later date, \$1,455,961.89 of STP\_FLX\_ST funds from the SR-32; Jct. US-40 to Jordanelle Maintenance Change project, to Region Three’s Pavement Rehabilitation Program; and

return and reprogram at a later date, \$815,731 of STP\_FLX\_ST funds from the US-89 and SR-116; Mt. Pleasant State and Main Street project, to Region Four's Pavement Rehabilitation Program.

*Commissioner Barlow moved to approve the transfer of funding as explained.*

*Commissioner Cox seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **HB 377 Transportation Funds – Recommended Studies**

Bill Lawrence said that of the funds received via HB 377, there is a balance of \$3.851 million available after the 106<sup>th</sup> South interchange improvements project was programmed. With those available funds, the Department is recommending that two studies and one project be added to the FY 2013-2018 STIP. They are: I-80/US-89 (State Street) Interchange – study the impacts of anticipated future growth, \$2 million; Economic Impacts Study In Keeping Seasonal Roads Open Year-round, \$200,000; and UVU Roundabout Upgrades project, \$1 million. That will leave a balance of \$651,000 available for the Commission to program at a later date. There was extensive discussion that took place on the Seasonal Roads Study and the UVU Roundabout project.

*Commissioner Millington moved to approve the addition of the I-80/US-89 (State Street)*

*Interchange Study, the Economic Impacts Study in Keeping Seasonal Roads Open Year*

*Round, and the UVU Roundabout Upgrades project to the 2013-2018 STIP.*

*Commissioner Barlow seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

### **Aeronautics**

#### **2014-2018 Airport Capital Improvement Program (Information Only)**

Bill Lawrence said this item, the five year Airport Capital Improvement Program, is for information only today, and will be brought back in July for approval. He referred to the summary chart of 2014-2018 recommended program funding and the separate information for each individual year. Chairman Holt asked Pat Morley, Director of Aeronautics, to give a report on the state airport system. Mr. Morley said they are fortunate to have support of the FAA. He also reviewed some of the projects going on at several airports in the state.

### **JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER**

#### **Deletion of SR-244 from State Highway System, Transfer Portion of SR-244 to Helper City and Addition to SR-157 Carbon County**

Cory Pope said that Region Four and Helper City are proposing a jurisdictional transfer of SR-244, MP 0.189 to MP 0.91, where Helper City would take over ownership of this segment of state highway. UDOT will pay Helper City \$750,000 to take ownership, which is based on ten years of maintenance costs, roadway improvement costs, and is consistent with other jurisdictional transfers recommended to, and approved by, the Commission. The portion of roadway known as SR-244 from US-6 to the intersection of Poplar Street and Main Street will be added to the beginning of SR-157 and remain functionally classified as a major collector, therefore eliminating route number 244 from the state highway system. There was other discussion regarding what should be a local road and what should be a state road. Also, Commissioner Millington pointed out that in the third whereas, it should say “. . . a *one-time* lump sum . . .” not “. . . a one lump sum . . .”

*Commissioner Zeenati moved to approve the transfer of SR-244; MP 0.189 to MP 0.91 to Helper City and add the remaining section to SR-157, as explained. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barlow and unanimously approved.*

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Commission Committee Reports (and new assignments)**

There were no Commission committee reports, but Chairman Holt reviewed new committee assignments that were made for several of the Commissioners.

### **West Davis Corridor Update**

Director Braceras noted that the Draft EIS for the West Davis Corridor would be released next week on May 16<sup>th</sup>. They have been working on this for three years, but still have a long way to go.

### **Upcoming Transportation Commission Meetings**

The next regular Utah Transportation Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 19, 2013, in Ogden, Utah. The following dates and locations have been scheduled:

August 15-16, 2013 – Heber City  
September 12-13, 2013 – Logan  
October 10-11, 2013 – Moab  
November 14-15, 2013 – Tooele  
December 6, 2013 – Salt Lake City

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary