

## UTAH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, October 22, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Vineyard City Council Chambers, 125 South Main Street, Vineyard  
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The October 22, 2021 Utah Transportation Commission Meeting was conducted both in-person and electronically, via Google Meet, and was also streamed live at youtube.com/UtahDOT. [Chairman Naghi Zeenati called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and Commissioner Jim Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.](#) Introductions of Commissioner members, UDOT staff and other meeting participants were made, and included the following:

Naghi Zeenati, Chairman	Eric Rasband, UDOT Region Three
Lew W. Cramer, Commissioner	Geoff Dupaix, UDOT Region Three
Donna J. Law, Commissioner	*Jodi Howick, Assistant Attorney General
Jim Evans, Commissioner	Kris Peterson, UDOT Project Development Director
Natalie Gochour, Commissioner	Leif Elder, UDOT Policy & Legislative Services Deputy Director
Kevin T. Van Tasell, Commissioner	*Linda Hull, UDOT Policy & Legislative Services Director
Ronda R. Menlove, Commissioner	Lyle McMillan, UDOT Strategic Investments Director
Carlos Braceras, UDOT Executive Director	Rick Torgerson, UDOT Region Four Director
Lisa Wilson, UDOT Deputy Director	Rob Clayton, UDOT Region Three Director
Teri Newell, UDOT Deputy Director	Robert Stewart, UDOT Region Two Director
Grant Potter, UDOT Communications	Rob Wight, UDOT Region One Director
Heather Barthold, UDOT Commission Assistant	Stephanie Tomlin, UDOT Planning Manager
Jordan Lee, UDOT UDOT Technology & Innovation	Troy Peterson, UDOT Operations Director
Keriann Noble, UDOT Technology & Innovation	Ivan Marrero, FHWA Division Administrator
Andrea Olson, UDOT Planning Director	Brigitte Mandel, FHWA Deputy Division Administrator
Andrew Gwynn, UDOT Region Three	Anderw Jackson, MAG
Ben Huot, UDOT Program Development Director	Bryan Mouser, Michael Baker
Bob Pelly, UDOT STIP Coordinator	Cristy Welsh, Vineyard City Council
*Brett Slater, Region One Program Manager	David Mortensen, Vineyard City
Charles Stormont, UDOT Right of Way Director	Michelle Carroll, MAG
Dian McGuire, UDOT Right of Way	Morgan Brim, Vineyard City
Elizabeth McMillan, UDOT Communications Director	
Eric Mason, UDOT Region Three	

*\*indicates virtual participation*

[Vineyard Councilmember Cristy Welsh welcomed the group](#), and talked about the city's growth, next steps and challenges in staying a connected community. She thanked the Commission and UDOT for the work done for Vineyard and for the whole State of Utah, and said, "When we all grow well, we all grow well together."

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

Region Three gave a presentation on upcoming projects in the area, including the UTA FrontRunner Station and Double Track; Vineyard Connector - Main Street to 1600 North; Vineyard Rail Consolidation; SR-114, Geneva Road - 1600 North, 800 North and 400 North Intersections; SR-114, Geneva Road - Widening from 1800 South to University Parkway; US-189 Provo Viaduct Replacement; US-89; State Street in American Fork and Pleasant Grove; Pleasant Grove Interchange Area Improvements (Environmental Study); SR-135/129: North County Boulevard/Pleasant Grove Boulevard Intersection Improvements; SR-241, Orem 1600 North Environmental Study; and the American Fork Canyon Working Group projects.

### **FHWA REPORT**

Ivan Marrero, FHWA Division Administrator, gave an update on the Highway Trust Fund. Based on current projections, account balances in the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund will be adequate to maintain normal operations in the short term, and FHWA will not need to implement cash management procedures on October 8. FHWA will continue to monitor the situation and, if necessary, announce the date when the cash management procedures will go into effect.

Ivan reported that on October 2, President Biden signed the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2021, which extends the Federal-Aid Highway Program through October 31, continuing many of the FAST Act provisions that would otherwise expire or cease to apply after September 30, 2021, and allows for funds to be apportioned.

Ivan also talked about Apportionments and Obligation Limitation, and FHWA and FTA's approval of Utah's statewide and metropolitan planning process and 2022-2025 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

### GRANTS UPDATE

Ben Huot, UDOT Program Development Director, gave a status update on two grant applications that the Department has submitted and is currently working on.

### UDOT SCOREBOARD

Kris Peterson, UDOT Project Development Director, reported on the Construction program, and discussions about supply and labor shortages took place. Troy Peterson, UDOT Operations Director reported on the Safety dashboard, and talked about the Zero Fatalities Teen Memoriam stories.

*At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Cramer had to leave to attend previous commitments.*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received or given.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Evans moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Law seconded the motion, and the items were unanimously approved.

### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

#### 2022 STIP Amendment #1

##### I-15; Pages Lane to Lagoon - Abandon Project

Region One requested approval to abandon the I-15; Pages Lane to Lagoon pavement reconstruction project and reutilize the \$17,000,000 on the next Pavement Reconstruction priority, as the planned reconstruction will take place with a future I-15 project funded for FY 2026-2028. Commissioner Law moved to approve the request and Commissioner Van Tassell seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

##### I-15; Pages Lane to Lagoon Panel Replacement - New Project

Region One requested approval to add the I-15; Pages Lane to Lagoon Panel Replacement project to the current STIP. This \$6,000,000 High Volume Roads funded project will provide a pavement preservation treatment needed prior to the future I-15 project currently funded in FY 2026-2028. Commissioner Van Tassell moved to approve the request and Commissioner Law seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

##### SR-92; Center Turn Lane Extension in Highland - New Project

Region Three requested approval to add a new \$600,000 Transportation Solutions project to the current STIP. The SR-92 Center Turn Lane Extension in Highland project will extend the center turn lane from Manor Drive to Spruce Drive, allowing for safer left turns. Mountainland Association of Governments TAC and RPC have approved this addition. Commissioner Law moved to approve the request, and Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

##### Pleasant Grove Interchange Area Capacity Improvements - Funding Addition

Region Three requested approval to add \$4,160,000 of Transportation Solutions funds to the Pleasant Grove Interchange Area Capacity Improvements project to address missed needs and scope enhancements, including pavement mill and overlay and new striping. The additional funds will also address the increases in property and construction costs as well as the need for additional design engineering and new utilities mitigation, and the addition of two signals. This request was approved by Mountainland Association of Governments MPO TAC and RPC. Commissioner Evans moved to approve the request and Commissioner Van Tassell seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

##### SR-14; Woods Ranch Eastbound Passing Lane - Funding Addition

Region Four requested approval to add \$1,200,000 of Transportation Solutions funds to the SR-14; Woods Ranch Eastbound Passing Lane project to address increased risk costs associated with supply and labor shortages on concrete, rebar and trucking as well as inflation on the majority of contract items. Commissioner Law moved to approve the request and Commissioner Gochnour seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

### [Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grant - New Project](#)

Bob Pelly, UDOT STIP Coordinator, asked for approval to add the Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Grant - Utility Detection project to the STIP, contingent upon successful receipt of the Federal grant. In the event that a successful response is received, the Department will evaluate the grant amount awarded, contribute the required match, identify any change needed to the scope from the amount of funding awarded, and place the project on the same year STIP as the awarded funds.

Commissioner Van Tassell moved to approve the request and Commissioner Gochnour seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

### [Cache Parkway Intersection and Road Relocation - New Project - For Information Only](#)

Bob Pelly made the Commission aware that Logan City recently requested that an existing intersection be relocated. The new signal location is approximately 500 feet east of the current intersection, and the realignment will match the new SR-30 alignment and Logan City's road master plan. The \$500,000 project, funded with local money, was approved by the Cache MPO on September 30, 2021.

### [I-15 Slab Jacking from Springville to Spanish Fork - New Project - For Information Only](#)

Bob Pelly made the Commission aware of a new \$200,000 Transportation Solutions project that will fix the dips in the vertical alignment in two locations on southbound I-15 from Springville to Spanish Fork by jacking the slabs and reestablishing the vertical alignment.

### [CORRIDOR PRESENTATION](#)

Charles Stormont, UDOT Right of Way Director, reviewed the Marda Dillree Corridor Preservation Budget and Obligations and Fund Tracking spreadsheets.

### [ABF Real Estate: Vineyard Connector, Vineyard](#)

Charles Stormont, UDOT Right of Way Director, requested approval to purchase a 10-acre property in unincorporated Utah County that will be used for the future Vineyard Connector. The property has appraised for \$2,177,600. Commissioner Menlove moved to approve the request and Commissioner Gochnour seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

### [STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK](#)

Lyle McMillan, UDOT Strategic Investments Director, reminded the group that the 2021 legislature passed HB244 First Class County Highway Road Funds Amendments (now UC 72-2-121), which gives UDOT authority to bond for \$30 million to go into the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Fund for loans to eligible borrower cities.

### [Sandy City](#)

Sandy City has requested a \$15 million loan from this source for the purpose of aiding the construction of a parking structure to support the multi-use Cairns District in Sandy. Lyle requested approval of a \$15 million SIB loan to Sandy City with a term of 15 years and an interest rate equal to the bond interest rate plus a .5% additive. Commissioner Evans moved to approve the request and Commissioner Law seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

### [South Jordan City](#)

South Jordan City has requested a \$9.7 million loan from this source to construct capital improvement transportation infrastructure projects within the city limits. Lyle requested the approval of a \$9.7 million loan, with a term of 15 years and an interest rate equal to the bond interest rate plus a .5% additive. Commissioner Gochnour moved to approve the request and Commissioner Menlove seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

### [Millcreek City](#)

Millcreek City has requested a \$5.2 million loan from this source to construct six capital improvement transportation infrastructure projects within city limits. Lyle requested approval of a \$5.2 million loan, with a term of 15 years and an interest rate equal to the bond interest rate plus a .5% additive. Commissioner Gochnour moved to approve the request and Commissioner Law seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved.

### [PROJECT PRIORITIZATION UPDATE](#)

#### [Active Transportation, Transit, First/Last Mile Ranked Lists](#)

Stephanie Tomlin, UDOT Planning Manager, presented the ranked lists for TIF Active Transportation, TTIF Transit, and TTIF

First/Last Mile project types. The lists are decision support tools for future Commission programming actions.

### Highway

UDOT Planning staff has been evaluating the nominated highway projects to determine eligibility and to begin collecting data for prioritization. The Commission has the option to add any eligible nominated project and any project that is identified as a Phase 1 need in the Unified Transportation Plan ([unifiedplan.org](http://unifiedplan.org)) to the Input List of highway projects to be prioritized. Andrea Olson, UDOT Planning Director, reviewed the next steps for Highway prioritization, presented nominated highway projects and a Phase 1 Needs List, each with preliminary UDOT recommendations. If the Commission chooses to add any nominated project or a project identified as a Phase 1 need at the November 2021 Commission meeting, a motion will be required. UDOT plans to present a ranked list of highway projects at the December 2021 Commission meeting. This list will be available as a decision support tool for future Commission programming actions.

Information on Project Prioritization can be found on the [UDOT website](#).

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### **Commission Committee Reports**

[Commissioner Van Tassell reported](#) on a WFRC conference call on prioritizing projects. [Commissioner Evans reported on his involvement with MAG, and Chair Zeenati reported that he attended the CIB Funding meeting, and also talked about his involvement in the SR-18 improvements dialogue with the Washington County Commission.](#)

#### Upcoming Transportation Commission Meeting

- November 18-19, Moab
- December 17, UDOT Complex

Commissioner Gochnour moved to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 10:52 a.m.



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Heather Barthold, Commission Assistant