

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 12, 2000 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Peter C. Knudson,  
Senate Chair  
Rep. Marda Dillree,  
House Chair  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Sen. Eddie “Ed” P. Mayne  
Rep. Don E. Bush  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Bryan D. Holladay  
Rep. Dennis H. Iverson  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Karen W. Morgan  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray  
Rep. Lowell A. Nelson  
Rep. Richard M. Siddoway

**Members Absent:**

Sen. R. Mont Evans  
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Gerry A. Adair

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen,  
Research Analyst  
Mr. Dee S Larsen,  
Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Junie G. Anderson,  
Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

**1. Committee Business** - Chair Dillree called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Siddoway moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Construction Bid Limits** - Mr. Larsen distributed a handout titled "Highway Construction Bid Limits" and gave background information on bid limits.

Mr. David Miles, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), distributed a handout titled "Construction and Maintenance Bid Limit" and discussed the bid limits for UDOT's construction and maintenance programs. He explained that a higher bid limit would allow UDOT to complete occasional, urgent projects more efficiently. UDOT is asking that the limit be raised from \$40,000 to \$100,000, the same as the bid limit for B&C road projects.

Mr. Thomas Warne, UDOT, said much of the \$40,000 is used to prepare drawings by professional engineers, and arrange other documentation, if a bidding process is required.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved that staff draft legislation to raise the state's construction bid limit to \$100,000 which would be consistent with that of the B&C's bid limit, and to include language that would tie the B&C and the state limits together in the future, then to bring the draft legislation back to the committee for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Traffic Management Committee Review** (Draft Legislation) - Mr. Martin Knopp, UDOT, distributed a handout titled "Salt Lake Area ATMs" and discussed the issues. The issues included system goals, project status, and system benefits.

Mr. Knopp explained draft legislation titled "Traffic Management Committee Amendments and explained the reasoning for each change." The draft was mailed to committee members prior to the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Siddoway moved to approve draft legislation titled "Traffic Management Committee Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Bicycle Laws** (Draft Legislation) - Mr. Christensen briefed the committee on draft legislation "Bicycle Law Amendments" that was mailed to committee members prior to the meeting and discussed the proposed changes to the current state law. He also distributed proposed committee amendments and a handout that outlined policy changes to the draft bill and policy changes in the proposed amendment sheet.

Mr. Larsen responded to Rep. Siddoway's concern about hand turn signals and signal lamps.

Mr. Bob Bayn, North Logan, distributed a handout titled "Proposed Amendments to Utah Bicycle Laws." He discussed the proposed changes as outlined and encouraged the committee to pass them. He also answered questions and concerns from committee members.

Mr. Hal Cain, Cache Valley Soloists Bicycle Touring Club, also indicated support for the changes and responded to questions from committee members.

Mr. David Miles, UDOT, expressed concern over bicycles yielding instead of stopping at stop signs. He also indicated that a safety study would be unnecessary to determine whether bicycles should use a path or a roadway. The committee agreed that Amendment No. 4 on Page 3, Line 79 would not be considered.

Mr. Malcolm Campbell, Salt Lake City Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee, expressed concern over the safety of bicyclists on specific bike paths. He spoke in support of Mr. Bayn's proposals, but said that he is divided on the yield at stop signs law.

**MOTION:** Rep. Holdaway moved that the committee approve "Bicycle Law Amendments" with the deletion of Amendment No. 4 on Page 3, Line 79.

Chair Dillree declared a personal conflict of interest.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Siddoway moved to approve "Bicycle Law Amendments" as a committee bill with the following changes:

Delete Line 9

Delete Lines 28-58

which would leave the language as written in current statute, and to approve the recommended amendments to "Bicycle Law Amendments" with the exception of Amendment No. 4 on Page 3, Line 79. The motion passed with Sen. Knudson, Rep. Bush, Rep. Dillree, Rep. Holdaway, and Rep. Nelson voting in opposition to the motion. Rep. King was absent for the vote.

**5. Other Committee Business** - No other business was discussed at this meeting.

**6. Adjourn** -

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously at 11:06 a.m. with Rep. King absent for the vote.

