



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTENT LANGUAGE

INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

The following provides the intent language from the Utah Department of Transportation for legislative approval.

Nonlapsing Intent Language

Under the terms of Utah Annotated Code 63J-1-603(3)(a), the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Support Services in Item 4, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2015, shall not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2016. The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to the following: Computer Software Development Projects, \$300,000; and Building Improvements, \$500,000.

Under terms of Utah Code Annotated Section 63J-1-603(3)(a), the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Engineering Services in Item 5 of Chapter 5 Laws of Utah 2015 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2016. The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to the following: Engineering Services Special Projects, \$300,000.

Under terms of Section 63J-1-603(3)(a) Utah Code Annotated, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Operations in Item 6 of Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2015 shall not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2016. The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to the following: Highway Maintenance, \$2,000,000.

Under the terms of Utah Annotated Code 63J-1-603(3)(a), the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Region Management in Item 8, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2015, not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2016. The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to Region Management, \$200,000.

Under terms of Utah Annotated Code Section 63J-1-603(3)(a) the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for Equipment Management in Item 9 of Chapter 5 Laws of Utah 2015 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2016. The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to the following: Equipment Purchases \$200,000.

Under terms of Utah Code Annotated Section 63J-1-603(3)(a), the Legislature intends that any unexpended funds from the one-time appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the Aeronautics Restricted Account to Airport Construction in Item 22, Chapter 282, Laws of Utah 2014, not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2016. The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to airport construction projects.

Other Intent Language

The Legislature intends that upon the completion of the FY 2016 winter maintenance, unused fund in the Maintenance Line Item may be used by the Department to meet unmet equipment needs.

The Legislature intends that the Department of Transportation use maintenance funds previously used on state highways that now qualify for Transportation Investment Funds of 2005 to address maintenance and preservation issues on other state highways.

There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation from the Transportation Fund, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient but not more than the surplus of the Transportation Fund, to be used by the Department for the construction, rehabilitation and preservation of State highways in Utah. The Legislature intends that the appropriation fund first, a maximum participation with the federal government for the construction of federally designated highways, as provided by law, and last the construction of State highways, as funding permits. No portion of the money appropriated by this item shall be used either directly or indirectly to enhance the appropriation otherwise made by this act to the Department of Transportation for other purposes.

The Legislature intends that the Division of Aeronautics use funds from the Aeronautics Restricted Account to conduct an audit of the Utah Based Aircraft Database and Aircraft Registration program to evaluate the existing process for collecting aircraft data, accuracy of information, and to make recommendations for improvement.

The Legislature intends that the funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund for pedestrian safety projects be used specifically to correct pedestrian hazards on State highways. The Legislature also intends that local authorities be encouraged to participate in the construction of pedestrian safety devices. The appropriated funds are to be used according to the criteria set forth in Section 72-8-104, Utah Code Annotated, 1953. The funds appropriated for sidewalk construction shall not lapse. If local governments cannot use their allocation of Sidewalk Safety Funds in two years, these funds will be available for other governmental entities which are prepared to use the resources. The Legislature intends that local participation in the Sidewalk Construction Program be on a 75% state and 25% local match basis.

The Legislature intends that the funds appropriated from the Federal Mineral Lease Account shall be used for improvement or reconstruction of highways that have been heavily impacted by energy development. The Legislature further intends that if private industries engaged in developing the State's natural resources are willing to participate in the cost of the construction of highways leading to their facilities, that local governments consider that highway as a higher priority as they prioritize the use of Mineral Lease Funds received through 59-21-1(4)(C)(i). The funds appropriated for improvement or reconstruction of energy impacted highways are nonlapsing.

There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation from the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient, but not more than the surplus of the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005, to be used by the Department for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of State and Federal highways in Utah. No portion of the money appropriated by this item shall be used either directly or indirectly to enhance or increase the appropriations otherwise made by this act to the Department of Transportation for other purposes.