

**MINUTES OF THE  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 445 State Capitol Building  
January 29, 2016

**Members Present:** Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair  
Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair  
Rep. Craig Hall, House Vice Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway  
Rep. Don L. Ipson  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. John Knotwell  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. Scott D. Sandall  
Rep. Mike Schultz  
Rep. R. Curt Webb

**Staff Present:** Ms. Angela J. Oh, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Brian Wikle, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Cami Thorpe, Secretary

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

Co-Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

**2. Department of Administrative Services, Finance Mandated**

Brian Wikle, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Fiscal Analyst, reviewed the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Finance Mandated line item. He reiterated that DAS has a role to administer the funds for Finance Mandated items and programs, but that the department has a limited role, if any, in overseeing the operations of the programs.

**3. Division of Fleet Operations, General Fund Borrowing**

Mr. Wikle reviewed the Division of Fleet Operations General Fund Borrowing Issue Brief. More information can be found online at [Fleet Operations Issue Brief](#).

Jeff Mottishaw, Director, Division of Fleet Operations, reviewed debt owed to the General Fund. Main contributors were the vehicle acquisitions model, fuel prices, and vehicle maintenance. More information can be found online at [Fleet Operations Presentation Materials](#).

Sen. Mayne spoke in support of contracting with the private sector for State services on an individual basis and only when it proved efficient and effective.

Rep. Sagers asked if there was employee down time while waiting for an Enterprise car to arrive. Mr. Mottishaw reviewed the streamlined rental process which minimized the wait time.

Sen. Hinkins spoke in support of the Enterprise Pilot Program.

Mr. Mottishaw stated the Enterprise Pilot Program, which will continue through May 2016, was successful and they had plans to expand the program.

Rep. Sandall asked why the Toyota Prius was purchased instead of the Ford Focus. Mr. Mottishaw stated the upfront cost for the Toyota was \$9,000 more but the salvage value, maintenance, and MPG was better for the Toyota.

Rep. Ipson stated Fleet Operations had the ability to restrict premium fuels purchases through the State gas card. The State shouldn't purchase vehicles that require premium fuels.

Co-chair Froerer asked how far the Enterprise Pilot Program would expand. Mr. Mottishaw stated if a department used a vehicle daily it was more cost effective to own rather than rent. Enterprise mileage and insurance charges were also being reviewed.

Sen. Van Tassell asked if reimbursements on personal vehicle usage had decreased and recommended a time window for submitting a reimbursement request. Mr. Mottishaw stated reimbursements had stayed about the same.

Co-chair Harper asked what the total cost savings had been for the previous year. Mr. Mottishaw stated maintenance costs from 2014 to 2015 had decreased by 21.7 percent and fuel losses per year were \$2.1 million.

#### **4. Utah Department of Transportation**

Angela Oh, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented on the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). Ms Oh walked the subcommittee through UDOT using COBI 2016. Issue Briefs include fees, Intent Language, and budget adjustments. More information can be found online at: [COBI](#), [Fees Issue Brief](#), [Intent Language](#), [Budget Adjustments](#).

Co-chair Harper asked the committee to be mindful of the impact reallocations would have on future projects.

Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, UDOT, presented the department's vision and mission, state and federal funding, and long-term goals. More information can be found online at [UDOT Presentation Materials](#).

Shane Marshall, Deputy Director, UDOT, presented the department's strategic goals.

Rep. Knotwell asked if advertising the number of fatalities on highway signs had been effective. Mr. Braceras stated the messages had been received favorably among focus groups.

Rep. Anderegg asked how the fatality numbers for distracted driving compared to previous years. Mr. Braceras stated it was hard to be consistent on capturing those numbers.

Sen. Van Tassell asked if Message Monday was interrupted for emergency messages. Mr. Braceras stated the number one purpose for the message was safety and travel information.

Sen. Knudsen asked how many wildlife had been hit on the highway. Mr. Marshall stated the number had been decreasing but he didn't have a specific number.

Co-chair Harper asked if data on domestic animals being hit was also tracked. Mr. Marshall stated they were.

Rep. Anderegg asked how data was tracked to determine travel time. Mr. Braceras stated it was with a combination of road sensors and purchasing data.

Mr. Marshall continued with future performance measures, pavement conditions, SUCCESS Framework, and the Innovation and Efficiency Report.

Mr. Braceras presented earmark reductions in the Governor's budget proposal to remove \$94 million from the Transportation Investment Fund (TIF).

Sens. Hillyard and Mayne, and Co-chair Harper asked for a list of projects that would be funded assuming no money would be diverted compared to a list of projects if the money was diverted. Mr. Braceras stated he could give a list of projects that UDOT would likely recommend to the Transportation Commission.

Sen. Adams asked to know the affect on the budget if the Governor's request for \$10-\$50 million were taken out of the SB 229 funds instead of directly from TIF.

Rep. Sagers spoke to the bottleneck when accidents take place Tooele County. Mr. Braceras reviewed the Mid Valley Highway project.

Linda Hull, UDOT spoke to the Federal FAST Act and the Highway User Fee.

Rep. Knotwell asked if the State would take a reactive or proactive approach to up and coming transportation technology and driverless cars. Mr. Braceras replied he would like Utah to be on the leading edge, not the bleeding edge. Currently, it is illegal to test in Utah.

Sen. Van Tassell spoke to his experience with platooning in a semi-truck.

## **5. Capital Budget**

Ms. Oh presented the Capital Budget line item and Issue Brief. More information can be found online at [Capital Budget Issue Brief](#). Ms. Oh also discussed intent language for the Capital Budget line item. More information can be found online at [Intent Language](#).

Jeff Reddoor, Director, State Building Board, spoke to the facility replacement costs, FY17 total appropriations, and Capital Improvement needs.

Rep. Schultz asked about the \$1.2 million allocation to the State Fair Park. Mr. Reddoor stated it would be \$1.17 million if funded at 1.1 percent; funded at 1.5 percent it would be \$1.6 million.

Co-chair Froerer asked if DFCM would have adequate staff to handle a \$50 million increase in projects. Eric Tholen, Director, DFCM, believed three additional employees would need to be hired.

Mr. Reddoor continued with total cost of ownership for State buildings, age of State and Higher Ed structures, and funding of capital improvement projects over 10 years.

Rep. Sagers asked if the funding for the State Fair Park was a temporary fix or long-term plan. Mr. Reddoor stated the improvement projects had been for safety only. Large projects would not be completed until a decision was made on if the State Fair Park would be moved or not.

## **6. Other Subcommittee Business**

## **7. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Sagers moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Froerer adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.