

**RESOLUTION URGING STUDY OF REGIONAL
COMMUTER SYSTEM**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Robert F. Montgomery

A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE SUPPORTING A STUDY OF THE NEED FOR A REGIONAL COMMUTER SYSTEM, TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY WITH THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF THE WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, AND THE VARIOUS COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO BE SERVED BY THE COMMUTER SYSTEM.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS the Utah Senate acknowledges the increasing need for alternatives to highway travel along the north-south corridor linking Wasatch Front communities;

WHEREAS the Wasatch Front Regional Council, with membership consisting of Davis County, Morgan County, Tooele County, Salt Lake County, Weber County, and numerous municipalities within them; the Mountainland Association of Governments' Regional Planning Committee, comprised of the mayors in the urbanized Utah County area; the Utah County Commission; the Utah Department of Transportation; the Division of Air Quality; the Utah Transit Authority; and the Federal Highway Administration have identified this growing need for alternative transit services and have offered their aggressive support to the Utah Transit Authority in finding solutions to this need;

WHEREAS these organizations are well respected for their commitment to the growth and prosperity of the Wasatch Front;

WHEREAS the Wasatch Front Regional Council has voted unanimously to continue its policy that the Utah Transit Authority be the implementing agency of public transit services, including commuter rail, within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the Wasatch Front Regional Council has agreed to aggressively pursue their part of the joint work program to implement the commuter rail demonstration and advance the

analysis of long-term commuter rail services, and has voiced their support to assist the Utah Transit Authority in every way possible to assure timely implementation of a commuter rail demonstration and the long-term implementation of commuter rail services; and

WHEREAS the Mountainland Association of Governments' Regional Planning Committee unanimously passed a motion supporting the Utah Transit Authority as the implementing agency for a regional commuter rail demonstration:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the state of Utah support the implementation of a commuter rail demonstration and further studies by the Utah Transit Authority of the practicality and desirability of a regional commuter system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, and the Mountainland Association of Governments.