

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM 416, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
February 4, 1998**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. John P. Holmgren, Co-Chair
 Rep. Marda Dillree, Co-Chair
 Sen. Mont Evans
 Sen. Pete Suazo
 Rep. Don E. Bush
 Rep. Gary F. Cox
 Rep. Wayne A. Harper
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. David L. Hogue
 Rep. Peter C. Knudson
 Rep. David Ure

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Lane Beattie
 Rep. Brian R. Allen
 Rep. Perry L. Buckner

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
 Jennifer Lloyd, Committee Secretary

Co Chair Rep. Dillree called the meeting to order 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue moved to pass he minutes of February 2, 1998. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Evans, Rep. Knudson, and Ure absent.

Department of Transportation

- An overview of the Department of Transportation's budget was given by Mark Bleazard.

- New requests of DOT are as follows:

 Data Processing \$500,000
 Equipment for Regional Office \$135,000
 ATMS building needs five full time equivalents by fall
 Underground Storage Tank Program \$300,000
 Fleet Management Program
 800 mega hertz conversion

MOTION: Sen. Evans moved that the committee go on record to not support the \$1.7

million allocated for maintenance sheds and instead use the funds for highways.

Clint Topham spoke against the motion.

The motion failed with Sen. Evans, Holmgren, Suazo, Rep. Harper, and Hogue in favor of the motion. Rep. Bush, Cox, Hendrickson, Knudson, and Dillree voted against the motion. Rep. Ure was absent.

- Mark Bleazard introduced the following intent language in behalf of the Capital Facilities Committee for the subcommittee for Transportation and Environmental Quality input.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Utah Department Of Transportation pursue the possible relocation of its Region 3 Headquarters Office in Orem. It is further intended that UDOT work with DFCM in its efforts to prepare and circulate a request for proposals for the possible procurement of its current site, and if an acceptable proposal is submitted that UDOT continue to work with DFCM in their oversight of design and construction of the new facility.

DFCM's suggested language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Utah Department of Transportation pursue the relocation of its Region 3 Headquarters office in Orem if a replacement facility can be obtained at a cost which is not greater than the value received from the disposition of the existing Headquarters property. If this condition can be satisfied, it is further the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Facilities Construction and Management work with the UDOT to acquire and/or construct a facility which meets the needs of UDOT.

MOTION: Rep. Knudson moved that the committee go on record in support of the following suggested intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Utah Department of Transportation pursue the relocation of its Region 3 Headquarters office in Orem if a replacement facility can be obtained at a cost which is not greater than the value received from the disposition of the existing Headquarters property. If this condition can be satisfied, it is further the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Facilities Construction and Management work with the UDOT to acquire and/or construct a facility

which meets the needs of UDOT.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Suazo and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

- Sen. Holmgren presented highlights of 1998 STIP.

Department Of Transportation Funding Overview

- Federal Funds Summary

Clint Topham gave a funding overview of Federal Funds. ongoing: \$42,000,000 restricted: \$47,000,000 totaling \$89,000,000 received. FY98. He stated that because the US Congress has not yet reauthorized Federal Highway Legislation the Department is only authorized to spend \$89,000,000 in FY98. Reauthorization legislation is expected sometime in 1998. He stated that the Department only programs federal fund expenditures after funds are received.

- Centennial Highway Funds

Clint Topham suggested a need for \$175,000,000 in additional revenue to proceed with Centennial projects as proposed by the Transportation Commission.

- State Funds

FY98 estimates of the Department suggests a possible shortfall of \$18.8 million . The Department is not signing contracts for State Construction until the shortfall can be verified and corrected if necessary.

MOTION: Rep.Ure moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Sen. John P. Holmgren, Co Chair

Rep. Marda Dillree, Co Chair

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