

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

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Peter Knudson, Co-Chair
 Rep. Marda Dillree, Co-Chair
 Rep. Don E. Bush
 Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
 Sen. Mont Evans
 Rep. Wayne A. Harper
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. Dennis H. Iverson
 Rep. Karen W. Morgan
 Rep. Joseph G. Murray

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Lane Beattie
 Sen. Scott Howell
 Rep. Kevin S. Garn
 Rep. David Ure

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

Co-Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Bush moved that to approve the minutes of February 3 and 5, 1999. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Morgan, Harper, and Duckworth, and Senator Evans absent for the vote.

The Analyst discussed the budget recommendations for Engineering Services for FY 2000, \$19,669,800 was recommended to the committee.

Max Ditlevson and Tom Warne of UDOT addressed the committee and answered questions relative to the budget.

The Analyst recommended the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation continue to implement the adjustment improvements contained in their Performance Management Initiative Internal Plan. This plan will continue to be updated and coordinated through the Performance Management Team, with the approval from and implementation directed by the Department's Executive Director.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department make a report to the Interim Executive Appropriations Committee and Transportation Interim Committee prior to the General 2000 Legislative Session, indicating the efficiencies and cost reductions that have been achieved and those that are anticipated as a result of implementing these improvement actions.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with these improvement initiatives, be given authorization to adjust the assignment of FTE positions between line items as may be necessary in order to achieve the objectives of this plan. Such reassignments of FTE positions will be included in the report to the Interim Executive Appropriations Committee and Transportation Interim Committee and any transfer of finding will be facilitated through a supplemental appropriations request in the 2000 Session.

MOTION: Rep. Dillree moved to approve the above intent language. The motion passed with Rep. Harper and Senator Evans absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve \$19,669,800 for FY 2000 for the Engineering Services Budget. The motion passed with Rep. Harper and Senator Evans absent for the vote.

Randy Lamoreaux of UDOT distributed information on the “Preconstruction Program Management System” and reported to the subcommittee.

The Analyst discussed the budget recommendations for the Construction Budget. The recommended budget for FY 2000 was for \$647,828,000.

The Analyst discussed the Centennial Highway Funding increase of \$5,000,000 for FY 2000.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved that the Centennial Highway Funding from the General Fund be increased to \$10,000,000. The motion passed with Senator Evans, and Reps. Bush and Harper absent for the vote.

Clint Topham of UDOT addressed the questions of the subcommittee.

The Analyst recommended the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that there is appropriated to the Department of Transportation from the Transportation Fund, not otherwise appropriated, a sum of 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.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation fund first, a maximum participation with the federal government for the construction of federally designated highways, as provided by law; next the rehabilitation and preservation of State highways, as provided by law, and last, the reconstruction of State highways, as funding permits.

It is also the intent of the Legislature that the FTEs for field crews may be adjusted to accommodate the increase or decrease in the Federal Construction Program. 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.

MOTION: Rep. Dillree moved to approve the above intent language. The motion passed with Senator Evans absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Dillree moved that the subcommittee approve \$317,138,000 for the the recommended FY 2000 Construction Budget. This motion to include only the General Fund portion of \$115,000,000 to the Centennial Highway Fund: The motion passed unanimously with Senator Evans absent for the vote.

Senator Knudson passed the gavel to Rep. Dillree.

Instructions were given to the subcommittee regarding a proposed outing on Monday to visit the Military Museum at Fort Douglas.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 1999.

MOTION: Rep.Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Senators Evans and Knudson absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Peter Knudson, Co-Chair

Marda Dillree, Co-Chair

