

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**AMENDMENTS**

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**This act modifies Transportation Code provisions to amend the membership and certain duties of the Traffic Management Committee.**

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**72-6-115**, as last amended by Chapter 270, Laws of Utah 1999

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **72-6-115** is amended to read:

**72-6-115. Traffic Management Committee -- Appointment -- Duties.**

(1) As used in this section, "committee" means the Traffic Management Committee created in this section.

(2) (a) There is created within the Department of Transportation the Traffic Management Committee comprising [~~seven~~] up to 13 members knowledgeable about traffic engineering, traffic flow, [~~or~~] air quality, or intelligent transportation systems as follows:

- (i) [~~one member~~] two members designated by the executive director of the department;
- (ii) one member designated by the Utah Association of Counties;
- (iii) one member designated by the Department of Environmental Quality;
- (iv) one member designated by the Wasatch Front Regional Council;
- (v) one member designated by the Mountainland Association of Governments;
- (vi) one member designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety; and
- (vii) one member designated by the Utah League of Cities and Towns[-];
- (viii) one member designated by the general manager of a public transit district with more than 200,000 people residing within the public transit district boundaries;
- (ix) up to four additional members designated by the committee for one-year terms; and
- (x) a designating entity under Subsections (2)(a)(i) through (viii) may designate an

alternative member to serve in the absence of its designated member.

(b) The committee shall:

(i) advise the department on matters related to the implementation and administration of this section;

(ii) make recommendations to law enforcement agencies related to traffic flow and incident management during heavy traffic periods;

(iii) make recommendations to the department, counties, and municipalities on increasing the safety and efficiency of highways using current traffic management systems, including traffic signal coordination, traffic monitoring, freeway ramp metering, variable message signing, and incident management; and

(iv) evaluate the cost effectiveness of implementing a specific traffic management system on a highway considering:

(A) existing traffic volume in the area;

(B) the necessity and potential of reducing vehicle emissions in the area;

(C) the feasibility of the traffic management system on the highway; and

(D) whether traffic congestion will be reduced by the system.

~~[(e) (i) Except as required by Subsection (2)(c)(ii), as terms of current committee members expire, the appointing authority shall appoint each new member or reappointed member to a four-year term.]~~

~~[(ii) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (2)(c)(i), the appointing authority shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of committee members are staggered so that approximately half of the committee is appointed every two years.]~~

~~[(d)] (c) The committee shall annually elect a chair and a vice chair from its members.~~

~~[(e)] (d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be appointed [for the unexpired term].~~

~~[(f)] (e) The committee shall meet as it determines necessary to accomplish its duties.~~

~~[(g)] (f) Reasonable notice shall be given to each member of the committee prior to any~~

meeting.

~~[(h)]~~ (g) A majority of the committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

~~[(i)]~~ (h) (i) (A) Members who are not government employees shall receive no compensation or benefits for their services, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(B) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.

(ii) (A) State government officer and employee members who do not receive salary, per diem, or expenses from their agency for their service may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties from the committee at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(B) State government officer and employee members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.

(iii) (A) Local government members who do not receive salary, per diem, or expenses from the entity that they represent for their service may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(B) Local government members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.

(3) (a) The Department of Transportation shall implement and administer traffic management systems to facilitate the efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic on state highways to improve regional mobility, and to reduce motor vehicle emissions where those improvements are cost effective, as determined by the committee in accordance with criteria under Subsection (2)(b).

(b) A traffic management system shall be designed to allow safe, efficient, and effective:

(i) integration of existing traffic management systems;

(ii) additions of highways and intersections under county and city administrative jurisdiction;

(iii) incorporation of other traffic management systems; and

(iv) adaptation to future traffic needs.

(4) (a) The cost of implementing and administering a traffic management system shall be shared pro rata by the department and the counties and municipalities using it.

(b) The department shall enter into an agreement or contract under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, with a county or municipality to share costs incurred under this section.

(5) Additional highways and intersections under the administrative jurisdiction of a county or municipality may be added to a traffic management system upon application of the county or municipality after:

- (a) a recommendation of the committee;
- (b) approval by the department;
- (c) determination of the appropriate cost share of the addition under Subsection (4)(a); and
- (d) an agreement under Subsection (4)(b).

(6) The committee may establish technical advisory committees as needed to assist in accomplishing its duties under this section.