

JOINT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

AMENDMENTS

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Transportation Code to amend the Department of Transportation administration provisions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines a metropolitan planning organization;
- ▶ requires the Department of Transportation to cooperate with metropolitan planning organizations for transportation planning and project programming;
- ▶ requires that the department cooperate with metropolitan planning organizations with contiguous boundaries, if those organizations have:
 - coordinated transportation plans and improvement programs; and
 - submitted joint comprehensive, integrated transportation plans to the department; and
- ▶ provides that the governor and local units of government may redesignate or realign metropolitan planning organizations if the governor and the affected local units of government jointly determine that metropolitan planning organizations have failed to cooperate and submit joint transportation plans.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

72-1-208.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section 72-1-208.5 is enacted to read:

72-1-208.5. Definition -- Cooperation with metropolitan planning organizations -- Cooperation in plans and programs required.

(1) As used in this section, "metropolitan planning organization" means an organization established under 23 U.S.C. Sec. 134.

(2) The department shall cooperate with a metropolitan planning organization in the metropolitan planning organization's responsibility to carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process for transportation planning and project programming.

(3) If a metropolitan planning organization has a contiguous boundary with another metropolitan planning organization, the department shall cooperate with those organizations if the metropolitan planning organizations have:

(a) coordinated project priorities, transportation plans, and transportation improvement programs; and

(b) submitted joint priorities, plans, and programs to the department as comprehensive, integrated transportation plans.

(4) Subject to the provisions of 23 U.S.C. Sec. 134, if the governor and the affected local units of government jointly determine that metropolitan planning organizations have failed to meet the guidelines under Subsection (3), the governor and local units of government may redesignate or realign the metropolitan planning organizations.