

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & NATIONAL GUARD
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room W010, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
Thursday, January 27, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair
Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair
Sen. Fred Fife
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Rep. David N. Cox
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Ann W. Hardy
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Joseph G. Murray

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Sen. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Department of Transportation - Equipment Management

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, presented the recommended budget for Equipment Management which is divided among three programs: Maintenance Planning, Equipment Purchases, and Shops. The division is responsible for the department's fleet. The recommended budget for FY 2006 is \$17,560,200 with a complement of 105 FTEs.

The Maintenance Planning FY06 budget is recommended at \$1,131,300.

The recommended budget for Equipment Purchases is \$7,305,200.

The Analyst recommends a FY06 budget of \$9,123,700 with a complement of 90 FTEs.

Of the \$17,560,200 budget total, \$4,532,300 is from the Transportation Fund and \$13,027,900 is from Dedicated Credits.

John Njord, Executive Director of the Department of Transportation, answered questions concerning scheduled replacement of vehicles and explained that the department has tightened its belt on equipment and is blending the use of people in maintenance and construction.

David K. Miles, Operations Engineer, Department of Transportation, explained the spike in the Current Expense line item in FY 2004.

Charles Larsen, Director of Administrative Services, DOT, discussed the relationship between Current Expense and Dedicated Credits Revenue.

Department of Transportation - Support Services

The Analyst discussed budget recommendations for the Support Services division of the DOT. The Support Services Division is responsible for maintaining a central records file for the Department, procurement of all supplies, supervision of the Department's bidding process, and providing administrative and secretarial support for the Transportation Commission and the director of the Department. The recommended budget for FY06 is \$24,203,700.

The recommended budget for Administrative Services for FY06 is \$1,977,500.

The Analyst recommends a FY06 base budget of \$2,536,100 for Loss Management which is responsible for risk management and liability insurance for the Department.

A FY06 base budget recommendation for Building and Grounds is \$830,900 for maintenance of the Calvin L. Rampton Complex which is currently shared with the Department of Public Safety. The Analyst advised the committee of a possible change resulting from the possible construction of a new building at the South Jordan campus of SLCC.

The Analyst recommends a base budget of \$1,080,900 for FY06 for Human Resources.

A FY06 base budget recommendation for Procurement is \$973,900.

The Analyst recommends a base budget of \$8,173,800 for FY06 for the Data Processing Program.

A FY06 base budget recommendation for the Comptroller is \$2,455,400.

The Analyst recommends a base budget for FY06 for the Internal Auditor of \$666,000.

The Analyst recommends a base budget for Community Relations of \$460,000.

John Njord explained that there has been over 5% per year growth in activity at the ports of entry. There was discussion as to the actual work performed by these facilities. The Analyst recommends a base budget for FY06 for the Ports of Entry of \$5,049,200.

Of the recommended \$24,203,700 budget for Support Services, \$23,675,000 is from the Transportation Fund and \$528,700 is from Federal Funds.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved that the committee tentatively approve the recommended budget for Aeronautics at \$27,025,300; the recommended budget

for Mineral Lease at \$30,480,000 including the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated from the Federal Mineral Lease Account shall be used for improvement or reconstruction of highways that have been heavily impacted by energy development. It is also the intent of the Legislature that private industries engaged in developing the State's natural resources be encouraged to participate in the construction of highways leading to their facilities. The funds appropriated for improvement or reconstruction of energy impacted highways are nonlapsing.

and the recommended budget for Sidewalks at \$500,000 including the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund for pedestrian safety projects be used specifically to correct pedestrian hazards on State highways. It is also the intent of the Legislature that local authorities be encouraged to participate in the construction of pedestrian safety devices. The appropriated funds are to be used according to the criteria set forth in Section 72-8-104, Utah Code Annotated, 1953. The funds appropriated for sidewalk construction shall not lapse. If local governments cannot use their allocation of Sidewalk Safety Funds in two years, these funds will be available for other governmental entities which are prepared to use the resources. It is the intent of the Legislature that local participation in the Sidewalk Construction Program be on a 75% state and 25% local match basis.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved that the committee tentatively approve the fee schedule of the DEQ budget as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Hardy moved that the committee tentatively approve the recommended DEQ base budget of \$72,532,900 including the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund for pedestrian safety projects be used specifically to correct pedestrian hazards on State highways. It is also the intent of the Legislature that local authorities be encouraged to participate in the construction of pedestrian safety devices. The appropriated funds are to be used according to the criteria set forth in Section 72-8-104, Utah Code Annotated, 1953. The funds appropriated for sidewalk construction shall not lapse. If local governments cannot use their allocation of Sidewalk Safety Funds in two years, these funds will be available for other governmental entities which are prepared to use the resources. It is the intent of the Legislature that local participation in the Sidewalk Construction

Program be on a 75% state and 25% local match basis.

The motion includes adding the items in Budget Briefs TEQNG-05-04, 06, 07 and 08 in the amount of \$711,100.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Sen Fife moved to add the recommended \$50,000 to fund the watershed program to Rep. Hardy's motion.

Rep Ure divided the motion.

The original motion was passed unanimously.

The substitute motion for the \$50,000 failed with Sen Fife and Rep Cox voting in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to prioritize \$50,000 for the watershed program and \$2,000,000 for the continued initiative against high level nuclear waste storage in Utah with them prioritized in that order. The motion passed with Sen. Jenkins and Rep. Kiser voting against the motion.

Dianne Nielson, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, handed out and explained a paper outlining the costs of the initiative against high level nuclear waste storage in Utah.

Rep. Kiser explained the assignment given to himself and Rep. Cox to work with the National Guard in exploring ways to save money. He turned time over to Col. Scot Olsen to explain a paper which he passed out which detailed National Guard civic construction projects and other activities such as support for Scouting for Food and help in a number of patriotic programs. He told of the savings due to the wind turbine at Camp Williams and of the soon to be completed installation of a second wind turbine. Col. Olsen explained the need for tuition assistance to soldiers.

Michael T. Packard, a private citizen, passed out information concerning emissions pollution and MODE share of trips. He addressed the problem of the extreme cost of mass transit as compared to its use and impact on total miles traveled, and he suggested the need for a performance audit of UTA.

MOTION: Rep. Kiser moved that the committee write a letter to the Auditor General of Utah and legislative leadership requesting a performance audit of UTA and to include environmental benefits. The motion passed unanimously with Sen Waddoups absent for the vote.

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MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups absent for the vote.

Rep. Ure adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair

Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair