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## Issue Brief – Vehicle Replacement

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**SUMMARY**

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends a FY 2006 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$400,000 to begin the process of replacing 15 passenger vans with 12 passenger vans on the USHE campuses.

**OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of the recommendation and the funding is to provide a safer mode of transportation for students, faculty, and staff.

**DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Last fall, eight USU students and their teacher were killed when their 15-passenger van blew a tire and rolled four times west of Tremonton. Since then, other studies have determined that 15 passenger vans are not as safe as smaller vans.

The USHE currently has approximately 83 15-passenger vans that should be replaced. One-time funding of \$400,000 will help offset some of the costs of this replacement.