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**MINUTES OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room 445 State Capitol Building
February 11, 2015

Members Present: Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair
Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair
Rep. Craig Hall, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Rep. John Knotwell
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Justin J. Miller
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. R. Curt Webb

Staff Present: Mr. Steven Allred, Deputy Director
Mr. Brian Wikle, Fiscal Analyst
Dr. Thomas Young, Senior Economist
Ms. Cami Deavila, Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Froerer called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

2. Other Funded Capital Development

a. Courts 4th District Courthouse Expansion

Alyn Lunsford, Facilities Director, Utah State Courts, presented the request to consolidate the Provo Juvenile Court Building, Provo District Court Building, and Orem Juvenile Court Building into a new Provo Courthouse. The request was for \$87 million and \$550,000 in O&M. The projected annual debt service would be \$6.1 million; \$1,385,000 from the General Fund and \$4.4 million from the Court Complex Fund. There would be savings from existing leases of \$315,000.

b. DABC West Valley Liquor Store

Sal Petilos, Executive Director, Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, introduced the request. Tom Zdunich, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, presented the request for a new West Valley liquor store. There would be total construction costs of \$4,447,933, eight FTEs to operate the store, and ongoing O&M of \$41,000 annually.

Co-chair Froerer asked if adding one additional store would add adequate capacity for the next five years. Mr. Zdunich stated it would be adequate for the area. Additional stores would be needed along the Wasatch Front.

c. DSU 350 Bed Student Housing

Richard B. Williams, President, Dixie State University, presented the on-campus student housing proposal. On and Off Campus housing was full. The request was for a \$20 million Revenue Bond.

Rep. Webb asked what the increase in capacity would be with the project. Pres. Williams stated 350 beds. Sen. Hillyard asked if the project needed State funding or a Revenue Bond. Pres. Williams stated the project would require a Revenue Bond.

d. SLCC Strength and Conditioning Center

Bob Askerlund, Assistant Vice President, Salt Lake Community College, presented the request for a strength and conditioning center. Funding would come from excess reserves from an existing student fee bond of \$3.9 million.

Rep. Miller asked if the new building would stay within the architectural ideas of the old South High building. Mr. Askerlund stated the new building would complement the existing architecture.

e. UU Browning Building Addition

David E. Pershing, President, University of Utah, introduced the request for an addition to the Browning Building for the College of Mines.

Ruth Watkins, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Utah, stated there was significant workforce demand for graduates from the College of Mines and Earth Sciences. The addition would be an \$8.2 million project completely supported with private donations and \$199,700 would be needed in O&M.

f. UU Orson Spencer Hall

Pres. Pershing introduced the request to rebuild Orson Spencer Hall. The renovation would be a \$60 million project. They have \$15 million in firm private donations and expect to raise another \$10 million. There was strong student support for the project. There would be a \$45 per semester student fee assessed.

Co-chair Froerer asked if students had the opportunity to vote on the fee increase. Pres. Pershing stated both the student senate and assembly voted in support of the project.

Sen. Mayne asked how many projects U of U was bringing to the committee and how the electrical infrastructure was doing. Pres. Pershing answered projects included the Crocker Science Center, the Browning Center, and Orson Spencer Hall. They are grateful the electrical project was almost complete. Sen. Mayne asked why the Orson Spencer Hall project was not done until it was in a desperate state. Pres. Pershing accepted responsibility for the delay.

g. USU Fine Arts Complex

Dave Cowley, Administrative Vice President, Utah State University, presented the renovation project of the Chase Fine Arts Center. They have received \$10 million in private donations. There would be a State funded O&M request of \$175,870 for the new space.

h. USU Valley View Residence Hall

Mr. Cowley presented the request to demolish and replace the Valley View Residence Hall with a total project cost of \$23.1 million. There was no State funded O&M request.

i. USU Romney Stadium

Mr. Cowley presented the renovation of Romney Stadium. The total project cost would be \$31 million and there would be no State funded O&M request.

Rep. Webb stated support for Kent Concert Hall.

3. State Funded Capital Development

a. DNR - Wildlife

Rep. Handy stated support for the Great Salt Lake Nature Center. Greg Sheehan, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources, presented a \$2.5 million request for constructing a permanent building at the Nature Center. There would be no State funded O&M request.

Sen. Adams stated the Great Salt Lake was the most underdeveloped asset in the State. Sen. Mayne asked where the center was located. Mr. Sheehan said the center was on Shepard Lane. Rep. Schultz stated support for the project. Co-chair Harper asked if the request was on the Building Board's priority list. Rep. Handy stated that was correct.

Steve Swindle, President, Utah Wildlife and Conservation Foundation, stated the need for a permanent building for the Nature Center.

4. Requests for Appropriations

a. SLCC Fencing

Sen. Mayne presented a partnership between SLCC and Taylorsville. The request was to complete a fence that had been promised 20 years ago. John Taylor, City Administrator, Taylorsville City, added the request was for \$250,000 to complete a buffer wall. SLCC has already committed \$250,000. Co-chair Harper stated support for the project.

b. USU Botanical Center

Rep. Barlow described the need to improve infrastructure at the Botanical Center.

Steve Hyatt, Mayor, Kaysville City, presented the request to improve the asbestos cement water line that runs through the facility. A right of way and traffic pattern needed improvements. Sen. Adams stated support for the project.

c. Historic Wendover Airfield

Sen. Knudson presented the request for a hangar at the Historic Wendover Airfield. Jim Peterson, Airport Director, Tooele County, presented a \$500,000 request that would be matched with \$700,000. Rep. Sagers and Sen. Mayne stated support for the project.

Co-chair Froerer asked about the restoration of the Officer's Club. Mr. Peterson stated the project would be complete in September.

d. Huntsman Cancer Center

Pres. Niederhauser presented the request for \$9.5 million to complete a \$20 million commitment. There would also be a \$1.8 million O&M request. Sen. Hillyard stated support for the project.

Co-chair Froerer asked if there would be additional funding requests for the project. Pres. Niederhauser stated this request would complete the commitment.

e. State Employee Transit Passes

Sen. Weiler presented the Governor's \$1.3 million budget request to provide transit passes for State employees who work along transit lines and are willing and able to use the passes. The recommendation was for \$450,000 one-time money in FY15, \$900,000 one-time money in FY16, and \$900,000 ongoing for a five year contract with UTA.

Rich Amon, Deputy Director, Department of Administrative Services, stated UTA would provide 16,000 passes with a total cost of \$1.8 million. Agency budgets have already paid for \$900,000.

Sen. Hillyard asked what fund the supplemental money would be requested from. Mr. Amon stated \$450,000 would come from the General Fund.

f. UDOT – I-15 Widening through Lehi

Rep. Kay Christofferson presented the request to accelerate the I-15 Lehi project. The \$450 million project had not been placed on the STIP list.

Craig Peterson, Representative, Thanksgiving Partners, presented the development history of the Lehi area. The area being developed was currently the singular largest economic development in the Western United States.

Sen. Van Tassell asked where the project was located on the STIP list. Rep. Christofferson stated the project was not on the list, which posed a problem for development in the area. Mr. Peterson stated the earliest the project could start would be 2020.

Rep. Anderedgg stated that in previous years the project was on the STIP but had been removed. This area was the most critical development in the State and was currently at critical failure.

Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation, stated the project had been removed from the STIP due to lack of money. The project was important and would depend on what money was available.

Co-chair Harper stated concern for bypassing the process for approving projects and asked where the money would come from. Rep. Christofferson stated one proposal would fund the project from the Transportation Fund.

Sen. Hillyard asked what would happen if \$94 million was moved from the Transportation Fund to the General Fund. Mr. Braceras stated that with less money they do less work. There were presumptions about having growth on the sales tax. Sen. Hillyard asked why there had been expansion in the south end of the valley, instead of the north. Mr. Braceras stated there had been intent language requiring UDOT to go south. The south project was \$35 million and would not have helped with the Lehi project.

g. East Capitol Blvd. Improvements

Rep. Chavez-Houck presented the \$500,000 request. The total project cost would be \$1 million and Salt Lake City would match the request.

Robin Hutchinson, Transportation Director, Salt Lake City (SLC), added the project would make navigation around the Capitol safer and more convenient.

Rep. Miller asked if the project would result in a net increase in additional parking. Ms. Hutchinson confirmed that close to 20 additional parking spots would be added.

Co-chair Harper asked for clarification that SLC had \$389,000, but would increase that amount to match \$500,000 in State funding. Ms. Hutchinson stated that was the goal. Co-chair Harper asked that if the project was more than \$1 million, what parts of the project would be done first. Ms. Hutchinson stated improve the safety of crossings on the Memory Grove side, a UDOT resurfacing project, and restriping.

Rep. Sandall had concern in adding irrigation and trees. Mr. Braceras said UDOT had \$2.1 million in projects that would coincide, creating an opportunity to take advantage of project scale.

h. University Plaza Classroom & Land Bank

Sen. Urquhart presented the request to purchase property for a DSU classroom building freeing up \$350,000 in lease money to purchase additional property. Pres. Williams presented the \$3 million request to purchase two acres.

Co-chair Froerer clarified that the request had come before the Legislature for 2-3 years. Sen. Urquhart stated that was correct.

i. Browning Center WSU

Co-chair Froerer presented the \$1 million request for new seating in the Browning Center. The project had a \$200,000 commitment from the community and a commitment to raise an additional \$300,000. Cindy Kunz, Community Advocate, stated the importance of the Browning Center to the community.

Frank Bradshaw, Director, Browning Center, Weber State University, stated they were planning on three sources of funding; private donations, a buy a seat challenge that could raise \$200,000, and an outlay from the Capital Budget. Sharon McFarland, Executive Director, Ogden Symphony Ballet Association, stated support for the project.

j. UVU Fine Arts Building Study Plans

Rep. Gibson presented the \$3 million request for planning of the UVU Fine Arts Building Study Plans. The total project costs would be \$36 million with \$16 million already in the bank.

Rep. Knotwell stated support for the project.

Co-chair Harper clarified that a statute was passed doing away with phase funding and asked if they were looking for intent language allowing the project to go forward with the planning stage using internal funds. Rep. Gibson stated they were looking for \$3 million.

k. Oquirrh Connection

Rep. Knotwell presented the \$200,000 request to complete a study for a road that would connect the Southwest part of Salt Lake County and Tooele. Carmen Freeman, Mayor, Herriman City, stated the importance of having another access into Tooele County.

Rep. Miller stated support for the project and asked about commute time if a prison were to be built in Tooele County. Mayor Freeman stated that without the road the trip from Herriman to Tooele was a 50 minute commute, with the road it could be a 20 minute trip. Rep. Knotwell stated commute time would be cut substantially.

Sen. Van Tassell asked if the road was oil or dirt. Gordon Haight, Assistant City Manager, Herriman City, stated the Eastern side was oiled up to the top and the Western end was not.

Mr. Haight stated the Oquirrh Connection group had been meeting for two years. The group included Grantsville, Tooele, South Jordan, Herriman, Riverton, the Counties, UDOT, the Wasatch Front, Mountain Land Association of Governments, Eagle Mountain, and Saratoga Springs. The group would contribute matching costs to complete the study.

l. Goblin Valley State Park Access Road

Sen. Hinkins presented the request for cattle guards and fencing on the road going into Goblin Valley State Park.

m. Box Elder DPS Consolidation

Rep. Perry disclosed a conflict of interest with the project. The request was to purchase a building that would consolidate the Driver License Office, Dispatch, the Fire Marshall Office, and Highway Patrol into one building. The \$2.5 million project included \$1 million to purchase the building and \$1.5 million for renovations.

Rep. Webb asked how much land would come with the building. Wayne Christensen, Real Estate Manager, Division of Facilities and Construction Management, stated 1.62 acres.

Co-chair Froerer asked if access to the frontage road had been addressed. Rep. Gibson stated the issue wasn't completely resolved and negotiations would be needed.

n. TATC – Education & Economic Dev.

Rep. Sagers introduced the project request. Tooele City had invested \$7-8 million in the project over a five year period.

Scott J. Snelson, President, Tooele Applied Technology College, stated TATC would not be eligible for equity funding. The \$500,000 request was for a land banking purchase that would house a maintenance facility. There would be no State funded O&M request.

Randy Sant, Executive Director, Economic Development, Tooele City, stated State money would be matched by Tooele City's Redevelopment Agency.

o. Olympic Park Improvement

Rep. Hutchings presented the infrastructure improvements needed at the Olympic Park. There would be no ongoing expenses.

Reps. Miller and King stated support for the project.

p. Olympic Oval Expansion

Rep. Hutchings stated the need for a new facility which would become the permanent home of US long track and short track speed skating.

Co-chair Harper asked which of the two Olympic project requests was the most important. Rep. Gibson stated both.

q. BRT Connector

Sen. Adams presented a \$1.2 million request for a Bus Route to Transit line into Davis County. The request had been reduced from \$2.2 million to \$1.2 million.

Co-chair Harper stated \$750,000 had been committed to the project and another \$1 million was needed to get the project ready for bidding.

5. Consideration of Intent Language

Intent language would be considered at the next meeting.

6. Other Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Knotwell moved to adjourn.

Co-chair Froerer adjourned the meeting 10:58 at a.m.

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair

Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair