

**MINUTES OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 445 State Capitol Building
February 8, 2016

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
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Don L. Ipson
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. R. Curt Webb

Members Absent: Rep. John Knotwell

Staff Present: Ms. Angela J. Oh, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Brian Wikle, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Cami Thorpe, Secretary

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

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Froerer called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. State Funded Capital Development Requests, State Agencies

More information for all State Funded requests can be found online at [State Funded Capital Development Requests Combined](#) and [State Funded Capital Development Projects](#).

i. Utah State Archives and Records Service

Patricia Smith Mansfield, Director, State Archives, presented the \$4.2 million request for the State Archives Records Repository expansion.

Rep. King spoke in support of the State Archives expansion project.

Co-chair Froerer asked if the project had been reviewed for cost increases. Ms. Mansfield stated the cost of the project was updated in October.

ii. Department of Environmental Quality

Alan Matheson, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, presented the \$6.2 million request for an 18,000 square foot Dedicated Technical Support Center.

Sen. Hinkins and Rep. King asked if the current lease payments would be used to pay for O&M. Mr. Matheson stated the lease payment could go into O&M.

iii. Department of Agriculture

Scott Ericson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, presented the \$28.3 million request to replace the William Spry Agriculture Building.

Kathy Wheadon, CSRA Architects, reviewed life safety issues and maintenance costs of the existing building.

Rep. Sandall asked how the department would continue to operate during peak State Fair Park times if the new Ag Building were constructed at the State Fair Park. Mr. Ericson stated a portion of employees would feel an impact, but not everyone.

Rep. Sagers asked if the property for both sites were owned by the State and if there would be adequate parking. Mr. Ericson affirmed the property was owned by the State. The challenge during construction would be the staging area.

Sen. Van Tassell asked how the department parking would be impacted if the Ag Building were constructed at the State Fair Park. Mr. Ericson stated major events would pose a challenge. The smaller events would not impact the department parking.

3. State Funded Capital Development Requests, Higher Education

See the State Funded Capital Development Requests Combined link above for more information.

i. Utah Valley University

Matthew Holland, President, Utah Valley University, presented a \$32 million request for the UVU Arts Building. Total costs for the project would be \$55 million and the building would have 140,000 square feet. The project had \$20 million in private money.

Co-chair Froerer clarified that the request had increased from \$30 million to \$32 million.

Rep. Sagers spoke in support of the performing arts and the benefits to the community.

Sen. Hillyard asked about the current O&M needs of UVU and addressed the importance of maintaining current buildings before constructing new ones. Val Peterson, Vice President, UVU, stated the institution was careful about completing cyclical repairs and reviewed maintenance projects that had taken place.

ii. University of Utah

David W. Pershing, President, University of Utah (U of U), presented the \$50 million request to replace the School of Medicine building. The project would have a total cost of \$392 million.

Vivian Lee, Dean, University of Utah School of Medicine, reviewed the life safety issues associated with the current building.

Sen. Hillyard asked if the State reimbursed the U of U for unpaid accounts receivable balances and if cost increases for the project had been accounted for. Dr. Lee stated the U of U provided \$100 million in charity care for the uninsured or those unable to afford medical care. The State did not reimburse for the unpaid balances. Mike Perez, Associate Vice President, University of Utah, stated cost increases had been accounted for and an escalation factor had been applied.

Rep. Schultz asked if \$80,000 paid for cancelling a very public rivalry game could have been better spent on needed projects. Mr. Perez stated the head coach paid with his personal money.

Rep. Hemingway asked who covered the cost of the \$100 million in unpaid bills. Dr. Lee stated physicians provided care for free.

Rep. Anderegg asked what the cost per square foot for the building would be. Mr. Perez stated \$574 per square foot. It was a complicated project and the cost would be higher because of patient care, redundancy in utilities required by hospitals, the research costs, and the complexity of deconstruction of the existing building.

Co-chair Harper asked if the cost per square foot included the requirements for a medical building and for a breakdown of donations, clinical fees, and other revenue going toward the project. Pres. Pershing stated \$180 million was from private donations, \$50 million from the State request, and the remaining funds were from operating revenue.

Co-chair Froerer asked for a time schedule of the project and would it be possible to break up the \$50 million request over several years. Mr. Perez reviewed the project construction timing.

Sen. Adams spoke in support of charity care remaining noncompetitive.

Sens. Van Tassell and Hinkins and Rep. Sagers asked for a personal privilege to introduce visiting Native American high school students.

iii. Salt Lake Community College

Deneece G. Huftalin, President, Salt Lake Community College (SLCC), presented the \$42.6 million request for the 120,000 square foot Westpointe CTE Center.

Rep. Anderegg asked for an explanation why the project was listed at the top of the Board of Regents priority list, but dropped six spots on the Building Board. He believed the smaller institutions were being short changed. Ms. Huftalin stated there was a possibility they did not receive adequate private donations.

Sen. Mayne spoke in support of the SLCC project.

iv. Ogden-Weber ATC

Collette Mercier, President, Ogden-Weber ATC, presented the \$6.6 million request to renovate the 43,605 square foot BDO Building Bay Two.

Kerry Gibson, Commissioner, Weber County, reviewed the city, county, region, and state economic impact of the project.

Colonel Scott Nowlen, Deputy Director of Engineering and Technical Management, Hill Air Force Base, reviewed the need for skilled aerospace technicians at Hill AFB.

Sen. Van Tassell asked how many students were going through the program and what the cost was to complete the program. Pres. Mercier stated about 70 students were enrolled. With the renovation they could handle well over 125 students. To complete the composite program took 7-9 months and cost about \$2,000.

Rep. Ipson asked how OWATC recruited for the program and if they were able to fill classrooms. Pres. Mercier stated that recruiting occurs through the Department of Workforce Services, local advertising, and work with local high schools.

Rep. Schultz spoke in support of the project.

Co-chair Froerer asked what the ramifications would be if the project was not completed. Col. Nowlen stated Hill AFB would turn work away. The work would get done, just not in Utah.

Sen. Van Tassell encouraged ATC's to reach out to Native American students.

Sen. Adams asked for clarification that Hill AFB would need to hire 5,000 employees over five years. Col. Nowlen reviewed the need for all types of engineers and technicians.

v. Weber State University

Charles A. White, President, Weber State University, presented the \$29.8 million request to renovate the Social Science Building. The renovated building would have 119,322 square feet, an O&M increase of \$396,163, and had received \$5 million in private funds.

Rep. Sagers asked if it would be cheaper to renovate versus constructing a new building. Pres. White stated it was cheaper to renovate the building by \$55 per square foot.

Co-chair Froerer clarified that the cost of the project had increased. Pres. White stated the project costs increased \$2 million, but they had received a \$5 million donation. The request to the State had gone down \$3 million.

vi. Southern Utah University

Scott Wyatt, President, Southern Utah University, presented the \$8 million request for a new Business Building and repurposed existing Business Building. They had \$9 million in private funding, there would be \$349,000 in O&M, and the total project cost is \$17 million.

Sen. Adams asked when the last time SUU had a building request. Pres. Wyatt stated about 2009.

vii. Mountainland ATC

Clay Christensen, President, Mountainland ATC, presented the \$24 million request for the Thanksgiving Point Campus Technology/Trades Building. The building would be 80,000 square feet and have \$616,800 in O&M costs.

Rep. King asked if a FrontRunner stop was located near the campus. Pres. Christensen stated about half a mile.

viii. Snow College

Co-chair Harper requested the Snow College project be placed on the agenda. Funding approved in the last General Session had a \$4.7 million shortfall.

Gary L. Carlston, President, Snow College, reviewed unanticipated cost increases for the new science building. \$3.2 million in private funds had been raised to cover those costs.

Jim Russell, Construction Program Manager, Division of Facilities Construction and Management, reviewed why the project was over budget, options to get to budget, costs that could be delayed or deferred and what issues that would cause.

Co-chair Froerer asked how much money was in the Project Reserve Fund and could it be used for the project. Mr. Russell stated about \$5 million combined between capital improvement and capital development funds. The current funds would not be enough to cover the cost increase.

Rep. King asked if funds were projected to come back due to other construction projects being completed this year. Mr. Russell stated there were several that would wrap up summer of the following year.

Co-chair Harper asked if anything in the project would qualify under capital improvement money. Mr. Russell stated possibly demolition of the existing building and about \$1 million in landscaping. Co-chair Harper clarified that \$1 million from the project reserve fund and \$1 million from capital improvement money could be used leaving the project still short \$2.7 million.

Co-chair Froerer encouraged the subcommittee to review the Snow College Science Building Supplemental Funding Request handout.

4. Other Subcommittee Business

Co-chair Harper reviewed the agenda for the next subcommittee meeting.

Rep. Anderegg asked that the capital development and request for appropriation list be available for review prior to the meeting.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Ipson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Froerer adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

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