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**MINUTES OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room 445 State Capitol Building
February 10, 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 8:06 a.m.

2. State Funded Capital Development Requests

Stan L. Albrecht, President, Utah State University (USU), presented the request for the Biological Science Building.

Dave Cowley, Vice President of Business and Finance, USU, stated the project included renovation of an existing building and construction of a new building. The request for State funding would be \$59 million. There would be an increase of O&M funding for \$1.2 million, and \$10 million in other funding sources.

Co-chair Froerer asked what the anticipated costs would be if only the new building were constructed. Mr. Cowley stated the new building cost would be \$45 million and only \$7 million of the other funding sources could be used. The request to the State would be \$38 million.

Sen. Hillyard asked about capital improvements on the USU campus and if 1.1 percent funding was adequate. Pres. Albrecht stated deferred maintenance was the biggest challenge. Mr. Cowley spoke to capital improvement projects at USU. Funding at 1.5 percent would be helpful.

Rep. Sagers asked about the construction time frame of the new building and what the life expectancy would be on the renovated building. Mr. Cowley stated construction would take about two years and the renovated building would have a 30-year life.

Co-chair Harper assumed the chair.

3. Non-State Funded Capital Development Requests (requiring Legislature approval)
a. Utah State University, Space Dynamics

Mr. Cowley stated the request was for authority to issue bonds on the Space Dynamics project. More information can be found online at [USU Non State Funded Capital Development Project](#)

b. Utah State University, Acquisition of Property

Mr. Cowley stated the request was for authority to issue bonds on the acquisition of property for a housing development.

c. University of Utah, David Eccles

David W. Pershing, President, University of Utah (U of U), presented the need for the David Eccles School of Business project. More information can be found online at [UofU Non State Funded Capital Development](#)

Taylor Randall, Dean, School of Business, stated the request was for bonding authority for up to \$50 million, to reallocate \$403,500 of O&M funding, and there was \$16 million in other funding sources. There was not an O&M request.

d. Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Co-chair Harper introduced the presentation. The Governor's office believed the studies which suggested a new State Liquor store be constructed every year was out of date.

Salvador D. Petilos, Director, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, presented the David Eccles School of Business Needs Analysis for State Liquor stores. The State quota would permit 62 stores, there were currently 44 stores. More information can be found online at [DABC Non State Funded Capital Development Presentation](#)

Sen. Mayne stated support for building additional State Liquor Stores.

Rep. Hemmingway asked about building a Sandy store. Mr. Petilos stated Sandy City was creating a commercial zone centered around State Street and were not in favor of building east of State Street.

Co-chair Harper clarified that the request was for a revenue bond of \$5.45 million.

4. Request for Appropriations

Co-chair Froerer assumed the chair.

a. Parental Defense Alliance

Co-chair Harper stated the request was for an additional \$9,800 in ongoing funds for the Parental Defense Alliance to serve all district courts in the State.

b. Department of Agriculture Building and State Fairpark Planning

Co-chair Harper presented the \$ 3million request for phase funding to decide where the Ag Building should be placed and \$1.3 million for Fairpark planning.

Luann Adams, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, stated support for the request.

Rep. Schultz asked if planning for the Ag Building should wait until plans for the State Fair Park were decided. Co-chair Harper stated investment in planning money should happen right now.

Co-chair Harper assumed the chair.

c. Davis County Bus Rapid Transit

Sen. Adams introduced mayors in attendance who supported the project.

Jim Smith, Commissioner, Davis County, presented the \$1.2 million request.

Rep. Hemmingway asked if Davis County would contribute. Mr. Smith stated Davis County would join in with Crop One Funds.

Sen. Van Tassell asked if the project was part of the UTA system. Mr. Smith stated it was part of the UTA system. Sen. Adams added that the funding was outside of the UTA budget.

d. Morgan Education Economic Development

Sen. Adams spoke in support of the project.

Russell Gault, Vice President of Administrative Services, Davis Applied Technology College, presented the \$575,000 request to purchase 9.9 acres in Morgan City.

e. Highway 29 Rest Area

Sen. Hinkins presented the need for a rest area at Highway 29.

Co-chair Harper asked if local funds would be contributed. Sen. Hinkins stated either Castle Dale or Orangeville City would maintain the rest area.

Rep. Hemmingway asked if the property had already been purchased. Sen. Hinkins stated the city owned the property and would donate it to the project.

f. Restoration of Historic Enola Gay Hangar

Sen. Knudson presented the \$2 million request to develop the historic Enola Gay Hangar.

Jim Petersen, Director, Wendover Airport, spoke in support of the project.

Co-chair Froerer asked if the hangar was a county owned facility and if the renovation would increase revenue for the airport. Mr. Peterson stated Tooele County owned the hangar and O&M funding comes from donations. The hangar brings additional revenue to the hangar and to Wendover City.

Rep. Sagers spoke in support of the project.

Rep. Hemmingway asked who maintained the landing strip. Mr. Peterson stated user fees from commercial flights funded maintenance.

g. Tess Avenue School Sidewalk project

Sen. Mayne spoke to safety issues and the need for the project.

Nicole Cottle, Director, Community and Economic Development, West Valley City, presented the \$200,000 request.

Co-chair Harper asked how much West Valley City would contribute. Ms. Cottle stated the city had contributed about \$200,000 in right of way purchases. The project did not qualify for Safe Sidewalk Funds.

Rep. Sandall asked who maintained the roads in the area around the projects. Ms. Cottle stated West Valley City.

h. Tooele Applied Technology College Land Banking

Rep. Sagers spoke in support of the land banking request

Randy Sant, Director, Economic Development, Tooele City, stated the request was for \$525,000 to purchase 3.5 acres to build a business resource center at the TATC. The redevelopment agency would work to find funding for construction and O&M for the building.

i. State Fair Improvements

Sen. Van Tassell presented the \$3 million request to rebuild the rodeo and grandstand facilities. The request was included in the Governor's budget.

Co-chair Harper asked for clarification that the money was for construction and not planning. Sen. Van Tassell stated the funds would be for construction.

Rep. Sagers stated support for the project and requested the State Fair Park have a long-term plan. Sen. Van Tassell stated a 25-year long-term plan had been approved.

Rep. Schultz spoke in support of the project.

j. National Park Highway

Sen. Van Tassell presented the need for a highway into the west side of the Uintah Basin. The request was for \$1.5 million.

Co-chair Harper asked if the highway would connect to the Seep Ridge Road. Sen. Van Tassell replied that it would.

k. Bridgerland Land Banking

Rep. Webb stated the need to purchase the adjacent land was critical. The \$6.7 million request was decreased to \$5.2 million because the acreage for Parcel B had decreased from 18.5 to 15.5 acres.

Wendy Brog, Vice President, Bridgerland Applied Technology College, spoke in support of the project.

l. Snow College/Richfield Land Banking

Rep. McIff presented the \$400,000 request to purchase property.

m. Utah Snow Load Study Update

Rep. Cox presented the \$50,000 request for a study to update building code for snow load.

Jerod Johnson, Past President, Structural Engineers Association of Utah, spoke in support of the request.

n. Extension Building at the USU Botanical Center

Rep. Barlow spoke in support of the project.

Mr. Smith presented the \$1.2 million request and reviewed cost savings by expanding and relocating the USU Extension office to the Botanical Center.

Sen. Adams and Steve A. Hiatt, Mayor, Kaysville City, spoke in support of the project.

Rep. Sagers asked how soon the cost savings would be generated. Rep. Barlow stated the savings would be immediate.

o. Sound Wall Removal

Sen. Jenkins presented the \$400,000 request to remove sound walls along Interstate 15 in Farr West. The adjacent property could not be developed because the view was obstructed.

Sen. Knudson spoke in support of the request.

p. Weber Youth Center

Rep. Dee presented the \$1 million request for increased construction costs.

q. Bear Lake State Park Marina Expansion

Rep. Brown presented the \$20 million request. The expansion would have an economic impact to the State.

Sen. Hillyard spoke in support of the request. A parking lot was needed to relieve pressure from boat traffic, a marina was needed on the Idaho side, slip fees should be increased, and Rich County would contribute.

Rep. Webb spoke in support of the request.

Co-chair Harper asked how much the slip capacity would increase. Dan Clark, Construction Manager, State Parks, stated 300 slips would be added, along with 475 parking stalls, and 150 boat and trailer parking stalls.

Rep. Anderegg asked for clarification that there was not a public ramp on the Idaho side. Mr. Clark stated the Idaho side ramp was too shallow.

r. Department of Transportation Avalanche Control

Sen. Niederhauser presented the need to update the process and technology for avalanche control. The request was for one-time funds of \$6 million from the Transportation Investment Fund.

Nathan Raff, President, Ski Utah, spoke in support of the project.

Vice Co-chair Hall Assumed the chair.

s. ASH Building Completion – Utah State Developmental Center

Sen. Dayton presented the need for increased funding to fully complete the State Developmental Center. There had been a miscalculation of costs for the project. The request was for \$2.1 million.

Guy Thompson, Superintendent, Utah State Developmental Center, explained the need for the ASH Building.

Sen. Mayne spoke in support of the request.

Sen. Adams asked if there would be additional costs if construction was delayed. Sen. Dayton stated that completing the project now would be cheaper than having to restart construction at a later date.

t. Sixth District Sanpete County Property Purchase

Sen. Okerlund presented the \$500,000 request to purchase land for the Sanpete County Courthouse.

Alyn Lunsford, Facilities Director, Utah State Courts, reviewed the four possible property locations. Sanpete County could not participate in funding the project because of county budget constraints.

u. Jordan River Last Bridge Project

Rep. Cunningham presented the \$1.3 million request to construct the last portion of the bridge that would connect the Jordan River Trail that runs from Roy to Provo.

Laura Hansen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in support of the project.

v. Homeless Safety Infrastructure

Rep. Eliason presented the \$485,000 request for a sidewalk leading to the Road Home family homeless shelter.

Dave Spatafore, Lobbyist, Midvale City, spoke in support of the project.

Sen. Van Tassell asked if the project was part of the county-wide long-term solution being discussed. Rep. Eliason stated it was.

Rep. Sagers asked if private property owners should participate in the improvements. Mr. Spatafore stated the businesses were not likely to utilize the sidewalks.

w. Olympic Legacy Foundation Projects at Soldier Hollow

Rep. Hutchings presented the \$875,000 request to repair the 2002 Olympic competition facilities.

Sen. Van Tassell and Colin Hilton, President, Utah Olympic Legacy, spoke in support of the request.

5. Other Subcommittee Business

Co-chairs Harper and Froerer reviewed steps the subcommittee would need to follow to be prepared for the upcoming meetings.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Co-chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair

Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair