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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FROM: Brian Wikle, Analyst
DATE: July 19, 2017
SUBJECT: Fair Park Arena Funding and Construction Update

The Legislature authorized construction of an arena with seating capacity of approximately 10,000 at the State Fair Park in H.B. 3002, 2016 3rd Special Session. The State and other entities contributed funding for design and construction of the arena as follows:

Amount	Funding Source
\$10,000,000	General Fund Appropriation from the State
\$3,000,000	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
\$2,000,000	Salt Lake County ^a
\$1,000,000	Salt Lake City
\$1,210,000	Additional Funds ^b
<i>\$17,210,000</i>	<i>Total</i>

^a The Legislature authorized the Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) to loan \$2 million from the Capital Projects Fund to Salt Lake County to cover the county's commitment for construction of the arena (see S.B. 2, Item 50, 2017 General Session). The county will repay DFCM \$1 million on January 30, 2018 and \$1 million on January 30, 2019.

^b DFCM provided \$760,000 for capital improvement for the west parking lot; \$250,000 from the project reserve fund for unforeseen soil conditions and winter weather-related conditions; and \$200,000 from unallocated asphalt funds to address compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In addition to the funding shown above, the Fair Park had spent about \$250,000 as of July 6, 2017 to purchase rough stock panels, a money safe, and kitchen equipment, and to add and relocate entry gates.

Although finishing work is ongoing, contractors achieved substantial completion by the July 1, 2017 deadline meaning that the arena was fit for occupancy and use for its intended purpose. The Fair Park hosted a private event in the arena on June 30th, the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America will hold a rally at the arena from July 13-16, and the Days of '47 Rodeo will use the arena from July 19-24.

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During the July 25th meeting of the Executive Appropriations Committee, Larry Mullenax, Executive Director of the State Fair Park, will report on construction of the arena; provide preliminary costs and revenues from the Days of '47 Rodeo and associated events; discuss what went well with the events and what could be improved; list future events that have already been booked; and discuss any significant capital improvements that are planned or being considered for the Fair Park.