

Potential Reforms to Utah's Transportation Governance and Project Development

TRANSPORTATION GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING TASK FORCE

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Governance Reform

Transit Commission

COMPOSITION

This model would replace the current 16-member UTA Board of Directors with a three-member, full-time, “Transit Commission” that would serve as the governing body for UTA.

Each commissioner would be appointed by the governor from a list of three recommended nominees provided by counties in the UTA service district.

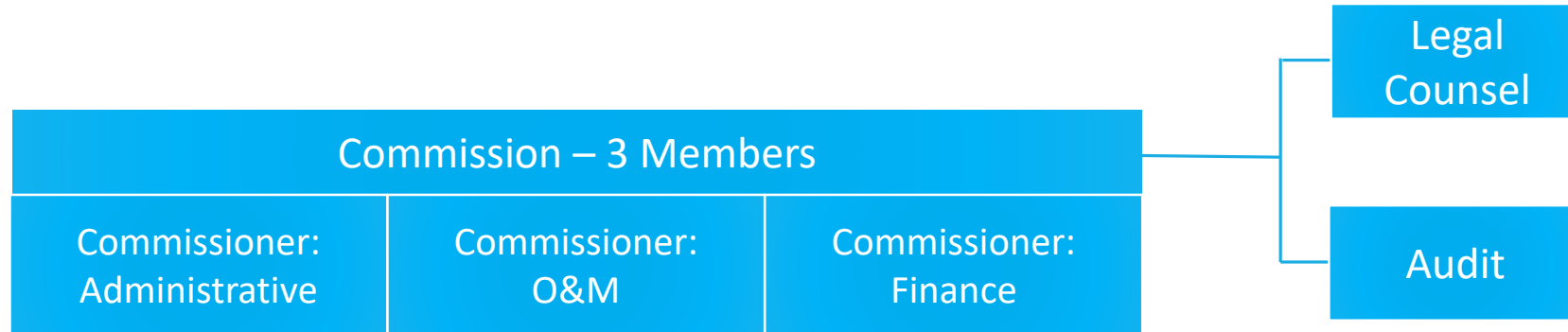
One commissioner would be appointed from nominees from each of the following groups:

- Salt Lake County;
- Utah County, in consultation with Tooele County;
- Davis and Weber Counties, in consultation with Box Elder County.

Appointments would be subject to Advise and Consent of the Utah State Senate.

Commissioners serve, at the will of the governor, for three-year terms.

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QUALIFICATIONS

Executive experience

Administrative experience

Transportation or infrastructure management experience

Skills in accounting, auditing, finance, law, risk analysis

Ideally, the three commissioners' skills and backgrounds would complement each others' to cover all necessary areas of expertise

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DUTIES

Governing body of UTA

Administrative supervision of UTA, including setting policies, adopting rules, and establishing agency goals

Hire senior positions that report directly to the Transit Commission:

- Auditor
- General Counsel

Approve agency budget

Program projects and operations funded with local option taxes and federal funds

Secure and administer federal funds

Nominate projects to the Utah Transportation Commission for Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) funding participation

Approve transit service plans

Approve bond issuance for submittal to the State Bonding Commission for review and approval

Prepare annual written reports to the governor and Legislature, including:

- Fiscal Report – budget, risk analysis, sustainability
- Tactical Report – internal operations, staffing needs, union negotiations, executive compensation plan
- Operations Report – safety, reliability, farebox recovery, project costs for O&M and asset management
- Opinion Survey – survey of local officials and public

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ADDITIONAL STATE OVERSIGHT AND CONFORMITY TO STATE AGENCIES

Employee retirement with URS

Bond issuances approved by State Bonding Commission

Service plans created annually in consultation with counties and presented to Transportation Interim Committee

Transit Advisory Board

NINE-MEMBER ADVISORY BOARD

Appointed by counties within UTA service district

Approves Transit Commissioners' compensation plans

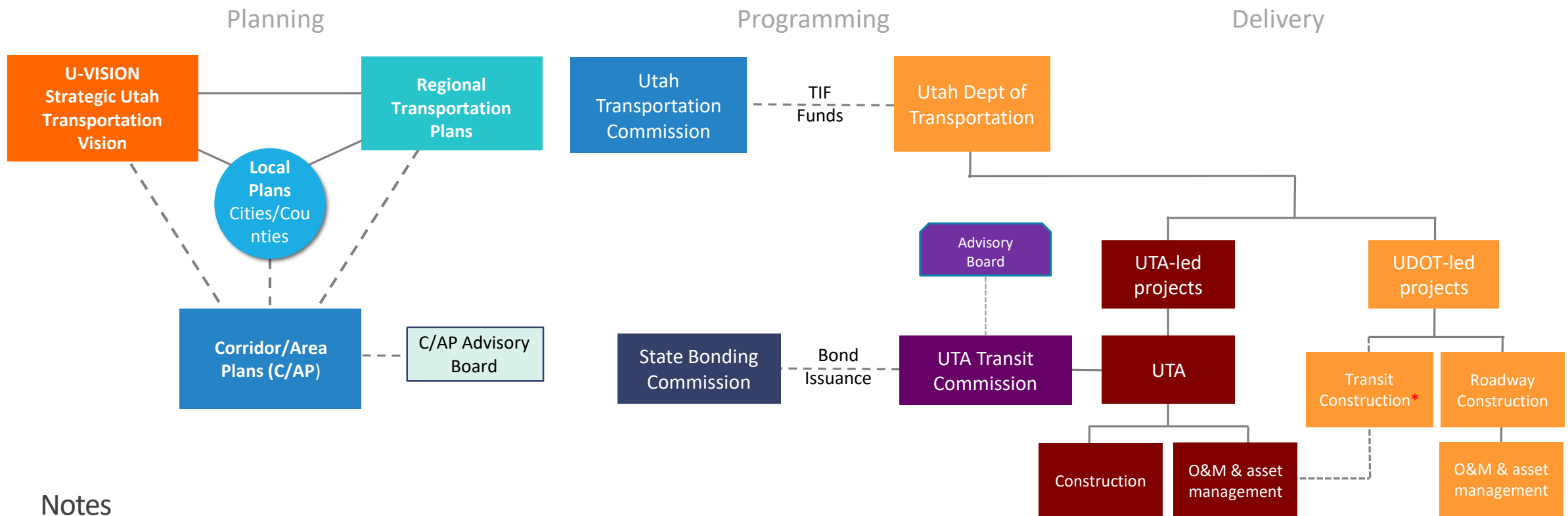
Works with locals on service plans

Assists with public outreach, coordinated mobility, and constituent services

Capacity Capital Project Development

STEP-BY-STEP LOOK AT CAPACITY CAPITAL PROJECT USING TIF
FUNDS

Transportation System Governance and Capacity Capital Project Development



Notes

Planning

- U-VISION to be a policy-level document that develops statewide goals and strategies
- To be developed with MPOs and local governments

Programming & Prioritization

- Enhanced prioritization process and criteria including incentives for strategic land use planning
- Program state capacity projects across modes including transit and active transportation
- Select projects that advance U-VISION
- Program projects with state funds and/or on state system

Project Delivery

- Project delivery determined by UDOT
- All road/bridge projects continue to be delivered by UDOT
- Transit projects may be delivered by state (UDOT), interlocal agreement (UTA), or P3 (contract)
- *UDOT-led transit delivery may use P3 for design, finance, construction, O&M
- Third-party review of agencies' functions, structures, and performance may result in recommended actions/changes