

Transportation Governance Amendments

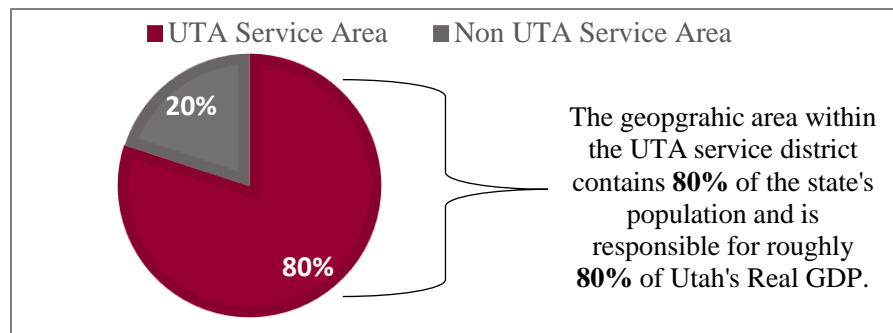
Key Provisions

January 25, 2018, Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force Meeting



UTA Governance

UTA has grown in size and impact to the point of statewide significance.



Proposed Changes:

- Replace 16 member, part-time, volunteer, board (**line 661**)
- New three-member, full-time, paid Board of Trustees (**819-877**)
- Board members nominated by counties, appointed by Governor, with Senate consent:
 - Salt Lake County – 1
 - Utah County with Tooele County – 1
 - Davis County and Weber County with Box Elder County – 1
- Board of Trustees duties include: (**960-1080**)
 - Develop and approve budget
 - Set fares and rates
 - Recommend capital projects to Transportation Commission
 - Develop and approve strategic plan
- Retain Executive Director position (previously CEO/GM) (**1235-1281**)
- Nine-member “Local Advisory Board” (**1082-1124**)
 - Appointed primarily by Councils of Governments w/in district
 - Apportioned by population
 - Set compensation for Board of Trustees
 - Make recommendations to Board of Trustees on many topics, including:
 - Budget;
 - Service plans;
 - Project development plans;

UDOT Governance

- UDOT structure will need to change to accommodate increased role in multimodal planning and capital development

Proposed Changes:

- Require a second deputy director (**2835-2861**)
- Create the Planning and Investment Division (**2917-2921**)

State Spending on Transit

- Create Public Transit Capital Development Fund within the existing Transportation Investment Fund (TIF) of 2005 **(3418-3438)**
 - Public transit capital development projects eligible for state funding **(3388)**
 - Requires at least 35% non-state funding
 - Not eligible for operations and maintenance
- Transportation Commission will program TIF funds to road and transit capital development projects **(3079-3111)**
 - Updated prioritization process to include consideration of improved access to:
 - Employment, recreation, commerce, and residential areas
- Allows corridor preservation funds to be used for public transit corridors **(3162)**

Taxes and Fees

- Sales Tax
 - Counties have until 2022 to impose any local option sales taxes currently authorized by the state
 - On July 1, 2022, a state sales tax is imposed in counties within the UTA service district **(1887-1953)**
 - The rate of the state sales tax will be the difference between 1.05% and the sum of the imposed local options in each county/city
- Transient Room Tax **(2665-2687)**
 - Increase the state transient room tax to 5% per night
 - Revenue generated will be allocated to the new Public Transit Capital Development Fund
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees **(1645-1683)**
 - Registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles are increased
 - At least **18** other states currently have an electric vehicle fee, including at least **7** that also have a hybrid vehicle fee
 - Fees will be indexed for inflation **(1685-1691)**

Road User Charge (RUC) (2976-3037)

- UDOT is directed to begin a RUC study and demonstration program
- Once operational, electric vehicle owners will be given the choice to participate in the RUC program in lieu of paying the electric vehicle registration fee

Statewide Planning (2923-2974)

- Directs UDOT to develop statewide strategic initiatives for planning and coordinating multimodal transportation

Value Capture (117-338)

- Political subdivisions may create “Transportation Reinvestment Zones” to capture increases in property taxes around transportation infrastructure improvements

Questions or Comments?

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