



# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

- Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
- Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair
- Sen. David G. Buxton
- Sen. Karen Mayne
- Sen. Ronald Winterton
- Rep. Kyle R. Andersen
- Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
- Rep. Walt Brooks
- Rep. Steve R. Christiansen
- Rep. Dan N. Johnson
- Rep. Marsha Judkins
- Rep. Karen Kwan

- Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
- Rep. Adam Robertson
- Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff
- Rep. Raymond P. Ward
- Rep. Elizabeth Weight

**Members Absent:**

- President J. Stuart Adams

**Staff Present:**

- Andy Yewdell, Policy Analyst
- Kurt P. Gasser, Associate General Counsel
- Cherish Cosman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Christofferson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

### 1 . Committee Business

Chair Christofferson introduced and recognized staff.

Andy Yewdell introduced himself and provided an overview of electronic meeting procedures and guidelines.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-15

- Rep. K. Andersen
- Rep. M. Ballard
- Rep. W. Brooks
- Rep. S. Christiansen
- Rep. K. Christofferson
- Sen. W. Harper
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. M. Judkins
- Sen. K. Mayne
- Rep. M. Nelson
- Rep. A. Robertson
- Rep. L. Shurtliff
- Rep. R. Ward
- Rep. E. Weight
- Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-3

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. D. Buxton
- Rep. K. Kwan

Chair Christofferson reviewed the 2020 interim study items and committee discussion followed.

[1A - 2020 TRA Interim Committee Study Items List](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Christiansen moved to amend the interim study item "Review of transportation commission programmed projects and through which years" to specifically include a review and analysis of

East-West Corridor improvement projects on the west side of Salt Lake County for viability and prioritization, and committee discussion to the motion followed. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-16

Rep. K. Andersen  
Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Sen. D. Buxton  
Rep. S. Christiansen  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. W. Harper  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. L. Shurtliff  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. E. Weight  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. K. Kwan

Committee discussion regarding the interim study items continued.

**MOTION:** Rep. Andersen moved to add a study item on the implementation of the new railroad crossing safety fund and on the process of proposing projects using the fund, and committee discussion to the motion followed. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 2.

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Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
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[1C - H.B. 4002 "Rail Fuel Sales Tax Amendments"](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to add a Road Usage Charge (RUC) status update and study options for accelerating implementation of the RUC to the study items list, and committee discussion to the motion followed. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-16

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Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. L. Shurtliff  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. E. Weight  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. K. Kwan

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to adopt the 2020 interim study items as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 2.

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Rep. E. Weight  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. K. Kwan

Andy Yewdell discussed process for opening committee bill files and committee discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Sen. Winterton moved to authorize the chairs to open bill files on behalf of the committee regarding any study items on the 2020 interim study items list. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 2.

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Nays-0Absent-2

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Andy Yewdell presented a review of the Open and Public Meetings Act.

[1B - 2020 Open and Public Meetings Act Review](#)**2 . Protecting Mass Transit Users**

Carlton Christensen, Chair, Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Board of Trustees, introduced the other UTA presenters, offered a roadmap for UTA's presentation, and answered committee questions.

Carolyn Gonot, Executive Director, UTA, presented an update on ridership, impacts of the pandemic on public transit, discussed UTA's efforts to address those challenges, and answered committee questions.

[2A - UTA Briefing](#)

Lorin Simpson, Regional General Manager, Salt Lake Business Unit, spoke to UTA's recovery plan and efforts to improve ridership and safety during the pandemic, and answered questions.

Todd Beutler, General Manager and CEO, Cache Valley Transit District, discussed the transit district's response to the pandemic and answered questions.

[2B - Cache Valley Transit District Briefing](#)

Michael Cardon, Transit Manager, SunTran, St. George's public transit system, updated the committee on SunTran's response to the pandemic and answered questions.

Vinny Nguyen, Assistant Manager, Park City Transit, presented on Park City Transit's response to the pandemic and answered questions.

[2C - Park City Transit Briefing](#)

Tygrlili Fae, resident, spoke to the issue of inconsistent pandemic guidelines and posed questions for the presenters.

**3 . Transition from a Driver License to a State ID Card**

Sen. Ann Millner presented an overview of the process to transition to a state ID, highlighted challenges with the process, encouraged the committee to find a solution, and responded to committee questions.

Chris Caras, Director, Driver License Division, Department of Public Safety, clarified department and policy issues, responded to questions, and committee discussion continued.

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to open a committee bill file to address the streamlining of state ID card issuance to those who already have a state driver license and committee discussion to the motion followed. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 1.

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Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. E. Weight  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. J. Adams

#### **4 . Delays in Vehicle Registration, Driver License Renewal, and Emissions Testing**

Scott Smith, Executive Director, State Tax Commission, discussed state and county processes, updated the committee on impacts of the pandemic, and responded to committee questions.

#### [4 - State Tax Commission Briefing](#)

Chris Caras spoke to the issue of delays with the renewal and issuance of driver licenses, and responded to questions.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to open a committee bill file to waive the observation and driving hours requirement before a driver's skill test for individuals that pass a driver's skill test, and committee discussion to the motion followed. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 1.

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Rep. E. Weight  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-1

Sen. J. Adams

Committee discussion continued.

**5 . Suspend Penalties for Emissions Testing, Registering Vehicles and Renewing Driver License**

Scott Smith addressed the issue of penalties.

**6 . Recent Trends with Road Usage**

Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department Of Transportation (UDOT), explained the impacts of the pandemic on road usage and addressed committee questions.

[6 - UDOT Briefing](#)**7 . Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Winterton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 1.

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Nays-0Absent-1

Sen. J. Adams

Chair Christofferson adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.