MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 3, 2025|8:00 a.m.|210 Senate Building

UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

Members Present:
Sen. Don L. Ipson, Chair
Rep. Douglas R. Welton, Chair
Rep. Doug Owens, Vice Chair
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe
Sen. Keven J. Stratton
Sen. Chris H. Wilson
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson

Rep. Joseph Elison
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Calvin Roberts
Rep. Jake Sawyer
Rep. David Shallenberger

Members Absent:
Rep. Ashlee Matthews

Staff Present:
Sean C. Faherty, Finance Manager
Rachel Boe, Financial Analyst
Reese Boardman, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Ipson called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. University of Utah - Huntsman Cancer Institute Vineyard Bonding Request

[2a. Huntsman Cancer Institute Bonding Request](#)

[2b. Vineyard Comprehensive Cancer Center Booklet](#)

Taylor Randall, President, University of Utah, and Mary Beckerle, CEO, Huntsman Cancer Institue, presented the request.

Sen. Ipson asked about the sources of funding for the request. Mary Beckerle responded.

Rep. Christofferson asked about the bond repayment. Mary Beckerle responded.

3. Utah State University - Math, AI, Data & Analytics Center (MAIDAC)

[3a. USU MAIDAC Request](#)

[3b. USU MAIDAC Handout](#)

Elizabeth Cantwell, President, Utah State University, presented the request.

Rep. Welton assumed the chair.

Sen. Riebe thanked the presenters.

Sen. Wilson spoke to the request. Elizabeth Cantwell responded.

4. Utah State University - 800 East Residence Hall & Parking Garage Bonding Request

4. USU 800 East Residence Hall

Dave Cowley, USU, VP for Finance and Administrative Services, presented the request.

Sen. Kwan asked about the state costs, bond repayment, and the types of dorm rooms constructed. Dave Cowley responded.

Sen. Wilson asked about life skills program relocation. Dave Cowley responded.

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. McCay moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 14	Nays - 0	Absent - 4
Rep. K. Christofferson		Rep. B. Bolinder
Sen. W. Harper		Rep. J. Elison
Sen. D. Ipson		Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. K. Ivory		Rep. D. Owens
Sen. K. Kwan		
Sen. D. McCay		
Sen. K. Riebe		
Rep. C. Roberts		
Rep. J. Sawyer		
Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Sen. K. Stratton		
Rep. D. Welton		
Sen. C. Wilson		
Sen. R. Winterton		

6. RFA: UDOT Trash and Carcass Removal Funds (Sen. Harper)

Sen. Harper and Ben Huot, Deputy Director of Planning and Investments, UDOT, presented the request.

Sen. Ipson asked about type of carcasses being removed. Sen. Harper responded.

Sen. Riebe asked about possible education campaigns. Sen. Harper responded.

Sen. Kwan asked about the Secure Your Load program. Lisa Wilson, Deputy Director of Engineering and Operations, UDOT, and Sen. Harper responded.

Rep. Ivory asked about potential coordination with future bills. Sen. Harper responded.

Rep. Shallenberger spoke to the request. Sen. Harper responded.

7. RFA: Provo Airport (Rep. Peterson)

Rep. Peterson, Brian Torgersen, Director, Provo Airport, and Isaac Paxman, Deputy Mayor, Provo, presented the request.

Sen. Ipson asked about federal funding possible effects to the request. Brian Torgersen responded.

Sen. Riebe asked about the partnership with airlines. Brian Torgersen and Isaac Paxman responded.

Sen. Wison asked about the source of funding from Provo. Brian Torgersen responded.

Sen. McCay asked about airport fees for airlines. Isaac Paxman and Rep. Peterson responded.

Sen. Ipson asked about sources of funding. Brian Torgersen responded.

Sen. Harper asked about the financial graph shown in presentation and sources of funding request. Brian Torgersen responded.

Sen. Stratton spoke to the potential outcomes of growth for the airport.

Sen. Kwan asked about possible comparisons to SLC airport. Brian Torgersen responded.

8. RFA: Wayne County Admin/Judicial Building Proposal (Sen. Owens)

8a. Wayne County Handout

8b. Wayne County Photographs

Sen. Owens, Dennis Blackburn, Commissioner, and Roger Brian, Commissioner, presented the request.

Sen. Ipson asked about the number of towns in Wayne County. Dennis Blackburn responded.

Rep. Owens asked about tourism effects on Wayne County. Roger Brian and Sen. Owens responded.

Sen. Riebe spoke to the differences between counties. Roger Brian responded.

Rep. Ivory asked about taxable land in Wayne County. Roger Brian and Dennis Blackburn responded.

Rep. Christofferson spoke to the potential to sue the federal government. Sen. Owens responded.

9. RFA: Transfer to Marda Dillree Corridor Preservation Fund (Rep. Christofferson)

Rep. Christofferson presented their request.

Chair Welton asked a question about potential targets for the fund. Rep. Christofferson responded.

10. Other Business

11. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 14	Nays - 0	Absent - 4
Rep. B. Bolinder		Sen. W. Harper
Rep. K. Christofferson		Rep. A. Matthews
Rep. J. Elison		Sen. K. Stratton
Sen. D. Ipson		Sen. C. Wilson
Rep. K. Ivory		
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Rep. D. Shallenberger		
Rep. D. Welton		
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Chair Welton adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.