

# DRAFT MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

### Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair  
Sen. Emily Buss  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe  
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton  
Rep. Kristen Chevrier  
Rep. Ariel Defay  
Rep. Rosalba Dominguez  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Ashlee Matthews

Rep. Michael J. Petersen  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson  
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci  
Rep. Calvin Roberts  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Jake Sawyer  
Rep. Norman K Thurston

### Staff Present:

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Kurt P. Gasser, Managing Associate General Counsel  
Riley Williams, Associate General Counsel  
Gabi Prior, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

## 1. Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Sawyer moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025, and November 20, 2025, meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 9.

### Yeas - 9

Sen. E. Buss  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Sen. W. Harper  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. J. Sawyer  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. R. Winterton

### Nays - 0

### Absent - 9

Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. R. Dominguez  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. C. Roberts  
Rep. A. Romero

### [1 - Open and Public Meetings Act Overview \(Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel\)](#)

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented an overview of the Open and Public Meetings Act.

Rachel Brooks explained the changes to the legislative rule regarding committee bill files and answered questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to authorize the committee chairs to open committee bill files and the committee discussed. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 9

Sen. E. Buss  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Sen. W. Harper  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. J. Sawyer  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. R. Dominguez  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. C. Roberts  
Rep. A. Romero  
Sen. R. Winterton

[1 - Required Reports Overview \(OLRGC\)](#)

Rachel Brooks presented an overview of statutorily required reports and answered questions from the committee.

**2. Adoption of Study Items**

[2 - Proposed Interim Study Items List \(OLRGC\)](#)

Rachel Brooks presented an overview of the proposed study items list.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to add "e-bikes" to the study items list and approve the study items list as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 9

Sen. E. Buss  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Sen. W. Harper  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. J. Sawyer  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. R. Dominguez  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. C. Roberts  
Rep. A. Romero  
Sen. R. Winterton

**3. Sunset Reviews**

[3 - Sunset Reviews Overview \(OLRGC\)](#)

Rachel Brooks briefed the committee on upcoming sunset reviews.

**4. Sunset Review: Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council**

[7 - Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council Sunset Review \(OLRGC\)](#)

[7 - Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council Sunset Review Presentation \(OLRGC\)](#)

Rachel Brooks presented an overview of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council.

[7 - Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council Presentation \(Division of Outdoor Recreation\)](#)

Jason Curry, Director, Division of Outdoor Recreation, presented on the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Sen. Winterton spoke in favor of extending the sunset date and recommended that the committee put all the sunset reviews in one bill at the end of the year.

Committee members continued to ask clarifying questions.

## **5. Motorcycle Safety**

### [4 - Department of Public Safety Presentation \(Department of Public Safety\)](#)

Greg Holley, Colonel, Department of Public Safety, gave a presentation on motorcycle safety.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Rachel Brooks responded to a question from the committee regarding motorcycle license classifications.

Chair Harper asked a clarifying question.

## **6. Sunset Review: Lane Filtering**

### [5 - Lane Filtering Sunset Review \(OLRGC\)](#)

### [5 - Lane Filtering Presentation \(OLRGC\)](#)

Rachel Brooks gave a presentation on the lane filtering sunset review.

Rep. Thurston asked a clarifying question.

### [4 - Department of Public Safety Presentation \(Department of Public Safety\)](#)

Colonel Holley gave a presentation on lane filtering.

Rep. Christofferson asked a clarifying question.

Rep. Walt Brooks gave an overview of his lane filtering legislation.

Committee members continued to ask clarifying questions.

Dean Rogers, President, American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) Salt Lake Chapter, spoke in favor of lane filtering and spoke to rider training.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Eric Stine, President, ABATE Weber Chapter, spoke in favor of lane filtering.

Chair Harper asked Eric Stine his position on mandatory helmets for riders under 21 years of age.

Jason Danielson, resident, spoke in favor of lane filtering.

Dale Bell, Chief Instructor, Utah Rider Education, spoke in favor of lane filtering.

Michael Sonntag, Representative, Bear River Insurance, spoke on insurance companies insuring individuals without a motorcycle endorsement.

Rachel Brooks read a statement written by Sen. Buss in support of lane filtering.

Rep. Thurston suggested extending the sunset five years to collect more data and reevaluating at a later time.

Rep. Christofferson spoke in favor of extending the sunset to gather more data and asked a clarifying question.

Colonel Holley answered questions from the committee regarding lane filtering.

Chair Harper recommended reevaluating the sunset at a later date, looking into enhanced rider education and education for the general public, and forming a working group.

Rep. Pierucci spoke to the importance of motorcycle safety.

## **7. Distracted Driving**

### [4 - Department of Public Safety Presentation \(Department of Public Safety\)](#)

Colonel Holley gave a presentation on distracted driving.

Rep. Matthews thanked the Department of Public Safety for their work and asked a clarifying question.

Committee members continued to discuss and ask clarifying questions.

## **8. Non-domiciled Commercial Driver License (CDL) Program**

### [8 - Non-domiciled Commercial Driver License Program Presentation \(DPS\)](#)

Hillary Koellner, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety Driver License Division, and Jeremy Bergener, Commercial Driver License and Driver Improvement Manager, Utah Driver License Division, gave a presentation on the Non-Domiciled Commercial Driver License (CDL) Program.

Rep. Pierucci asked a clarifying question.

Committee members continued to ask clarifying questions.

## **9. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 15

Sen. E. Buss  
Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. W. Harper  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. C. Roberts  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. J. Sawyer  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. R. Dominguez  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Sen. K. Riebe

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.