

**OLYMPIC PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
TRANSPORTATION ROUTES**

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: David Ure**

**This act modifies the Transportation Code. The act allows the executive director of the Department of Transportation, during a specified period, to designate highways as statewide public safety interest highways if certain conditions are met.**

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**72-3-301**, as last amended by Chapter 133, Laws of Utah 2000

ENACTS:

**63-55b-172**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **63-55b-172** is enacted to read:

**63-55b-172. Repeal dates -- Title 72.**

Subsection 72-3-301(6) pertaining to the designation of a state highway during the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 is repealed April 1, 2002.

Section 2. Section **72-3-301** is amended to read:

**72-3-301. Statewide public safety interest highway defined -- Designations -- Control -- Maintenance -- Improvement restrictions -- Formula funding provisions.**

(1) As used in this part, "statewide public safety interest highway" means a designated state highway that serves a compelling statewide public safety interest.

(2) Statewide public safety interest highways include:

(a) SR-900. From near the east bound on and off ramps of the I-80 Delle Interchange on the I-80 south frontage road, traversing northwesterly, westerly, and northeasterly, including on portions of a county road and a Bureau of Land Management road for a distance of 9.24 miles.



28 Then beginning again at the I-80 south frontage road traversing southwesterly and northwesterly  
29 on a county road for a distance of 4.33 miles. Then beginning again at the I-80 south frontage road  
30 traversing southwesterly, northerly, northwesterly, westerly, and northeasterly on a county road and  
31 a Bureau of Land Management road to near the east bound on and off ramps of I-80 Low/Lakeside  
32 Interchange for a distance of 2.61 miles. The entire length of SR-900 is a total distance of 16.18  
33 miles.

34 (b) SR-901. From SR-196 traversing westerly and northwesterly on a county road to a  
35 junction with a Bureau of Land Management road described as part of SR-901, then northwesterly  
36 to a junction with a county road for a distance of 8.70 miles. Then beginning again at a junction  
37 with SR-901 traversing northwesterly on a Bureau of Land Management road to a junction with  
38 a county road for a distance of 6.52 miles. Then beginning again at a junction with SR-901  
39 traversing southwesterly on a Bureau of Land Management road to a junction with a county road  
40 for a distance of 5.44 miles. Then beginning again from a junction with SR-901 traversing  
41 southwesterly on a county road to a junction with a county road a distance of 11.52 miles. Then  
42 beginning again at a junction with SR-196 traversing westerly on a Bureau of Land Management  
43 road to a junction with a county road for a distance of 11.30 miles. The entire length of SR-901  
44 is a total distance of 43.48 miles.

45 (3) The department has jurisdiction and control over all statewide public safety interest  
46 highways.

47 (4) (a) A county shall maintain the portions of a statewide public safety interest highway  
48 that was a class B county road under the county's jurisdiction prior to the designation under this  
49 section.

50 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17-50-305, a county may not abandon any  
51 portion of a statewide public safety interest highway.

52 (c) Except under written authorization of the executive director of the department, a  
53 statewide public safety interest highway shall remain the same class of highway that it was prior  
54 to the designation under this section with respect to grade, drainage, surface, and improvements  
55 and it may not be upgraded or improved to a higher class of highway.

56 (5) A class B county road that is designated a statewide public safety interest highway  
57 under this section is considered a class B county road for the purposes of the distribution formula  
58 and distributions of funds. The amount of funds received by any jurisdiction from the class B and

59 C roads account under Section 72-2-107 may not be affected by the provisions of this section.

60 (6) (a) Subject to Subsection (6)(b), the executive director may designate any highway as  
61 a statewide public safety interest highway if:

62 (i) the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety appointed under Section 53-1-107  
63 recommends the designation to the executive director; and

64 (ii) the commission approves the designation.

65 (b) A designation as a statewide public safety interest highway under Subsection (6)(a)  
66 may not take effect earlier than January 25, 2002 and may not extend beyond April 1, 2002.

67 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection 72-1-302(2), the governor may call an emergency meeting  
68 of the commission to consider a designation under Subsection (6)(a).

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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