

**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING MANAGED  
LANES STUDY**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker**

House Sponsor: Rebecca D. Lockhart

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the Utah Department of Transportation and other transportation policymaking bodies to study and use the concept of managed lanes on transportation systems throughout the state.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the importance of adopting a comprehensive transportation plan and incorporating new revenue source options in that plan;
- ▶ recognizes the concept of managed lanes as an effective way to increase the efficiency of the state's existing transportation system and provide new revenue source options; and
- ▶ urges the Utah Department of Transportation to continue to study and make recommendations to the Legislature and other policymaking bodies throughout the state on managed lane use and implementation within the state.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Task Force has been studying transportation needs and funding options for two years;

WHEREAS, in the 2003 Transportation Planning Task Force Report, the task force

recommended that the Legislature adopt a comprehensive transportation plan that addresses state and local needs;

WHEREAS, as part of adopting a comprehensive transportation plan, the task force has studied several revenue sources to address the growing transportation needs throughout the state;

WHEREAS, in its review of the revenue source options, the task force found that a tool many states are using or considering is the concept of managed lanes to increase the efficiency of the existing transportation system, which includes the study and consideration of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, reversible lanes, high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, toll roads, and cordon pricing;

WHEREAS, in its review of revenue source options, the task force found that many other states have successfully implemented managed lanes on highways throughout the country;

WHEREAS, the task force found that user fees are an equitable way to fund transportation needs in this state;

WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Transportation has conducted a study to determine the most effective ways to manage highway lanes within this state;

WHEREAS, advancing technology is making new options available to manage lanes and collect user fees; and

WHEREAS, future advancements in technology, growing highway congestion, and increasing unfunded transportation needs require the consideration of additional funding options for policymakers throughout the state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, request that the Utah Department of Transportation continue to study and make recommendations to the Legislature and other policymaking bodies throughout the state on potential managed lane use and implementation on selected transportation systems within the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor further request that the Department provide a report on its findings to a committee of the Legislature as designated by the Legislative Management Committee no later than the last day of October, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah Department of Transportation.