Joint Policy Advisory Committee

MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL
UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MEETING MINUTES

UDOT
Njord Conference Room
4501 South 2700 West
Taylorsville, UT

Thursday, May 4, 2017
11:30 am – 1 pm

Members & Alternates Attending:
Andrew Gruber      Executive Director, WFRC
Bill Applegarth    Mayor, Riverton City
Brent Marshall     Mayor, Grantsville City
Carmen Freeman     Mayor, Herriman City
Gary Gygi          Mayor, Cedar Hills
Jeff Gilbert       Planner, Cache MPO
Jerry Benson       President/CEO, UTA
JoAnn Seghini      Mayor, Midvale City
John Barber        County Council, Morgan County
Ken Sizemore       Dixie MPO/Santa Clara City
Megan Holbrook     Utah Transportation Commission
Myron Lee          Director, Dixie MPO
Randy Elliot       Davis County Commission
Robert McKinley    Chair, UTA Board
Shane Marshall     Deputy Director, UDOT

Excused Members:
Andrew Jackson, Chair      Executive Director, Mountainland AOG
Bret Millburn             Commissioner, Davis County
Jim Harvey                Commissioner, Weber County

Others Attending:
Brigitte Mandel          Assistant Division Administrator, FHWA
Carlton Christensen       Regional Development Director, Salt Lake County
G.J. LaBonty              UTA
Ivan Marrero              Division Administrator, SLC FHWA
Jeff Harris               UDOT
Matthew Sibul            Government Relations Director, UTA
Welcome and Introductions
Shawn Seager, Mountainland AOG, opened the meeting and asked for introductions.

Approval of February 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Andrew Gruber motioned to accept the February 2, 2017 JPAC meeting minutes. Ken Sizemore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

UDOT STIP Workshop Update - Shane Marshall, UDOT
An overview of the UDOT website was given in addition to the STIP Workshop process and projects.

- March 2017: UDOT presented recommendations to be accelerated and added to the STIP by the Transportation Commission.
- April 2017: The Annual UDOT STIP Workshop was held, changes were made to the recommendations, and opened to public comment.
- May 2017: Transportation Commission will take action on projects that were recommended.

The Unified Transportation Plan was used to determine various projects which are prioritized solely on data. Legislature passed a bill allowing UDOT to bond up to $1B dollars over the next four years to fund specific projects. $100M is designated to address congestion along roadways that have recreational and tourism economic impact. The areas include entrance to Zion and Arches National Park, Little Cottonwood Canyons, and Park City.

Background on Financial Planning for Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan – Shawn Seager, Mountainland AOG
One of the goals of JPAC is to consider financing strategies necessary to fund projects in urbanized areas of the state and to share funding needs with each other.

A distinction between planning dollars (future dollars) and program dollars (State Transportation Improvement Program) was emphasized, pointing out that the 2015 total
plan cost is $67.5B. $60B is in place today and another $7B is assumed new revenue. That assumed new revenue is composed of the following statewide assumptions:

- All Auto Related Sales Tax to Transportation 2019
- 5-cent Gas Tax in 2015, 2025, 2035
- $10 Vehicle Registration Fee in 2018, 2028, 2038
- State Funds Grow at 4% annually
- Federal Funds Grow at 1.5% annually

And Regional assumptions like MAG’s assumptions below:

- $5 Local Vehicle Reg. Fee in 2018, 2028, 2038
- All Vehicle Reg. Fees Funds Grow at 2% annually
- New 4th Quarter-Cent Sales Tax to Transit in 2020
- New 5th Quarter-Cent Sales Tax to Transit in 2030

Every four-year cycle, the four MPO’s, Transit Authority, and DOT’s work together to determine financial assumptions required to build the plan. We have been working with the municipal finance firm of Lewis Young to ensure our calculations are correct and consistent with finance industry standards.

Andrew Gruber stated that it is necessary to update the financial assumptions regularly as projections are based on when revenue sources will change, and when new taxes will be adopted or modified. Development of the plans are continuously changing as certain assumptions are made, and must be modified based on the reality of when money becomes available.

**Transportation Governance Task Force** – Andrew Gruber, WFRC

Handouts were provided on the Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force, including: SB174 Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force Bill Summary, draft agenda, and SB174.

The intent of the task force is to address multimodal transportation investments that support mobility, safety, economic growth, and quality of life.

The Task Force would study and review best practices, and make recommendations on a variety of topics, including:

- Governance, coordination, oversight and operational structures of transportation in Utah
- Funding needs, current state and local funding sources, future projections, and alternative transportation revenue mechanisms
- Interrelationship of growth, land use, capital development, and transportation
• Impacts of transportation on economic development
• Subgroups could be created to study issues including:
  o Improvements in governance and transparency of transportation districts
  o The allocation of resources based on population, including considering underserved areas

Andrew recommended a discussion based on the committees perspective of the goals of the Task Force.

The Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force will meet on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the State Senate Building.

$20m TIGER Grant: First Mile, Last Mile – Matt Sibul, UTA
Richard Miller, Project Manager for TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant discussed the background of the TIGER grant and how it is proceeding. Funds were awarded by the USDOT in September 2016 to connect people to all UTA rails systems through bike lanes, sidewalks, ADA ramps, trail connections, and additional projects.

Other Business
Matt Sibul announced that UTA will be holding the Transit Academy on May 31, 2017 which will provide an opportunity to learn about the transit system.

A suggestion was made to add maintenance of roads as a future JPAC agenda item.

The next JPAC meeting will be held September 7, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at the Utah Department of Transportation.