

PUBLIC TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION GOVERNANCE**AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends the governance of certain public transit districts, restricts powers of some public transit districts, and creates a task force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the makeup of the board of trustees for a public transit district that serves a population over 200,000 people;
- ▶ amends provisions relating to the authority of a public service district that serves a population over 200,000 people to develop transit oriented developments;
- ▶ requires a public transit district that serves a population over 200,000 people to have a citizen's advisory board;
- ▶ requires a public transit district that serves a population over 200,000 people to have an office of constituent services;
- ▶ creates the Transit and Transportation Governance Task Force;
- ▶ provides an automatic repeal date for the task force; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

17B-2a-804, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 387

17B-2a-807, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 205

63I-2-272, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Fourth Special Session, Chapter 2

72-1-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 256

ENACTS:

17B-2a-826, Utah Code Annotated 1953

72-14-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

17B-2a-807.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 364

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

Section 1. Section **17B-2a-804** is amended to read:

17B-2a-804. Additional public transit district powers.

(1) In addition to the powers conferred on a public transit district under Section **17B-1-103**, a public transit district may:

(a) provide a public transit system for the transportation of passengers and their incidental baggage;

(b) notwithstanding Subsection **17B-1-103(2)(g)** and subject to Section **17B-2a-817**, levy and collect property taxes only for the purpose of paying:

(i) principal and interest of bonded indebtedness of the public transit district; or

(ii) a final judgment against the public transit district if:

(A) the amount of the judgment exceeds the amount of any collectable insurance or indemnity policy; and

(B) the district is required by a final court order to levy a tax to pay the judgment;

(c) insure against:

(i) loss of revenues from damage to or destruction of some or all of a public transit system from any cause;

(ii) public liability;

- 59 (iii) property damage; or
60 (iv) any other type of event, act, or omission;
61 (d) acquire, contract for, lease, construct, own, operate, control, or use:
62 (i) a right-of-way, rail line, monorail, bus line, station, platform, switchyard, terminal,
63 parking lot, or any other facility necessary or convenient for public transit service; or
64 (ii) any structure necessary for access by persons and vehicles;
65 (e) (i) hire, lease, or contract for the supplying or management of a facility, operation,
66 equipment, service, employee, or management staff of an operator; and
67 (ii) provide for a sublease or subcontract by the operator upon terms that are in the
68 public interest;
69 (f) operate feeder bus lines and other feeder or ridesharing services as necessary;
70 (g) accept a grant, contribution, or loan, directly through the sale of securities or
71 equipment trust certificates or otherwise, from the United States, or from a department,
72 instrumentality, or agency of the United States;
73 (h) study and plan transit facilities in accordance with any legislation passed by
74 Congress;
75 (i) cooperate with and enter into an agreement with the state or an agency of the state
76 or otherwise contract to finance to establish transit facilities and equipment or to study or plan
77 transit facilities;
78 (j) issue bonds as provided in and subject to Chapter 1, Part 11, Local District Bonds,
79 to carry out the purposes of the district;
80 (k) from bond proceeds or any other available funds, reimburse the state or an agency
81 of the state for an advance or contribution from the state or state agency;
82 (l) do anything necessary to avail itself of any aid, assistance, or cooperation available
83 under federal law, including complying with labor standards and making arrangements for
84 employees required by the United States or a department, instrumentality, or agency of the
85 United States;
86 (m) sell or lease property;
87 (n) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), assist in or operate transit-oriented or
88 transit-supportive developments;
89 (o) establish, finance, participate as a limited partner or member in a development with

limited liabilities in accordance with Subsection (1)(p), construct, improve, maintain, or operate transit facilities, equipment, and, in accordance with Subsection (3), transit-oriented developments or transit-supportive developments; and

(p) subject to the ~~[restriction in Subsection]~~ restrictions and requirements in Subsections (2) and (3), assist in a transit-oriented development or a transit-supportive development in connection with economic development or community development as defined in Section 17C-1-102 by:

(i) investing in a project as a limited partner or a member, with limited liabilities; or
(ii) subordinating an ownership interest in real property owned by the public transit district.

(2) (a) A public transit district may only assist in the development of areas under Subsection (1)(p):

(i) in the manner described in Subsection (1)(p)(i) or (ii); and
(ii) on no more than eight transit-oriented developments or transit-supportive developments selected by the board of trustees.

(b) A public transit district may not engage in, assist, or develop transit-oriented developments or transit-supportive developments in addition to the eight developments described in Subsection (2)(a) and approved as of May 9, 2017.

~~[(b)]~~ (c) A public transit district may not invest in a transit-oriented development or transit-supportive development as a limited partner or other limited liability entity under the provisions of Subsection (1)(p)(i), unless the partners, developer, or other investor in the entity, makes an equity contribution equal to no less than 25% of the appraised value of the property to be contributed by the public transit district.

~~[(c)]~~ (d) (i) For transit-oriented development projects, a public transit district shall adopt transit-oriented development policies and guidelines that include provisions on affordable housing.

(ii) For transit-supportive development projects, a public transit district shall work with the metropolitan planning organization and city and county governments where the project is located to collaboratively seek to create joint plans for the areas within one-half mile of transit stations, including plans for affordable housing.

~~[(d)]~~ (e) A current board member of a public transit district to which the board member

is appointed may not have any interest in the transactions engaged in by the public transit district pursuant to Subsection (1)(p)(i) or (ii), except as may be required by the board member's fiduciary duty as a board member.

(3) For any transit-oriented development or transit-supportive development authorized in this section, the public transit district shall:

(a) perform a cost-benefit analysis of the monetary investment and expenditures of the development; and

(b) provide evidence to the public of a quantifiable positive return on investment, including improvements to public transit service.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) A public transit district may be funded from any combination of federal, state, local, or private funds.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) A public transit district may not acquire property by eminent domain.

Section 2. Section **17B-2a-807** is amended to read:

17B-2a-807. Public transit district board of trustees -- Appointment -- Apportionment -- Qualifications -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Terms.

(1) (a) If 200,000 people or fewer reside within the boundaries of a public transit district, the board of trustees shall consist of members appointed by the legislative bodies of each municipality, county, or unincorporated area within any county on the basis of one member for each full unit of regularly scheduled passenger routes proposed to be served by the district in each municipality or unincorporated area within any county in the following calendar year.

(b) For purposes of determining membership under Subsection (1)(a), the number of service miles comprising a unit shall be determined jointly by the legislative bodies of the municipalities or counties comprising the district.

(c) The board of trustees of a public transit district under this Subsection (1) may include a member that is a commissioner on the Transportation Commission created in Section **72-1-301** and appointed as provided in Subsection (11), who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member.

(d) Members appointed under this Subsection (1) shall be appointed and added to the board or omitted from the board at the time scheduled routes are changed, or as municipalities, counties, or unincorporated areas of counties annex to or withdraw from the district using the

152 same appointment procedures.

153 (e) For purposes of appointing members under this Subsection (1), municipalities,
154 counties, and unincorporated areas of counties in which regularly scheduled passenger routes
155 proposed to be served by the district in the following calendar year is less than a full unit, as
156 defined in Subsection (1)(b), may combine with any other similarly situated municipality or
157 unincorporated area to form a whole unit and may appoint one member for each whole unit
158 formed.

159 (2) (a) ~~[Subject to Section 17B-2a-807.5, if more than]~~ If over 200,000 people reside
160 within the boundaries of a public transit district, the board of trustees shall consist of ~~[(i) 11]~~
161 nine members ~~[(A)]~~ appointed as described under this Subsection (2) ~~[:]~~ or reappointed in
162 accordance with Section 17B-2a-807.5.

163 ~~[(B) retained in accordance with Section 17B-2a-807.5;]~~

164 ~~[(ii) three members appointed as described in Subsection (4);]~~

165 ~~[(iii) one voting member appointed as provided in Subsection (11); and]~~

166 ~~[(iv) one nonvoting member appointed as provided in Subsection (12).]~~

167 ~~[(b) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(c) and (d), the board shall apportion voting~~
168 ~~members to each county within the district using an average of:]~~

169 ~~[(i) the proportion of population included in the district and residing within each~~
170 ~~county, rounded to the nearest 1/11 of the total transit district population; and]~~

171 ~~[(ii) the cumulative proportion of transit sales and use tax collected from areas~~
172 ~~included in the district and within each county, rounded to the nearest 1/11 of the total~~
173 ~~cumulative transit sales and use tax collected for the transit district.]~~

174 ~~[(c) The board shall join an entire or partial county not apportioned a voting member~~
175 ~~under this Subsection (2) with an adjacent county for representation. The combined~~
176 ~~apportionment basis included in the district of both counties shall be used for the~~
177 ~~apportionment.]~~

178 ~~[(d) (i) If rounding to the nearest 1/11 of the total public transit district apportionment~~
179 ~~basis under Subsection (2)(b) results in an apportionment of more than 11 members, the county~~
180 ~~or combination of counties with the smallest additional fraction of a whole member proportion~~
181 ~~shall have one less member apportioned to it.]~~

182 ~~[(ii) If rounding to the nearest 1/11 of the total public transit district apportionment~~

basis under Subsection (2)(b) results in an apportionment of less than 11 members, the county or combination of counties with the largest additional fraction of a whole member proportion shall have one more member apportioned to it.]

~~[(e) If the population of a county is at least 750,000, the county executive, with the advice and consent of the county legislative body, shall appoint one voting member to represent the population of the county.]~~

~~[(f) If a municipality's population is at least 160,000, the chief municipal executive, with the advice and consent of the municipal legislative body, shall appoint one voting member to represent the population within a municipality.]~~

~~[(g) (i) The number of voting members appointed from a county and municipalities within a county under Subsections (2)(e) and (f) shall be subtracted from the county's total voting member apportionment under this Subsection (2).]~~

~~[(ii) Notwithstanding Subsections (2)(l) and (10), no more than one voting member appointed by an appointing entity may be a locally elected public official.]~~

~~[(h) If the entire county is within the district, the remaining voting members for the county shall represent the county or combination of counties, if Subsection (2)(c) applies, or the municipalities within the county.]~~

~~[(i) If the entire county is not within the district, and the county is not joined with another county under Subsection (2)(c), the remaining voting members for the county shall represent a municipality or combination of municipalities.]~~

~~[(j) (i) Except as provided under Subsections (2)(e) and (f), voting members representing counties, combinations of counties if Subsection (2)(c) applies, or municipalities within the county shall be designated and appointed by a simple majority of the chief executives of the municipalities within the county or combinations of counties if Subsection (2)(c) applies.]~~

~~[(ii) The appointments shall be made by joint written agreement of the appointing municipalities, with the consent and approval of the county legislative body of the county that has at least 1/11 of the district's apportionment basis.]~~

~~[(k) Voting members representing a municipality or combination of municipalities shall be designated and appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality or simple majority of chief executive officers of municipalities with the consent of the legislative body of~~

the municipality or municipalities.]

~~[(l) The appointment of members shall be made without regard to partisan political affiliation from among citizens in the community.]~~

~~[(m) Each member shall be a bona fide resident of the municipality, county, or unincorporated area or areas which the member is to represent for at least six months before the date of appointment, and shall continue in that residency to remain qualified to serve as a member.]~~

~~[(n) (i) All population figures used under this section shall be derived from the most recent official census or census estimate of the United States Bureau of the Census.]~~

~~[(ii) If population estimates are not available from the United States Bureau of Census, population figures shall be derived from the estimate from the Utah Population Estimates Committee.]~~

~~[(iii) All transit sales and use tax totals shall be obtained from the State Tax Commission.]~~

~~[(o) (i) The board shall be apportioned as provided under this section in conjunction with the decennial United States Census Bureau report every 10 years.]~~

~~[(ii) Within 120 days following the receipt of the population estimates under this Subsection (2)(o), the district shall reapportion representation on the board of trustees in accordance with this section.]~~

~~[(iii) The board shall adopt by resolution a schedule reflecting the current and proposed apportionment.]~~

~~[(iv) Upon adoption of the resolution, the board shall forward a copy of the resolution to each of its constituent entities as defined under Section 17B-1-701.]~~

~~[(v) The appointing entities gaining a new board member shall appoint a new member within 30 days following receipt of the resolution.]~~

~~[(vi) The appointing entities losing a board member shall inform the board of which member currently serving on the board will step down:]~~

~~[(A) upon appointment of a new member under Subsection (2)(o)(v); or]~~

~~[(B) in accordance with Section 17B-2a-807.5.]~~

(b) (i) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "board appointing area" means a geographic area determined according to this Subsection (2) from which members of the board of trustees

are appointed.

(ii) In cooperation and consultation with county and municipal governments within the district, the lieutenant governor shall apportion the public transit district into eight board appointing areas.

(iii) (A) The lieutenant governor shall complete the initial apportionment described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii) on or before October 1, 2017.

(B) Subsequent reapportionments under this Subsection (2) shall occur on or before October 1, 2020, and on or before October 1 every ten years thereafter coinciding with the national decennial census.

(iv) (A) The lieutenant governor shall ensure that each board appointing area created under this Subsection (2)(b) has an equal proportion of the district population with no more than 1% deviation.

(B) To the extent possible, the lieutenant governor shall ensure that municipal and county boundaries are used as natural boundaries between board appointing areas.

(c) (i) On or before December 31, 2017, and in accordance with Section [17B-2a-807.5](#), the chief executive local government officials from each county and municipal government within each board appointing area shall, by joint written agreement, appoint one individual residing within the board appointing area to serve on the board of trustees, with confirmation by the Senate.

(ii) A member of the board of trustees shall have expertise in one or more areas relevant to the management of a public transit district, including:

(A) government;

(B) finance;

(C) law;

(D) logistics;

(E) management;

(F) transit; or

(G) transportation.

(iii) The appointment of members of the board of trustees shall be made without regard to partisan political affiliation from among residents of the board appointing area.

(iv) The chief executives of the counties and municipalities within each board

276 appointing area shall ensure that the member appointed is a bonafide resident of the board
277 appointing area from which the member was appointed for at least six months before the date
278 of appointment, and shall continue in that residency to remain qualified to serve as a member.

279 (d) (i) The Transportation Commission shall appoint one commissioner to serve on the
280 board of trustees as a voting member.

281 (ii) The member appointed by the Transportation Commission shall reside within the
282 public transit district.

283 (3) Upon the completion of an annexation to a public transit district under Chapter 1,
284 Part 4, Annexation~~[-the annexed area shall have a representative on the board of trustees on the~~
285 ~~same basis as if the area had been included in the district as originally organized.];~~

286 (a) for a board of trustees selected according to Subsection (1), the annexed area shall
287 have a representative on the board of trustees on the same basis as if the area had been included
288 as originally organized; or

289 (b) for a board of trustees selected according to Subsection (2), the lieutenant governor
290 shall include the annexed area in updating and redrawing board appointing areas on the next
291 scheduled reapportionment on the same basis as if the area had been included in the district as
292 originally organized.

293 ~~[(4) In addition to the voting members appointed in accordance with Subsection (2),~~
294 ~~the board shall consist of three voting members appointed as follows:]~~

295 ~~[(a) one member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;]~~

296 ~~[(b) one member appointed by the president of the Senate; and]~~

297 ~~[(c) one member appointed by the governor.]~~

298 ~~[(5) Except as provided in Section 17B-2a-807.5, the terms of office of the members of~~
299 ~~the board shall be four years or until a successor is appointed, qualified, seated, and has taken~~
300 ~~the oath of office.]~~

301 (4) Except as provided in Section 17B-2a-807.5:

302 (a) the terms of office of the members of the board of trustees shall be four years or
303 until a successor is appointed, qualified, seated, and has taken the oath of office; and

304 (b) a member may serve for two terms on the board of trustees.

305 ~~[(6)]~~ (5) (a) Vacancies for members shall be filled by the official or officials appointing
306 the member creating the vacancy for the unexpired term, unless the official [fails] or officials

307 fail to fill the vacancy within 90 days.

308 (b) If the appointing official under Subsection (1) does not fill the vacancy within 90
309 days, the board of trustees of the authority shall fill the vacancy.

310 (c) If the local government officials within the board appointing ~~[official]~~ area under
311 Subsection (2) ~~[does]~~ do not fill the vacancy within 90 days, the governor, with the advice and
312 consent of the Senate, shall fill the vacancy.

313 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) (a) Each voting member may cast one vote on all questions, orders,
314 resolutions, and ordinances coming before the board of trustees.

315 (b) A majority of all voting members of the board of trustees are a quorum for the
316 transaction of business.

317 (c) The affirmative vote of a majority of all voting members present at any meeting at
318 which a quorum was initially present shall be necessary and, except as otherwise provided, is
319 sufficient to carry any order, resolution, ordinance, or proposition before the board of trustees.

320 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) Each public transit district shall pay to each member:

321 (a) an attendance fee of ~~[\$50]~~ \$75 per board or committee meeting attended, not to
322 exceed \$200 in any calendar month to any member; and

323 (b) reasonable mileage and expenses necessarily incurred to attend board or committee
324 meetings.

325 ~~[(9)]~~ (8) (a) Members of the initial board of trustees shall convene at the time and place
326 fixed by the chief executive officer of the entity initiating the proceedings.

327 (b) (i) The board of trustees of a public transit district serving 200,000 people or fewer
328 shall elect from its voting membership a chair, vice chair, and secretary.

329 (ii) For a public transit district serving over 200,000 people, the governor, with
330 confirmation by the Senate, shall appoint from the board of trustees a chair.

331 (c) The members elected or appointed under Subsection ~~[(9)]~~ (8)(b) shall serve for a
332 period of two years or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

333 (d) On or after January 1, 2011, a locally elected public official is not eligible to serve
334 as the chair, vice chair, or secretary of the board of trustees created under Subsection (1).

335 ~~[(10)(a) Except]~~

336 (9) (a) (i) For a public transit district serving a population of 200,000 people or fewer,
337 except as otherwise authorized under ~~[Subsections (2)(g) and (10)(b) and Section~~

~~17B-2a-807.5~~ Subsection (9)(a)(ii), at the time of a member's appointment or during a member's tenure in office, a member may not hold any employment, except as an independent contractor or locally elected public official, with a county or municipality within the district.

~~[(b)]~~ (ii) A member appointed by a county or municipality may hold employment with the county or municipality if the employment is disclosed in writing and the public transit district board of trustees ratifies the appointment.

(b) For a public transit district serving a population over 200,000 people, the chief executive officers may appoint as a member of the board of trustees a locally elected public official from within the board appointing area.

~~[(11) The]~~ (10) For a public transit district serving a population of 200,00 people or fewer, the Transportation Commission created in Section ~~72-1-301~~ 72-1-301 ~~[(a) for a public transit district serving a population of 200,000 people or fewer,]~~ may appoint a commissioner of the Transportation Commission to serve on the board of trustees as a nonvoting, ex officio member~~[- and].~~

~~[(b) for a public transit district serving a population of more than 200,000 people, shall appoint a commissioner of the Transportation Commission to serve on the board of trustees as a voting member.]~~

~~[(12) (a) The board of trustees of a public transit district serving a population of more than 200,000 people shall include a nonvoting member who represents all municipalities and unincorporated areas within the district that are located within a county that is not annexed into the public transit district.]~~

~~[(b) The nonvoting member representing the combination of municipalities and unincorporated areas described in Subsection (12)(a) shall be designated and appointed by a weighted vote of the majority of the chief executive officers of the municipalities described in Subsection (12)(a).]~~

~~[(c) Each municipality's vote under Subsection (12)(b) shall be weighted using the proportion of the public transit district population that resides within that municipality and the adjacent unincorporated areas within the same county.]~~

~~[(13)]~~ (11) (a) (i) [Each] (A) For a board of trustees created under Subsection (1), each member of the board of trustees of a public transit district is subject to recall at any time by the legislative body of the county or municipality from which the member is appointed.

(B) For a board of trustees created under Subsection (2), each member of the board of trustees of a public transit district is subject to recall at any time upon agreement of the officials described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) from which the member is appointed.

(ii) Each recall of a board of trustees member shall be made in the same manner as the original appointment.

(iii) The legislative body recalling a board of trustees member shall provide written notice to the member being recalled.

(b) Upon providing written notice to the board of trustees, a member of the board may resign from the board of trustees.

(c) ~~[Except as provided in Section 17B-2a-807.5, if]~~ If a board member is recalled or resigns under this Subsection [(13)] (11), the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Subsection [(6)] (5).

Section 3. Section 17B-2a-807.5 is repealed and reenacted to read:

17B-2a-807.5. Public transit district board of trustees -- Transitional provisions.

(1) The lieutenant governor shall designate four board appointing areas for which the member appointed before December 31, 2017, shall serve only a two-year initial term.

(2) A member of the board of trustees appointed before October 1, 2017, who has served less than two years may serve one additional term if reappointed after October 1, 2017, in accordance with Subsection 17B-2a-807(2).

Section 4. Section 17B-2a-826 is enacted to read:

17B-2a-826. Public transit district office of constituent services and citizens' advisory board.

(1) (a) The board of trustees of a public transit district serving a population over 200,000 people shall create and employ an office of constituent services.

(b) The duties of the office of constituent services described in Subsection (1)(a) shall include:

(i) coordinating all human services transportation needs within the public transit district area;

(ii) establishing a central call number to:

(A) hear and respond to complaints, requests, comments, concerns, and other communications from customers and citizens within the district;

(B) receive requests and other communications regarding human services transportation; and

(C) receive requests and other communications regarding vans, buses, and other vehicles available for use from the public transit district to maximize the utility of and investment in those vehicles; and

(iii) supporting local efforts in transportation and transit funding.

(2) (a) A public transit district serving a population over 200,000 people shall create and oversee a citizens' advisory board.

(b) The board of trustees of the public transit district shall select the members of the public transit district citizens' advisory board, one citizen from each of the eight board appointing areas described in Subsection 17B-2a-807(2).

(c) The public transit district citizens' advisory board shall meet quarterly to discuss the service, operations, and any concerns with the public transit district operations and functionality.

(d) The board of trustees shall meet quarterly with and consult with the citizens' advisory board and take into consideration the input of the citizens' advisory board in managing and operating the public transit district.

Section 5. Section **63I-2-272** is amended to read:

63I-2-272. Repeal dates -- Title 72.

(1) On July 1, 2018:

(a) in Subsection **72-2-108**(2), the language that states "and except as provided in Subsection (10)" is repealed;

(b) in Subsection **72-2-108**(4)(c)(ii)(A), the language that states ", excluding any amounts appropriated as additional support for class B and class C roads under Subsection (10)," is repealed; and

(c) Subsection **72-2-108**(10) is repealed.

(2) Section **72-3-113** is repealed January 1, 2020.

(3) Section 72-14-101 is repealed on March 31, 2018.

Section 6. Section **72-1-303** is amended to read:

72-1-303. Duties of commission.

(1) The commission has the following duties:

431 (a) determining priorities and funding levels of projects in the state transportation
432 systems for each fiscal year based on project lists compiled by the department;

433 (b) determining additions and deletions to state highways under Chapter 4, Designation
434 of State Highways Act;

435 (c) holding public hearings and otherwise providing for public input in transportation
436 matters;

437 (d) making policies and rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
438 Administrative Rulemaking Act, necessary to perform the commission's duties described under
439 this section;

440 (e) in accordance with Section 63G-4-301, reviewing orders issued by the executive
441 director in adjudicative proceedings held in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4,
442 Administrative Procedures Act;

443 (f) advising the department in state transportation systems policy;

444 (g) approving settlement agreements of condemnation cases subject to Section
445 63G-10-401;

446 ~~[(h) in accordance with Section 17B-2a-807, appointing a commissioner to serve as a~~
447 ~~nonvoting, ex officio member or a voting member on the board of trustees of a public transit~~
448 ~~district;]~~

449 (h) (i) in accordance with Section 17B-2a-807, appointing a commissioner to serve as a
450 nonvoting, ex officio member on the board of trustees of a public transit district serving
451 200,000 people or fewer;

452 (ii) in accordance with Section 17B-2a-807, appointing a commissioner to serve as a
453 member on the board of trustees of a public transit district serving a population over 200,000
454 people;

455 (i) in accordance with Section 17B-2a-808, reviewing, at least annually, the short-term
456 and long-range public transit plans; and

457 (j) reviewing administrative rules made, amended, or repealed by the department.

458 (2) (a) For projects prioritized with funding provided under Sections 72-2-124 and
459 72-2-125, the commission shall annually report to a committee designated by the Legislative
460 Management Committee:

461 (i) a prioritized list of the new transportation capacity projects in the state

transportation system and the funding levels available for those projects; and

(ii) the unfunded highway construction and maintenance needs within the state.

(b) The committee designated by the Legislative Management Committee under Subsection (2)(a) shall:

(i) review the list reported by the Transportation Commission; and

(ii) make a recommendation to the Legislature on:

(A) the amount of additional funding to allocate to transportation; and

(B) the source of revenue for the additional funding allocation under Subsection (2)(b)(ii)(A).

(3) The commission shall review and may approve plans for the construction of a highway facility over sovereign lakebed lands in accordance with Chapter 6, Part 3, Approval of Highway Facilities on Sovereign Lands Act.

Section 7. Section **72-14-101** is enacted to read:

72-14-101. Creation of the Transit and Transportation Governance Task Force.

(1) As used in this section, "task force" means the Transit and Transportation Governance Task Force created in Subsection (2).

(2) There is created the Transit and Transportation Governance Task Force consisting of the following members:

(a) two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate;

(b) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

(c) three members appointed by the governor;

(d) two members designated by the Transportation Commission;

(e) two members designated by the board of trustees of any public transit district serving a population over 200,000 people;

(f) two members designated by the Utah League of Cities and Towns; and

(g) two members designated by the Utah Association of Counties.

(3) (a) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly designate a member of the Legislature appointed under Subsection (2)(a) or (b) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The governor shall designate a member appointed under Subsection (2)(c) as a

493 cochair of the task force.

494 (4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall
495 be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 2,
496 Lodging, Meal, and Transportation Expenses, and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,
497 Legislator Compensation.

498 (b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation
499 for the member's work associated with the task force, but may receive per diem and
500 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates
501 established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

502 (5) The Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall provide staff support to the
503 task force.

504 (6) (a) A vacancy shall be filled by appointing a replacement member in the same
505 manner as described in Subsection (2) as the member creating the vacancy.

506 (b) Each member of the task force shall serve until a successor is appointed and
507 qualified.

508 (7) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.

509 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

510 (8) The task force shall review, evaluate, study, prepare a report, and make
511 recommendations on transportation and public transit related topics, including:

512 (a) evaluation of and implementation of best practices in:

513 (i) functionality, funding, and operations of transportation and public transit in this
514 state and other states;

515 (ii) the governance and operational structures of transportation, public transit, and
516 aeronautics in this state and other states;

517 (iii) meeting funding needs, including consideration of current state and local
518 transportation and transit funding sources, and future projections; and

519 (iv) evaluating the costs and benefits of growth, land use, and transportation;

520 (b) evaluation of existing sales and use tax funding for a public transit district and
521 whether property tax should be part of the funding balance for a public transit district;

522 (c) evaluation of alternative transportation and transit revenue mechanisms available or
523 currently in use in this state and around the country; and

524 (d) evaluation and study of best practices to meet multimodal mobility and safety needs
525 in this state that support economic growth and quality of life.

526 (9) The task force may designate and assign subgroups within the task force to address,
527 study, evaluate, and discuss certain issues.

528 (10) The task force shall report the task force's findings and recommendations to the
529 Transportation Interim Committee and the governor before December 1, 2017.

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