Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting
Summary of Meeting Notes
September 15, 2006- 1:30 PM 6th Floor Rice-Eccles Stadium

In Attendance:

Alma Allred U of U/ Commuter Services
Kari Astle U of U / Utah Museum of Natural History (UMNH)
Ann Burnett Roland Hall
Bruce Cohne East Bench Community Council
Matthew Dahl “This Is The Place” Heritage Park
Sarah George U of U / Utah Museum of Natural History (UMNH)
Jake Green U of U / Commuter Services
Ned Hacker Wasatch Front Regional Council
Alex Ikefuna Salt Lake City, Planning Division
David Jackson ARUP Laboratories
Christine Johnson East Central Community Council
Rob Kistler U of U Hospital
Ellen Reddick Bonneville Hills Community Council
Jennifer Reed U of U / Administrative Support
Hal Johnson Utah Transit Authority
Stephen Johnson U of U/ Bicycle Sub-Committee
Jim Jenkin Howard Hughes Medical Institute @ U of U
Joe Perrin Salt Lake City, Transportation Advisory Board
Kevin Young Salt Lake City, Transportation Division
Kris Peterson Utah Department of Transportation, Traffic Operations
Norm Chambers U of U/ Auxiliary Services
Shaina Miron Utah Transit Authority, Rideshare
Tim Harpst Salt Lake City, Transportation Division
Ray McCandless Salt Lake City, Planning Division
Kurt Forsyth U of U /Administrative Support
Henry Valenti Roland Hall
Corenne Wooldridge Myriad Genetics

I.
Norm Chambers, University of Utah, welcomed everyone. Each person introduced
him/herself to the group. Norm asked those in attendance if there were any changes or
suggestions to the July 14, 2006 meeting notes. They were approved and are posted on
the committee website at: http://www.parking.utah.edu/committees/TTC/index.html.

II.
Sarah George, Executive Director, UMNH, briefed the committee on the progress of the
plans for the new UMNH just south of Red Butte Garden & Arboretum. The museum
administration and staff are excited to have the opportunity to be located in an area with
organizations that have similar educational missions and goals regarding Utah's natural
history and the natural world, such as, The Hogle Zoo, This Is The Place Heritage Park,
Red Butte Garden and Arboretum, and the Shoreline Trail. A considerable amount of
work to date has been done on Museum planning, including building programming,
interpretive design, transportation and parking. The draft environmental impact
statement, posted in its entirety on the UMNH website, www.umnh.utah.edu, is in the
public comment phase until September 28, 2006. Committee members are encouraged
to submit their comments regarding the new museum prior to that date. Specifics
regarding traffic and transportation are still being worked out in the design phase;
however, 150 parking stalls are planned, with overflow automobile parking in the
Williams Building lots on evenings and weekends. There is also some discussion
regarding a shuttle between the many tourist/fieldtrip attractions listed above, for patrons
visiting the east bench.

III.
David Jackson, Director of Facilities, ARUP Laboratories, gave the committee a
presentation on the ARUP Laboratories operations and expected growth over the next
five years. Currently ARUP has 1,900 FTE and operates 24 hours daily. Business
continues to grow for sophisticated testing at the Research Park labs. The facility needs to
expand by 2010. ARUP is currently looking at parking structure options that will allow
new construction to take place on existing ARUP property. ARUP is committed to
alternative transportation even as they grow. Plans for the future include increasing the
number of bike lockers available for staff, expanding evening business to reduce peak
traffic, and moving some services to a warehouse near the airport. ARUP facilitates a
shuttle program for approximately 60 staff that take TRAX to work and/or commute to
and from ARUP and the Health Sciences Center.

IV.
Matt Dahl, Executive Director, "This Is the Place" Heritage Park, updated the committee
on future plans at the park. Matt does expect considerable growth in the next five years as
the park changes its focus from one time visitors to paying members who visit more
frequently. Matt expects paid visits to increase from 30,000/year to 100,000/year between
the hours of 9am and 3pm over the next five years. Currently they are in the second phase
of a three-part, three-year, plan that includes:
1) Stabilizing the financials of the park
2) Improving the product, and
3) Increasing exposure.
With the implementation of this new plan, the Hogle Zoo expansion that has been
discussed in previous Traffic & Transportation committee meetings, has been shelved.
This Is The Place is currently building amenities and improving programming and access
to the park. Trains with rubber wheels will be installed around the perimeter of the park
providing greater access to the park for visitors who want to see the village. International
bus lines are expected to increase their visits beginning in 2009.
Stephen Johnson and Jake Green reported on the first two meetings of the Bicycle Sub-Committee, (this committee is a sub of the Parking Advisory Committee). In an effort to support cyclists coming to campus, Jake explained that 60 additional bike lockers are planned at the Health Sciences Center to increase the total number of lockers in that area to 100. The Health Sciences Education Building is also expected to increase the number of bike lockers at that location by 20. UTA has graciously offered to sponsor 8 bike lockers, five at the RES TRAX station and 3 at the Medical Center TRAX station. These lockers can be rented by cyclists and are critical to supporting cycling as an alternative form of transportation. Jake also reported that the University of Utah and the Bicycle Sub-Committee will be participating in World Car Free Day, September 22\textsuperscript{nd}. Commuter Services, the UofU Cycling Team and Bingham Cyclery will be teaming up at Redfest, providing free bicycle tune-ups and information on cycling to promote bicycle awareness.

Stephen Johnson outlined the goals of the Bicycle Sub-Committee to the group:
1) Update the campus Bicycle Master Plan- originated in 1992
2) Incorporate updated Bicycle Master Plan into the University of Utah’s Campus Master Plan
3) Educate the campus community about cycling safety
4) Pursue safer entrances to campus for bicyclists
5) Pursue bicycle friendly snow removal that does not block bicycle pathways or bicycle parking. The committee will work with Plant Operations on this issue.

There was discussion among the group regarding what government entity is responsible for the snow removal on the pedestrian/cyclist bridge crossing over I-80. Jennifer Reed will get back to Stephen Johnson with contact information.

Alma Allred, Commuter Services, gave a follow-up report regarding the back-up of UTA buses and shuttle traffic at the transit hub in front of the University Hospital. Both UTA and University of Utah drivers had that area designated as a break area. After the comment was received the break location for the University of Utah shuttle drivers was changed, and this seems to have reduced the number of shuttles parked in front of the hospital. As construction in the area continues, congestion will further be reduced because the road will be wider.

Alex Ikefuna, Salt Lake City Planning Division, gave a follow-up report regarding the request to update the 1988 East Bench Master Plan. Although Alex expressed that the consensus opinion is that an update needs to take place, at this time, the Planning Division does not have the staff or the funding to hire an individual to complete the plan.
However, Alex reported that they are hoping to update the land-use/development portion of the plan as part of the Foothill Corridor Study.

VIII.
Hal Johnson, UTA, briefed the committee on the collaborative effort of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, UTA, UDOT, and the University of Utah to fund a Foothill Corridor Transportation Study; the Foothill corridor is identified in the WFRC Long Range Transportation Plan. The intent is to coordinate the study with University of Utah's Campus Master Plan, in addition to providing some land use information that can be used to update the east bench master plan. The consultant workscope to develop the plan is in the draft phase, and will be posted on the committee's website when it is completed. The Wasatch Front Regional Council will be charged with contracting the agent when all of the funding is secured. The actual study is expected to take about nine months and the progress will be reported at each Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting.

IX.
Norm Chambers thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30 PM Friday, November 17, 2006 on the 6th floor of Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower.