I. Norm Chambers, UofU, welcomed everyone. Each person introduced him/herself to the group.

II. Mike Perez updated the group on the status of the Universe Project, a public/private partnership development that would be located on the site of the parking lot west of Rice-Eccles Stadium. The University of Utah and Inland American are in the ‘due diligence’ phase. Many traffic, parking, and marketing analyses have been completed or are still underway; but because of the significant financial market changes this past year, more (feasibility) information is being collected prior to any final decisions being made. The University of Utah is cautiously optimistic that the project will proceed, but cannot give any new, firm data for a couple more months. Since January 2009, three Salt Lake City Public Task Force meetings were held and three University Sponsored public meetings were held, which provided six opportunities for the community to give their feedback on the project. Mike responded to a question from Norm Chambers regarding the anticipated date of breaking ground - Although (at this time) he cannot speak with absolute certainty, Mike is of the opinion that the soonest this project could start is after the last home football game is played in 2010.

III. Tom Christensen, UofU, briefed the group on the transportation and parking impacts related to upcoming campus construction set to begin shortly after commencement. Tom listed numerous projects across campus that will impact campus roads, parking lots, walkways, UTA buses, and University Shuttles.
While projects are underway that requires the Business Loop be closed to UTA and UofU Campus Shuttle buses, the bus routes will have temporary stops located along South Campus Drive. Information regarding detour routes will be posted as they are available. It was noted that the west entrance to the Business Loop will only provide access to parking lot 11 (located just southeast of the Museum of Fine Arts building). Through traffic on the Business Loop will be closed from early July through mid to late September. The pay lot and large A & U permit parking lot (lot 12) will be open and will be accessible from the east entrance into loop. That east entrance can be accessed from westbound South Campus Drive or via the LDS Institute. Please note that the east entrance to the Business Loop cannot be accessed from eastbound South Campus Drive.

Tom also discussed the closure of Federal Way and how it has impacted traffic patterns on the north side of campus. UDOT is currently conducting a study to determine the need/feasibility of a left-hand turn arrow from westbound North Campus Drive to southbound Central Campus Drive.

Facilities Management has developed a new web page- an excellent resource for campus community members that will provide up to date with information related to ongoing projects and their impact on transportation and parking. The site divides the campus into 6 zones. Anyone can access this site to see the short-term impacts construction will be having in the zone they are interested in. It is possible that in the future, this website will be an interactive web application, rather than pdf based.

http://constructionimpacts.utah.edu

IV.
Chad Larsen, UofU, briefed the group on Phase I of the bicycle paths that were painted on campus sidewalks from the Heritage Center to President’s Circle in fall, 2008. Over the winter some of the paint did see significant wear, and those areas will be repainted soon. Phase II, President’s Circle to Engineering, is on hold while a funding source for the project is identified. Plans for Phase III of the project include providing smooth transitions between University of Utah bike paths and bicycle paths designated and maintained by the City.

Chad also commented on the UBike program, a program developed as part of the 2008-2009 Senior Class Gift. The program debuted on Earth Day, April 22nd. Twenty ‘3-Speed Cruiser’ bicycles are available to rent, free, for up to two weeks at a time. The UBike program also offers bicycle repair instruction. The program is currently hosted at the Union.

V.
Alma Allred, UofU, reported to the group that a car sharing program, “UCar,” will be available to the campus community soon. This is a new program and is the result of a joint effort of UTA, Salt Lake City and the University of Utah that will allow students, faculty, and staff to rent a car from UHaul, the contracted vendor, to help reduce single car drivers commuting to campus and promote the everyday use of mass transit to those who occasionally need a vehicle. The U of U, Salt Lake City and UTA will provide
designated parking spaces for the cars. However, it will be necessary for interested individuals to sign up with UHaul and to pay a rental charge. More information will be distributed when the program is launched, hopefully, before Fall Semester 2009.

VI.
Chad Larsen, UofU, reported on the Transportation Fair held in Research Park on April 14, 2009 at the University Park Marriott Hotel. Individuals that work/commute to Research Park each day were invited to attend the fair and receive information from Commuter Services, UTA, and the Salt Lake City’s Bicycle Collective regarding alternative transit options available to them. Attendance to this first event was low, but Chad reported he received many phone calls from people who wanted to discuss their transportation options both before and after the fair. Diane Barlow asked if Commuter Services kept track of everyone who attended the fair, and they did not, but plan to do so in the future. Two more similar events will be held at the Marriott Library and University Hospital over the summer. In addition, events will be held this fall at other high traffic areas.

Chad also explained that a great deal of information regarding alternative transit is distributed the first week of school by the Commuter Services Shuttle Division staff who staff booths at major shuttle stops around campus, such as the Heritage Center, President’s Circle and the Union. The purpose is to familiarize students and staff with the alternative transportation services that Commuter Services and UTA provide.

V.
Diane Barlow, Sunnyside East Community Council, asked the group if they knew when Rocky Mountain Power is planning on finishing their project on Sunnyside Avenue, currently restricting traffic to two lanes on that road, and whether they felt the impending construction on the north side of campus was going to increase the back-up of traffic on Sunnyside even more. Nobody knew the details regarding the schedule of Rocky Mountain Power’s project, but the limited days that traffic will be restricted to one or two lanes on the north side of campus should not create a larger problem that far south, (Sunnyside).

VI.
Shaina Quinn, UTA, informed the committee of electrical work to take place on the TRAX line between 1700 and 2700 South from May 3, 2009 – May 9, 2009. The project will affect TRAX schedules:

- Sunday, May 3, TRAX will operate a slightly different schedule, but trains will still run every 20 minutes on both the Sandy and University lines.
- Monday, May 4 through Friday, May 8, Sandy line trains will run every 20 minutes, University line trains will run every 10 minutes. There will be no afternoon direct trains leaving the University to Sandy during this time.
- Saturday, May 9, TRAX will run every 20 minutes in both directions.

Shaina also reported that while bus ridership has been relatively stable since the beginning of the year, TRAX ridership on the entire line seems to have increased by approximately 5%. The University line specifically has about 1,000 more riders this year, than the same time last year. Counts will continue to take place, and UTA hopes tracking
methods will provide even more useful and accurate information as the Tap On / Tap Off method of payment becomes more commonplace for riders.

VII.
Kevin Young, Salt Lake City Transportation responded to Mike Perez’ question regarding the planned bike lanes on 1300 East. In the next two weeks he expects that the City’s recommendations for striping will be finalized. Signs and flashers should be installed relatively soon and striping should take place this summer after some mill and overlay work needed on the road is complete.

VIII.
Norm Chambers thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30pm, Friday, October 2, 2009 on the 6th Floor of Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower.