

**TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MODIFICATIONS**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions relating to transportation funding.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides that county option sales and use tax revenues for transportation may be used for a project that is a collector road in a county of the second class in certain circumstances;
- ▶ reduces the amount of bonds that may be issued to pay for the costs of construction, reconstruction, renovations, or improvements to certain highway projects;
- ▶ provides that a portion of certain bond proceeds shall be provided to the Department of Transportation to pay for or to provide funds to a municipality or county to pay for the costs of right-of-way acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovations, or improvements to certain highways;
- ▶ provides that debt service and bond issuance costs for certain bonds that have been issued shall be paid by the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 and the County of the First Class State Highways Fund; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**



28 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31 **59-12-2217**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 263

32 **63B-18-401**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 241

33 **72-2-121**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 168, 263, and 278

34 **72-2-121.3**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 168

35 **72-2-124**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 189



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

38 Section 1. Section **59-12-2217** is amended to read:

39 **59-12-2217. County option sales and use tax for transportation -- Base -- Rate --**  
40 **Written prioritization process -- Approval by county legislative body.**

41 (1) Subject to the other provisions of this part, a county legislative body may impose a  
42 sales and use tax of up to .25% on the transactions described in Subsection 59-12-103(1)  
43 within the county, including the cities and towns within the county.

44 (2) Subject to Subsections (3) through (8) and Section 59-12-2207, the revenues  
45 collected from a sales and use tax under this section may only be expended for:

46 (a) a project or service:

47 (i) relating to a regionally significant transportation facility for the portion of the  
48 project or service that is performed within the county;

49 (ii) for new capacity or congestion mitigation if the project or service is performed  
50 within a county:

51 (A) of the first or second class; or

52 (B) if that county is part of an area metropolitan planning organization; and

53 (iii) that is on a priority list:

54 (A) created by the county's council of governments in accordance with Subsection (7);

55 and

56 (B) approved by the county legislative body in accordance with Subsection (7);

57 (b) corridor preservation for a project or service described in Subsection (2)(a) as  
58 provided in Subsection (8); or

59 (c) debt service or bond issuance costs related to a project or service described in  
60 Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii).

61 (3) If a project or service described in Subsection (2) is for:

62 (a) a principal arterial highway or a minor arterial highway in a county of the first or  
63 second class or a collector road in a county of the second class, that project or service shall be  
64 part of the:

65 (i) county and municipal master plan; and

66 (ii) (A) statewide long-range plan; or

67 (B) regional transportation plan of the area metropolitan planning organization if a  
68 metropolitan planning organization exists for the area; or

69 (b) a fixed guideway or an airport, that project or service shall be part of the regional  
70 transportation plan of the area metropolitan planning organization if a metropolitan planning  
71 organization exists for the area.

72 (4) In a county of the first or second class, a regionally significant transportation  
73 facility project or service described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) shall have a funded year priority  
74 designation on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and Transportation  
75 Improvement Program if the project or service described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) is:

76 (a) a principal arterial highway;

77 (b) a minor arterial highway; [~~or~~]

78 (c) a collector road in a county of the second class; or

79 [~~(d)~~] (d) a major collector highway in a rural area.

80 (5) Of the revenues collected from a sales and use tax imposed under this section  
81 within a county of the first or second class, 25% or more shall be expended for the purpose  
82 described in Subsection (2)(b).

83 (6) (a) As provided in this Subsection (6), a council of governments shall:

84 (i) develop a written prioritization process for the prioritization of projects to be funded  
85 by revenues collected from a sales and use tax under this section;

86 (ii) create a priority list of regionally significant transportation facility projects or  
87 services described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) in accordance with Subsection (7); and

88 (iii) present the priority list to the county legislative body for approval in accordance  
89 with Subsection (7).

90 (b) The written prioritization process described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) shall include:

91 (i) a definition of the type of projects to which the written prioritization process

92 applies;

93 (ii) subject to Subsection (6)(c), the specification of a weighted criteria system that the

94 council of governments will use to rank proposed projects and how that weighted criteria

95 system will be used to determine which proposed projects will be prioritized;

96 (iii) the specification of data that is necessary to apply the weighted criteria system;

97 (iv) application procedures for a project to be considered for prioritization by the

98 council of governments; and

99 (v) any other provision the council of governments considers appropriate.

100 (c) The weighted criteria system described in Subsection (6)(b)(ii) shall include the

101 following:

102 (i) the cost effectiveness of a project;

103 (ii) the degree to which a project will mitigate regional congestion;

104 (iii) the compliance requirements of applicable federal laws or regulations;

105 (iv) the economic impact of a project;

106 (v) the degree to which a project will require tax revenues to fund maintenance and

107 operation expenses; and

108 (vi) any other provision the council of governments considers appropriate.

109 (d) A council of governments of a county of the first or second class shall submit the

110 written prioritization process described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) to the Executive Appropriations

111 Committee for approval prior to taking final action on:

112 (i) the written prioritization process; or

113 (ii) any proposed amendment to the written prioritization process.

114 (7) (a) A council of governments shall use the weighted criteria system adopted in the

115 written prioritization process developed in accordance with Subsection (6) to create a priority

116 list of regionally significant transportation facility projects or services for which revenues

117 collected from a sales and use tax under this section may be expended.

118 (b) Before a council of governments may finalize a priority list or the funding level of a

119 project, the council of governments shall conduct a public meeting on:

120 (i) the written prioritization process; and

121 (ii) the merits of the projects that are prioritized as part of the written prioritization  
122 process.

123 (c) A council of governments shall make the weighted criteria system ranking for each  
124 project prioritized as part of the written prioritization process publicly available before the  
125 public meeting required by Subsection (7)(b) is held.

126 (d) If a council of governments prioritizes a project over another project with a higher  
127 rank under the weighted criteria system, the council of governments shall:

128 (i) identify the reasons for prioritizing the project over another project with a higher  
129 rank under the weighted criteria system at the public meeting required by Subsection (7)(b);  
130 and

131 (ii) make the reasons described in Subsection (7)(d)(i) publicly available.

132 (e) Subject to Subsections (7)(f) and (g), after a council of governments finalizes a  
133 priority list in accordance with this Subsection (7), the council of governments shall:

134 (i) submit the priority list to the county legislative body for approval; and

135 (ii) obtain approval of the priority list from a majority of the members of the county  
136 legislative body.

137 (f) A council of governments may only submit one priority list per calendar year to the  
138 county legislative body.

139 (g) A county legislative body may only consider and approve one priority list submitted  
140 under Subsection (7)(e) per calendar year.

141 (8) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(b), revenues collected from a sales and use  
142 tax under this section that a county allocates for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(b) shall  
143 be:

144 (i) deposited in or transferred to the Local Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund  
145 created by Section 72-2-117.5; and

146 (ii) expended as provided in Section 72-2-117.5.

147 (b) In a county of the first class, revenues collected from a sales and use tax under this  
148 section that a county allocates for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(b) shall be:

149 (i) deposited in or transferred to the County of the First Class State Highway Projects  
150 Fund created by Section 72-2-121; and

151 (ii) expended as provided in Section 72-2-121.

152 Section 2. Section **63B-18-401** is amended to read:

153 **63B-18-401. Highway bonds -- Maximum amount -- Use of proceeds for highway**  
154 **projects.**

155 (1) (a) The total amount of bonds issued under this section may not exceed  
156 [~~\$2,207,000,000~~] \$2,127,000,000.

157 (b) When the Department of Transportation certifies to the commission that the  
158 requirements of Subsection 72-2-124(6) have been met and certifies the amount of bond  
159 proceeds that it needs to provide funding for the projects described in Subsection (2) for the  
160 next fiscal year, the commission may issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount  
161 equal to the certified amount plus costs of issuance.

162 (2) [~~(a) Proceeds~~] Except as provided in Subsections (3)(b) and (4), proceeds from the  
163 issuance of bonds shall be provided to the Department of Transportation to pay all or part of  
164 the costs of the following state highway construction or reconstruction projects:

165 [(i)] (a) Interstate 15 reconstruction in Utah County;

166 [(ii)] (b) the Mountain View Corridor;

167 [(iii)] (c) the Southern Parkway; and

168 [(iv)] (d) state and federal highways prioritized by the Transportation Commission  
169 through:

170 [~~(A)~~] (i) the prioritization process for new transportation capacity projects adopted  
171 under Section 72-1-304; or

172 [~~(B)~~] (ii) the state highway construction program.

173 (3) One hundred twenty million dollars of the bond proceeds issued under this section  
174 shall be provided to the Department of Transportation and funds under Section 72-2-124 shall  
175 be used by the Department of Transportation to pay for the costs of right-of-way acquisition,  
176 construction, reconstruction, renovations, or improvements to the following highways:

177 (a) \$35 million to add highway capacity on I-15 south of the Spanish Fork Main Street  
178 interchange to Payson;

179 (b) \$28 million for improvements to Riverdale Road in Ogden;

180 (c) \$1 million for intersection improvements on S.R. 36 at South Mountain Road;

181 (d) \$2 million for capacity enhancements on S.R. 248 between Sidewinder Drive and  
182 Richardson Flat Road;

183 (e) \$12 million for Vineyard Connector from 800 North Geneva Road to Lake Shore  
184 Road;

185 (f) \$7 million for 2600 South interchange modifications in Woods Cross;

186 (g) \$9 million for reconfiguring the 1100 South interchange on I-15 in Box Elder

187 County;

188 (h) \$18 million for the Provo west-side connector; and

189 (i) \$8 million for interchange modifications on I-15 in the Layton area.

190 (4) (a) Thirty million dollars of the bond proceeds issued under this section shall be  
191 provided to the Department of Transportation and funds under Section 72-2-121 shall be used  
192 by the Department of Transportation to pay for or to provide funds to a municipality or county  
193 to pay for the costs of right-of-way acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovations, or  
194 improvements to highways described in Subsection (4)(b).

195 (b) Bond proceeds described under Subsection (4)(a) and funds under Section 72-2-121  
196 shall be used to pay the amounts described in this Subsection (4)(b) for the following highway  
197 or transit projects in Salt Lake County:

198 (i) \$4,000,000 to Taylorsville City for bus rapid transit planning on 4700 South;

199 (ii) \$1,250,000 to Herriman City for highway improvements to the Salt Lake

200 Community College Road;

201 (iii) \$5,300,000 to West Jordan City for highway improvements on 5600 West from  
202 6200 South to 8600 South;

203 (iv) \$2,300,000 to Sandy City for highway improvements on Monroe Street;

204 (v) \$3,000,000 to Draper City for highway improvements to 13490 South from 200  
205 West to 700 West;

206 (vi) \$1,200,000 to Murray City for highway improvements to 5900 South from State  
207 Street to 900 East;

208 (vii) \$1,500,000 to South Salt Lake City for intersection improvements on West  
209 Temple, Main Street, and State Street;

210 (viii) \$2,000,000 to Salt Lake County for highway improvements to 5400 South from  
211 5600 West to Mountain View Corridor;

212 (ix) \$3,000,000 to West Valley City for highway improvements to 6400 West from the  
213 extension at Lake View Parkway to SR-201 Frontage;

214 (x) \$4,000,000 to Salt Lake City for highway improvements to 700 South from 2800  
215 West to 5600 West;

216 (xi) \$1,250,000 to Riverton City for highway improvements to 4570 West from 12600  
217 South to Riverton Boulevard; and

218 (xii) \$1,200,000 to Cottonwood Heights for improvements to Union Park Avenue from  
219 I-215 exit south to Creek Road and Wasatch Boulevard and Big Cottonwood Canyon.

220 (c) (i) Prior to a municipality or county receiving funds under this Subsection (4), the  
221 municipality or county shall sign and file a written certification with the Department of  
222 Transportation certifying that it will use the funds provided under this Subsection (4) solely for  
223 the projects described in Subsection (4)(b).

224 (ii) By January 1 of each year, the municipality or county receiving funds described in  
225 this Subsection (4) shall submit to the Department of Transportation a statement of cash flow  
226 for the current fiscal year detailing the funds necessary to pay project costs for the projects  
227 described in Subsection (4)(b).

228 (iii) After receiving the statement required under Subsection (4)(c)(ii) and after July 1,  
229 the Department of Transportation shall provide funds to the county or municipality necessary to  
230 pay project costs for the current fiscal year based upon the statement of cash flow submitted by  
231 the municipality or county.

232 (iv) Upon the financial close of each project described in Subsection (4)(b), the county  
233 or municipality receiving funds under this Subsection (4) shall submit a statement to the  
234 Department of Transportation detailing the expenditure of funds received for each project.

235 (d) The commission or the state treasurer may make any statement of intent relating to  
236 a reimbursement that is necessary or desirable to comply with federal tax law.

237 ~~[(b)]~~ (5) The costs under [Subsection (2)(a)] Subsections (2), (3), and (4) may include  
238 the cost of acquiring land, interests in land, easements and rights-of-way, improving sites, and  
239 making all improvements necessary, incidental, or convenient to the facilities, interest  
240 estimated to accrue on these bonds during the period to be covered by construction of the  
241 projects plus a period of six months after the end of the construction period, interest estimated  
242 to accrue on any bond anticipation notes issued under the authority of this title, and all related  
243 engineering, architectural, and legal fees.

244 ~~[(3)]~~ (6) The commission or the state treasurer may make any statement of intent



245 relating to a reimbursement that is necessary or desirable to comply with federal tax law.

246 [~~(4)~~] (7) The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements related to the  
247 projects described in [~~Subsection (2)~~] Subsections (2), (3), and (4) before the receipt of  
248 proceeds of bonds issued under this section.

249 Section 3. Section **72-2-121** is amended to read:

250 **72-2-121. County of the First Class State Highway Projects Fund.**

251 (1) There is created a special revenue fund within the Transportation Fund known as  
252 the "County of the First Class State Highway Projects Fund."

253 (2) The fund consists of money generated from the following revenue sources:

254 (a) any voluntary contributions received for new construction, major renovations, and  
255 improvements to state highways within a county of the first class;

256 (b) the portion of the sales and use tax described in Subsection 59-12-2214(3)(b)  
257 deposited in or transferred to the fund;

258 (c) the portion of the sales and use tax described in Subsection 59-12-2217(2)(b) and  
259 required by Subsection 59-12-2217(8)(b) to be deposited in or transferred to the fund; and

260 (d) a portion of the local option highway construction and transportation corridor  
261 preservation fee imposed in a county of the first class under Section 41-1a-1222 deposited in or  
262 transferred to the fund.

263 (3) (a) The fund shall earn interest.

264 (b) All interest earned on fund money shall be deposited into the fund.

265 (4) The executive director shall use the fund money only:

266 (a) to pay debt service and bond issuance costs for bonds issued under Sections  
267 63B-16-102 and 63B-18-402;

268 (b) for right-of-way acquisition, new construction, major renovations, and  
269 improvements to state highways within a county of the first class and to pay any debt service  
270 and bond issuance costs related to those projects;

271 [~~(c) for fiscal year 2008-09 only, to pay for or to provide funds to a municipality or  
272 county to pay for right-of-way acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovations, and  
273 improvements to highways described in Subsection 63B-16-102(3); and]~~

274 (c) to transfer to the 2010 Salt Lake County Revenue Bond Sinking Fund created by  
275 Section 72-2-121.3 the amount required in Subsection 72-2-121.3(4)(c) minus the amounts

276 transferred in accordance with Subsection 72-2-124(5)(a)(iv);

277 (d) to pay debt service and bond issuance costs for \$30,000,000 of the bonds issued  
278 under Sections 63B-18-401 for the projects described in Subsection 63B-18-401(4)(b); and

279 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) for fiscal year 2009-10 only, to pay for or to provide funds to a municipality or  
280 county to pay for right-of-way acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovations, and  
281 improvements to highways described in Subsection 63B-18-402(2).

282 (5) The revenues described in Subsections (2)(b), (c), and (d) that are deposited in the  
283 fund and bond proceeds from bonds issued under Sections 63B-16-102 and 63B-18-402 are  
284 considered a local matching contribution for the purposes described under Section 72-2-123.

285 (6) The additional administrative costs of the department to administer this fund shall  
286 be paid from money in the fund.

287 (7) Notwithstanding any statutory or other restrictions on the use or expenditure of the  
288 revenue sources deposited into this fund, the Department of Transportation may use the money  
289 in this fund for any of the purposes detailed in Subsection (4).

290 Section 4. Section **72-2-121.3** is amended to read:

291 **72-2-121.3. Special revenue fund -- 2010 Salt Lake County Revenue Bonds**

292 **Sinking Fund.**

293 (1) There is created a special revenue fund within the County of the First Class State  
294 Highway Projects Fund entitled "2010 Salt Lake County Revenue Bond Sinking Fund."

295 (2) The fund consists of:

296 (a) money transferred into the fund from the County of the First Class State Highway  
297 Projects Fund in accordance with Subsection 72-2-121(3)(c); and

298 (b) money transferred into the fund from the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005  
299 in accordance with Subsection 72-2-124(5)(a)(iv).

300 (3) (a) The fund shall earn interest.

301 (b) All interest earned on fund money shall be deposited into the fund.

302 (4) (a) The director of the Division of Finance may use fund money only as provided in  
303 this section.

304 (b) The director of the Division of Finance may not distribute any money from the fund  
305 under this section until the director has received a formal opinion from the attorney general that  
306 Salt Lake County has entered into a binding agreement with the state of Utah containing all of

307 the terms required by Section 72-2-121.4.

308 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), and until the bonds issued by Salt Lake  
309 County as provided in the interlocal agreement required by Section 72-2-121.4 are paid off, on  
310 July 1 of each year beginning July 1, 2011, the director of the Division of Finance shall transfer  
311 from the County of the First Class State Highway Projects Fund and the Transportation  
312 Investment Fund of 2005 to the 2010 Salt Lake County Revenue Bond Sinking Fund the  
313 amount certified by Salt Lake County that is necessary to pay:

314 (i) up to two times the debt service requirement necessary to pay debt service on the  
315 revenue bonds issued by Salt Lake County for that fiscal year; and

316 (ii) any additional amounts necessary to pay costs of issuance, pay capitalized interest,  
317 and fund any debt service reserve requirements.

318 (d) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), and until the bonds issued by Salt Lake  
319 County as provided in the interlocal agreement required by Section 72-2-121.4 are paid off, the  
320 director of the Division of Finance shall, upon request from Salt Lake County, transfer to Salt  
321 Lake County or its designee from the 2010 Salt Lake County Revenue Bond Sinking Fund the  
322 amount certified by Salt Lake County as necessary to pay:

323 (i) the debt service on the revenue bonds issued by Salt Lake County as provided in the  
324 interlocal agreement required by Section 72-2-121.4; and

325 (ii) any additional amounts necessary to pay costs of issuance, pay capitalized interest,  
326 and fund any debt service reserve requirements.

327 (5) Any money remaining in the 2010 Salt Lake County Revenue Bond Sinking Fund  
328 at the end of the fiscal year lapses to the County of the First Class State Highway Projects  
329 Fund.

330 Section 5. Section **72-2-124** is amended to read:

331 **72-2-124. Transportation Investment Fund of 2005.**

332 (1) There is created a special revenue fund entitled the Transportation Investment Fund  
333 of 2005.

334 (2) The fund consists of money generated from the following sources:

335 (a) any voluntary contributions received for the maintenance, construction,  
336 reconstruction, or renovation of state and federal highways;

337 (b) appropriations made to the fund by the Legislature;

338 (c) the sales and use tax revenues deposited into the fund in accordance with Section  
339 59-12-103; and

340 (d) registration fees designated under Subsection 41-1a-1201(7).

341 (3) When the highway general obligation bonds have been paid off and the highway  
342 projects completed that are intended to be paid from revenues deposited in the Centennial  
343 Highway Fund Restricted Account as determined by the Executive Appropriations Committee  
344 under Subsection 72-2-118(6)(d), the fund shall also consist of money generated from the  
345 following sources:

346 (a) registration fees designated under Subsection 41-1a-1201(6)(a); and

347 (b) the sales and use tax amounts provided for in Section 59-12-103.

348 (4) (a) The fund shall earn interest.

349 (b) All interest earned on fund money shall be deposited into the fund.

350 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), the executive director may use fund  
351 money only to pay:

352 (i) the costs of maintenance, construction, reconstruction, or renovation to state and  
353 federal highways prioritized by the Transportation Commission through the prioritization  
354 process for new transportation capacity projects adopted under Section 72-1-304;

355 (ii) the costs of maintenance, construction, reconstruction, or renovation to the highway  
356 projects described in ~~[Subsection]~~ Subsections 63B-18-401(2) and (3); [and]

357 (iii) principal, interest, and issuance costs of bonds authorized by Section  
358 63B-18-401[-] minus the costs paid from the County of the First Class State Highway Projects  
359 Fund in accordance with Subsection 72-2-121(3)(d); and

360 (iv) to transfer to the 2010 Salt Lake County Revenue Bond Sinking Fund created by  
361 Section 72-2-121.3 the amount certified by Salt Lake County in accordance with Subsection  
362 72-2-121.3(4)(c) as necessary to pay:

363 (A) the debt service on \$30,000,000 of the revenue bonds issued by Salt Lake County;  
364 and

365 (B) any additional amounts necessary to pay costs of issuance, pay capitalized interest,  
366 and fund any debt service reserve requirements associated with \$30,000,000 of the revenue  
367 bonds issued by Salt Lake County.

368 (b) The executive director may use fund money to exchange for an equal or greater

369 amount of federal transportation funds to be used as provided in Subsection (5)(a).

370 (6) (a) Before bonds authorized by Section 63B-18-401 may be issued in any fiscal  
371 year, the department and the commission shall appear before the Executive Appropriations  
372 Committee of the Legislature and present the amount of bond proceeds that the department  
373 needs to provide funding for the projects identified in Subsection 63B-18-401(2) for the next  
374 fiscal year.

375 (b) The Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall review and  
376 comment on the amount of bond proceeds needed to fund the projects.

377 (7) The Division of Finance shall, from money deposited into the fund, transfer the  
378 amount of funds necessary to pay principal, interest, and issuance costs of bonds authorized by  
379 Section 63B-18-401 in the current fiscal year to the appropriate debt service or sinking fund.

380 Section 6. **Effective date.**

381 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

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