

1 PUBLIC TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION GOVERNANCE

2 AMENDMENTS

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4 STATE OF UTAH

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8 LONG TITLE

9 General Description:

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

12 Highlighted Provisions:

13 This bill:

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

25 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

26 None

27 Other Special Clauses:



28 None

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31 **17B-2a-804**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 387

32 **17B-2a-807**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 205

33 **63I-2-272**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Fourth Special Session, Chapter 2

34 **72-1-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 256

35 ENACTS:

36 **17B-2a-826**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

37 **72-14-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

38 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

39 **17B-2a-807.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 364



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

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

43 **17B-2a-804. Additional public transit district powers.**

44 (1) In addition to the powers conferred on a public transit district under Section  
45 **17B-1-103**, a public transit district may:

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 (c) insure against:

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

58 (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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

130 [~~3~~] (4) A public transit district may be funded from any combination of federal, state,  
 131 local, or private funds.

132 [~~4~~] (5) A public transit district may not acquire property by eminent domain.

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

134 **17B-2a-807. Public transit district board of trustees -- Appointment --**

135 **Apportionment -- Qualifications -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Terms.**

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

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

145 (c) The board of trustees of a public transit district under this Subsection (1) may  
 146 include a member that is a commissioner on the Transportation Commission created in Section  
 147 **72-1-301** and appointed as provided in Subsection (11), who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex  
 148 officio member.

149 (d) Members appointed under this Subsection (1) shall be appointed and added to the  
 150 board or omitted from the board at the time scheduled routes are changed, or as municipalities,  
 151 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~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

214 ~~the municipality or municipalities.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



245 are appointed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

266 (A) government;

267 (B) finance;

268 (C) law;

269 (D) logistics;

270 (E) management;

271 (F) transit; or

272 (G) transportation.

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

275 (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~~

338 ~~17B-2a-807.5~~ Subsection (9)(a)(ii), at the time of a member's appointment or during a  
339 member's tenure in office, a member may not hold any employment, except as an independent  
340 contractor or locally elected public official, with a county or municipality within the district.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

366 ~~[(13)]~~ (11) (a) (i) [Each] (A) For a board of trustees created under Subsection (1), each  
367 member of the board of trustees of a public transit district is subject to recall at any time by the  
368 legislative body of the county or municipality from which the member is appointed.

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

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

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

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

378 (c) [~~Except as provided in Section 17B-2a-807.5, if~~] If a board member is recalled or  
379 resigns under this Subsection [(13)] (11), the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Subsection  
380 [(6)] (5).

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

382 **17B-2a-807.5. Public transit district board of trustees -- Transitional provisions.**

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

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

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

389 **17B-2a-826. Public transit district office of constituent services and citizens'**  
390 **advisory board.**

391 (1) (a) The board of trustees of a public transit district serving a population over  
392 200,000 people shall create and employ an office of constituent services.

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

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

397 (ii) establishing a central call number to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

418 **63I-2-272. Repeal dates -- Title 72.**

419 (1) On July 1, 2018:

420 (a) in Subsection [72-2-108\(2\)](#), the language that states "and except as provided in  
421 Subsection (10)" is repealed;

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

425 (c) Subsection [72-2-108\(10\)](#) is repealed.

426 (2) Section [72-3-113](#) is repealed January 1, 2020.

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

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

429 **72-1-303. Duties of commission.**

430 (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

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

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

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

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

467 (ii) make a recommendation to the Legislature on:

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

469 (B) the source of revenue for the additional funding allocation under Subsection

470 (2)(b)(ii)(A).

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

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

475 **72-14-101. Creation of the Transit and Transportation Governance Task Force.**

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

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

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

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

483 (c) three members appointed by the governor;

484 (d) two members designated by the Transportation Commission;

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

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

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

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

492 (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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