
SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEMO

DATE: March 15, 2005
SUBJECT: Transportation Division Briefing
STAFF REPORT BY: Sylvia Jones

The Transportation Division is housed within the Community Development Department. The division is responsible for providing the following services:

1. Investigates internal and public requests to modify traffic controls on City streets.
2. Monitors and maintains streetlights.
3. Coordinates traffic signals.
4. Issues residential parking permits and administers the residential parking permit program.
5. Reviews and approves right-of-way geometric designs of streets.
6. Reviews and approves construction barricade plans and parking meter bagging permits.
7. Provides transportation planning services for the Planning Commission, Transportation Advisory Board, Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Board, Board of Adjustment, property owners and developers.

Following the division's presentation, the Council may wish to ask the following question:

1. What is the status of the information to be provided to the Council outlining the current street lighting programs and providing recommendations for the neighborhood street lighting plan? (This was requested by the Council in an effort to reduce public confusion about the programs available for street lighting.)

Council staff has provided a four-year budget history for the Transportation Division below.

Transportation Division Budget Comparison		
Fiscal Year	Budget	Percent Change
2001-02	\$2,427,281	
2002-03	\$2,420,358	(0.3%)
2003-04	\$2,443,605	1.0%
2004-05	\$1,503,804	(38.5%)*

*The decrease in budget for FY 04-05 was primarily due to accounting for \$900,000 of streetlight electric charges in the Nondepartmental account rather than in the Transportation Division.

The Administration has been asked to provide the following paperwork: (See attached.)

- A. A list of functions / services performed by the Division and an organizational chart, including the number of FTE's.
- B. Information on any service level measurements available (for example, x number of permits were issued last year, a 2 percent increase / decrease over the previous year).
- C. Responses to the following questions:
 - 1. What successes has your Division achieved in the recent past, and what successes do you see in the near future?
 - 2. What are the most significant challenges the Division will face in the near future?
 - 3. Have the services provided by the Division increased / decreased or remained the same over the past 2 or 3 years, and do you anticipate that service levels will increase, decrease, or remain the same in the near future?
 - 4. Are there service level improvements that could be made in your Division with a minimal investment of funding, or are there functions where additional resources may be needed in order to maintain current service levels?

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PLANNING AND ZONING DIVISION

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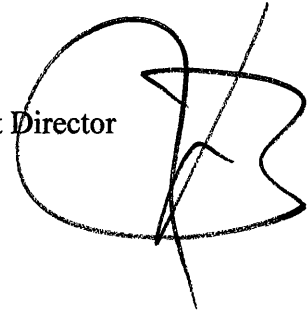
MEMORANDUM

TO: Salt Lake City Council Members

FROM: Louis Zunguze, Salt Lake City Community Development Director

DATE: March 15, 2005

RE: Division Functions Presentations



Members of the City Council:

Attached please find the Community Development Department's Division PowerPoint Presentations for the City Council briefing scheduled for March 17, 2005. Please note that the summary of the Arts Council function is attached for your information.

Thank you.

Cc: Rocky Fluhart, Management Services Director
Cindy Gust-Jensen, Executive Director of the City Council
Brent Wilde, Deputy Community Development Director
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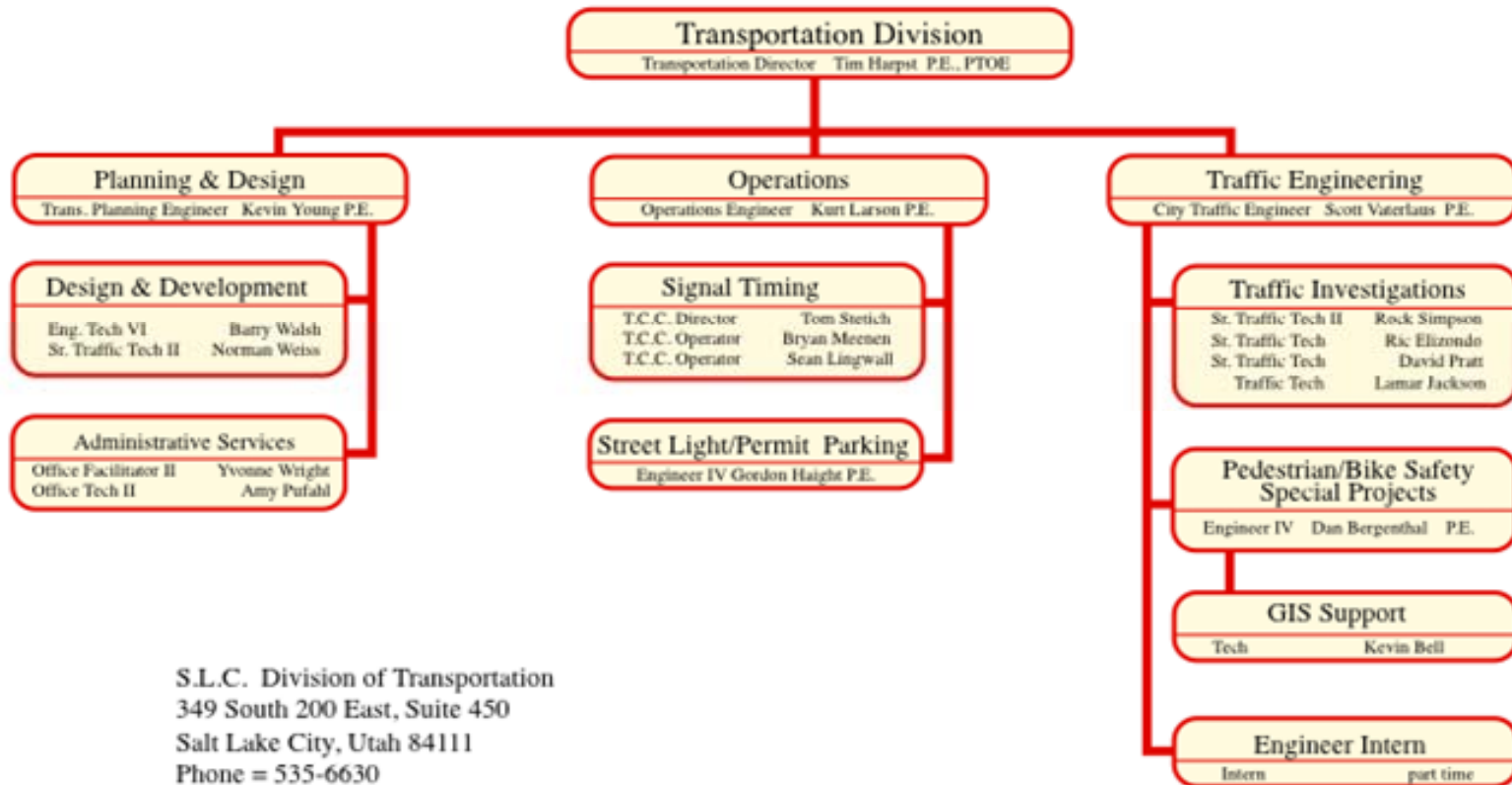
Transportation Division



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18 Full Time Employee's

Planning & Design

Functions, Services & Measurements

- ❑ 2,290 development plan reviews
 - ❑ 220 street designs & review
 - ❑ 110 Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment cases
 - ❑ Maintain street striping plans
 - ❑ Provide administrative, budgeting and staff support to Transportation Division and TAB
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Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

- Meets monthly

 - Provides recommendations to:
 - City Council
 - Mayor
 - Planning Commission
 - Transportation Director.
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Traffic Engineering - Investigations

Functions, Services & Measurements

- ❑ 280 traffic control change requests
 - ❑ 1,050 traffic control permits
 - ❑ 840 meter bagging/restricted parking permits
 - ❑ 135 traffic volume counts
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Traffic Engineering - Ped & Bike Safety

Functions, Services & Measurements

- ❑ Coordinate and implement activities of Ped Safety Committee
 - ❑ Converted 238 pedestrian signals to countdown timers at 31 locations
 - ❑ Installed countdown timers at 11 intersections previously without pedestrian signals
 - ❑ Manage 153 orange flag crosswalks
 - ❑ Added 4.1 miles of bike lanes (53 total)
 - Hidden Hollow & Sugar House Trail
 - 700 East
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Traffic Engineering - Traffic Calming

Functions & Services

- ❑ Neighborhood Speed Watch Program
 - ❑ Pace Car Program
 - ❑ Garbage can signs
 - ❑ Lawn signs
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Operations - Traffic Control Center (TCC)

250 East 600 South

Functions, Services & Measurements

- ❑ Operate 12 hours weekdays plus special events.
 - ❑ 150 new signal timing plans annually
 - ❑ Designed 1 new and 4 replacement traffic signals
 - ❑ Coordinate continually with UDOT, UTA and Salt Lake County on use of *CommuterLink* system
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Operations - Street Lighting

Functions, Services & Measurements

- ❑ 14,000 street lights
 - ❑ 50 lighting special improvement districts
 - ❑ 7 lighting upgrade projects annually
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Operations - Residential Permit Parking

Functions, Services & Measurements

- ❑ 10 permit parking areas
 - ❑ 4,133 participants processed annually
 - ❑ Process 5 expansions annually
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Other Successes

- ❑ Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan adopted
 - ❑ Named the most improved city in the U.S. for pedestrian safety
 - ❑ Almost 100% implementation of pedestrian countdown timers
 - ❑ Designed and implemented 900 South Quiet Zone
 - ❑ 680 new decorative street lights in Rose Park and 172 in Sugar House CBD nearing completion
 - ❑ 10-day or less response on requests for traffic control changes
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Local Award

Downtown Alliance's
*Chairman's Achievement
Award for Parking &
Transportation Initiatives*



National Awards & Recognition



“Best of Intelligent Transportation Systems” awards in each of the past three years from ITS America

Nominated in 4 categories in 2005

2005 National Traffic Signal Report Card
Traffic Control Center rating of 76.9
National Average low 60s

International Awards & Recognition

- ❑ Olympic Transportation Plan and Operations



- ❑ CommuterLink partnership with UTA, UDOT and Salt Lake County

Challenges & Service Level Impacts

- ❑ Staffing decreased 10% last year with workload increasing 2% to 5% annually – resources maxed out
 - ❑ Dealing with Traffic Calming requests
 - ❑ Options for street lighting alternatives
 - ❑ Anticipated major redevelopment downtown
 - Circulation & parking impacts
 - Design review impacts
 - Downtown transit and transportation analysis
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