

March 21, 2006

The Honorable John L. Valentine
President of the Senate
and
The Honorable Greg J. Curtis
Speaker of the House

Dear President Valentine and Speaker Curtis:

This is to inform you that on March 21, 2006, I vetoed the following item of appropriation in S.B. 4, NEW FISCAL YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, and have transmitted the bill to the Lieutenant Governor for filing.

ITEM 163 To Department of Transportation – Construction Management
From General Fund, One-time 100,000,000
Schedule of Programs:
State Construction – New 100,000,000

There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation from the Transportation Fund, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient, but not more than the surplus of the Transportation Fund, to be used by the Department for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of State highways in Utah. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation expend a significant portion of this appropriation for corridor preservation. It is the intent of the Legislature that the remainder of the appropriation fund first, a maximum participation with the federal government for the construction of federally designated highways, as provided by law, and last, the construction of State highways, as funding permits. It is also the intent of the Legislature that the FTEs for field crews may be adjusted to accommodate the increase or decrease in the Federal Construction Program. No portion of the money appropriated by this item shall be used either directly or indirectly to enhance or increase the appropriations

otherwise made by this act to the Department of Transportation for other purposes. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation use \$10 million of the corridor preservation monies for a match program with local governments and private entities.

This item of appropriation requires technical corrections to funding allocations. I intend to include this item as part of a Special Session in the near future to make the corrections.

Sincerely,

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Governor