



Joint Commission on
Transportation Accountability
(TAC)

September 26, 2007

**Legislative Background and
Legislative Intent**

Leo C. Wardrup
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation

2005 Session

- HJ 662 (Wardrup) and SJ 282 (Hawkins)
“Joint Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Transportation”

- Subcommittee Duties
 - Road classification: Primary, secondary, urban
 - Formula for allocating construction funds
 - Appropriate role for State and local governments in construction/maintenance vis-à-vis available resources
 - Review of scope and use of the PPTA of 1995
 - Integration and coordination of land use and transportation planning decisions
 - Composition of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and appointment authority

Subcommittee Composition

■ HJ 662 Members

- 19: 6 Delegates; 4 Senators; 8 non-legislative (5 House, 3 Senate) with significant transportation planning or highway construction experience; 1 ex officio (A.P.A.)

■ SJ 282 Members

- 17: 3 Delegates; 3 Senators; 3 non-legislative voting members; 8 non-voting plus Secretary of Transportation ex officio
 - Non-legislative and non-voting specifically designated

2006 Session

- HB 1365 (Wardrup):
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 - Passed House 60-38
 - P.B.I. Senate Rules

- 2006 Special Session: HB 5070 (Saxman): Same bill
 - Passed House 97-0
 - Left in Senate Rules

TAC Duties

- Performance reviews of operations of State agencies with transportation responsibilities
- Ensure sums appropriated are properly expended
- Evaluate the effectiveness of programs in accomplishing legislative intent
- Study on a continuing basis the operations, practices, and duties of State agencies to ensure the efficient use of space, personnel, equipment, and facilities

TAC Powers

- Retain consultants and advisors necessary to evaluate financial and project management
- Make special studies and reports
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- Have access to the records and facilities of every agency whose operations are financed in whole or in part by State funds
- Review prior to approval any comprehensive agreement executed pursuant to the PPTA of 1995

TAC Membership

- 6 Delegates (3 from Transportation Committee)
- 4 Senators (2 from Transportation Committee)
- Ex officio: Auditor of Public Accounts
- Support Staff: Director (1) and executive staff (3) appointed to six-year terms
- Fiscal Impact Review: \$500,000 per year and 4 FTEs

2007 Session

- HB 3202: Omnibus Transportation Bill

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Governor's Amendments to TAC Powers

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Legislative Intent for TAC

- Solely a legislative body
- Requirement for staffing recognized
- Duties mean broad oversight responsibility
- Powers adequate for the duties

What Next?

- Develop more definitive charter
- Budget amendment for 2008
 - Identify savings - FTEs to offset impact
- Executive/legislative discussion on TAC relationship to CTB
- 2008 legislation to refine/change TAC