

SENATE FILE NO. SF0102

Laramie transit study.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Massie, Geis and Von Flatern and
Representative(s) Brown, Slater, Warren,
Wasserburger and White

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to transportation; authorizing a transit
2 study as specified; authorizing the formation of a
3 committee; requiring a report; providing an appropriation;
4 and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) There is appropriated ninety thousand dollars
11 (\$90,000.00) from the budget reserve account to the
12 department of transportation to conduct a transit study of
13 the city of Laramie, including the University of Wyoming.
14 The department shall:

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1 (i) Form a steering committee to assist in the
2 study's design and implementation. The committee shall
3 consist of:

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5 (A) A member of the Laramie city council,
6 selected by the council;

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8 (B) A member of the University of Wyoming
9 administration, faculty or staff appointed by the
10 university president;

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12 (C) A University of Wyoming student
13 appointed by the president of the student senate; and

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15 (D) Other members selected by the mayor of
16 Laramie to represent the community's businesses, senior
17 citizens, those with disabilities and any other groups the
18 department of transportation, the city of Laramie and the
19 University of Wyoming agree should be represented on the
20 committee.

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22 (ii) Assess the transportation needs of the city
23 of Laramie and the University of Wyoming, including those

1 private and public human service agencies that are
2 dependant upon public transportation;

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4 (iii) Examine different transportation systems
5 that can compete with the convenience, image and comfort of
6 driving alone and that employ user-friendly information
7 systems for local residents and out-of-town visitors. In
8 examining the different transportation systems the
9 department shall:

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11 (A) Be responsive to community needs,
12 including services, fleets and facilities already in use by
13 the city of Laramie, the shuttle system managed by the
14 university and the bus system operated by the senior
15 center;

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17 (B) Consider park-and-ride lots with
18 shuttles from off-campus locations;

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20 (C) Include a comparative analysis between
21 a transit system and the proposed multi-level parking
22 garage at the corner of tenth street and Ivinson Avenue in
23 terms of cost, convenience, the ability to meet the
24 transportation needs of those who use the university and

1 the impact on the residential neighborhoods surrounding the
2 campus;

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4 (D) Examine the availability of new
5 technologies, such as hybrid electric and electric trams;

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7 (E) Consider a multi-jurisdictional
8 partnership to share resources and administer a system and
9 take into consideration agencies that have funds to support
10 their clients' transportation needs;

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12 (F) Estimate the cost to develop and
13 maintain a transit system, including user benefits per
14 dollar cost, possible sources of funding and suggestions
15 for sharing the costs among the city, the university and
16 other entities.

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18 (iv) Hold a public meeting in Laramie to solicit
19 suggestions and comments from residents about a transit
20 system and a parking garage near the University of Wyoming
21 campus. The department shall also hold a second public
22 meeting in Laramie to receive comments from the public on a
23 draft of the study's recommendations.

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1 (v) After the study is complete, report its
2 findings and recommendations to the joint transportation,
3 highways and military affairs interim committee, the
4 Laramie City Council and the University of Wyoming trustees
5 no later than November 15, 2006.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
10 Constitution.

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