

RDI APPLICATION
MANGANESE ROAD
WASHINGTON COUNTY,
UTAH

ATTACHMENT 24

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The Class B road system and funding program was established by the Utah Legislature in 1937 as a means of providing financial assistance to counties for the maintenance and improvement of roads throughout the state. The funds differ from ordinary local revenues inasmuch as they are subject to administrative direction by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) in accordance with legislative provision. See UTAH CODE ANN. § 72-2-109.

In order for a Class B road to be eligible for road maintenance funding from UDOT, the road must be (a) graded, (b) open to traffic, and (c) under the jurisdiction of the county in which it is located. See Deposition Tr. of Scott Nay 12:5-18 (Nov. 1, 2018). The Class B (and C) distribution formula currently apportions funding based fifty percent on population and fifty percent on weighted road miles; road miles are currently weighted at a 5 for a paved road mile, and a 2 for either a graveled or a dirt road mile. See UTAH CODE ANN. § 72-2-108. The inventory process by which the funding determinations are made and/or adjusted occurs approximately every five years. (See Nay Dep. at 13:7-10).

At the outset of the process, UDOT sends copies of a given county's existing Class B road maps to the county. The county then reviews and updates these maps as appropriate, either adding new Class B roads or subtracting Class B roads no longer receiving county maintenance. Next, UDOT staff conduct a road inventory using the most up-to-date versions of the county's Class B road maps, checking to ensure that the roads indicated on the maps meet the qualifications for receipt of Class B funds. Once the inventory has been completed — either on the ground or, beginning in approximately 1972 or 1973, more commonly through aerial inspection (Nay dep. at 44:4-7)— UDOT then sends a newly updated set of the county's Class B road maps to the county. A representative from UDOT then meets with the county commission to review the updated Class B maps and obtain the county's written agreement to maintain the identified Class B roads, after which the Class B funds are allocated to the county. (See Nay Dep. 15:1-17:11).

Distribution of Class B Road funds is aggregated and includes funding for the maintenance of all Class B roads in a given county. Consequently, the dollar amount allocated to any one particular road is not readily available.