
From: Scheibe, Mark
To: Ben Porter
Sent: 9/1/2009 7:24:34 AM
Subject: RE: question on operating plan, 2009 vs. 2008

Ben,

Yes, the L-O-S assumptions are consistent with the ridership model. Four changes have occurred that affect the operating plan. First, choice of the Airport alignment rather than the Salt Lake alignment has increased the length of the rail line and thus the vehicle miles. Second, a re-examination of annualization factors has resulted in an increase in the annualization factor both for service variables and for ridership. Third, a closer examination of current transit midday ridership led to the conclusion that we were probably providing too little rail capacity in periods adjacent to the peaks so more service has been added. Fourth, the process of working through the ridership models with Jim Ryan has led to an increase in future forecasts, primarily on rail but with some increase on bus as well; rail and bus service has then been equilibrated to accommodate these increases.

Mark

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From: Ben Porter [mailto:bporter@porter-inc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 9:31 AM
To: Scheibe, Mark
Subject: question on operating plan, 2009 vs. 2008

Mark:

I noticed some changes in the operating costs in the 8/09 financial plan compared to the plan you submitted last year (Sept. 2008), so I took a look at the level of service assumptions.

Fixed guideway vehicle miles at 2030 in the current plan are 56% higher than in the plan submitted last year (8.6 million now vs. 5.5 million then).

Bus vehicle miles at 2030 in the current plan are 6% higher than last year's plan (21.6 million now vs. 20.3 million then).

My understanding is that the level of service assumptions used in the financial plan are supposed to mirror the L-O-S assumptions used in the ridership model.

Can you confirm that the current L-O-S assumptions are consistent with the ridership model?

Do you have a ready explanation for the changes in the current operating plan versus that submitted last year?

thanks,
Ben Porter