



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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MINUTES Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) December 6, 2023, 1:30 pm Enoch City Offices 900 East Midvalley Road Enoch, UT 84721

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rob Dotson
Chris Hall
Dan Jessen
Jonathan Stathis
Richard Wilson
Paul Bittmenn

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Todd Robinson
Stoney Shugart
Aldo Biasi
Reed Erickson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nate Wiberg

REPRESENTING:

Enoch City
UDOT
Parowan City
Cedar City
Iron County Engineering
Cedar City, City Manager

REPRESENTING:

Paragonah
Kanarrville
Brian Head
Iron County Planning

REPRESENTING:

Five County Association of Governments

1. Quorum Declaration

Mr. Rob Dotson welcomed everyone and declared a quorum present.

***Note – Rob Dotson recommended amending agenda item number four to make it a non-action item.**

2. Approve Minutes – October 4, 2023

Dan Jessen made a motion to approve the October 4, 2023, minutes and to amend item number four, so it will not be an action item. Chris Hall seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Update Corridor Preservation Policy

Richard Wilson stated that he made policy changes that match what the RPO is doing. He passed out copies of the policy, which included those changes. The Group reviewed the policy and discussed:



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- UDOT's role in the process.
- The Priority List applications due date.
- Correcting the RPO acronym.
- Changing the rating sheet name to compliance sheet.
- The difference between the Corridor Preservation Priority List and the RPO Transportation Priority List.
- Combining the priority list application and the compliance rating sheet.
- Making exhibit B part of exhibit A.
- Having the RPO staff continue to manage the Priority List.
- Considering moving part of step three to a different part of the document.
- The process of adding projects to the priority list.
- The process for funding.
- County budgeting and involvement in approving the corridor preservation projects.
- Including the County Engineer as staff with County Planner.
- Removing the term ranking from the document as it applies to ranking projects on the list.
- Continue working on the policy in February.

4. **Transportation Priority List**

Nathan Wiberg stated that this item is a standing agenda item and that the projects discussed today are in preparation for the next update. He added a notes section to the list to remind everyone why changes were made to the list. The following projects were discussed:

- The project with no project number in the Capacity section will need to be removed because it is a duplication of project number TA51.
- Project number C50 was funded and will need to be moved to the Funded section.
- Project C34, was added to the list August 2, 2023.
- Project TA5 in Brian Head is near completion and will need to be moved to the Completed section.

Richard Wilson talked about funding for studies. There was a discussion about the Utah Trail Network (UTN) program. Chris Hall stated that this group does not need to do anything for the UTN. However, When TIF opens the communities can nominate projects for that funding source.

5. **Review the Travel Demand Model**

Nathan Wiberg spoke about the RPO contract with UDOT to participate in the Modeling Process. The group discussed the process, reviewed the traffic counts, and talked about how they need to look at anomalies in the data. There was further discussion about using traffic counts for the municipalities that have them. Richard said that he can review the numbers for Unincorporated County, Paragonah, and Kanarrville. Rob stated that Nathan can review Enoch City's counts to find anomalies. Nathan scheduled a time with Dan Jesson and Jonathan to review the counts in Parowan and Cedar City.



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6. Project / Studies Updates

A. Brian Head

- i. No update

B. Cedar City

- i. Jonathan Stathis discussed that the SR-130/56 Solution Development Study is nearly complete. Chris Hall mentioned that the new Economic Development Director Dave Johnson, reached out to UDOT and said that the downtown portion is not what they want, and asked that the consultant rewind and do some more work on the study. As a result, finalization may not occur until March.
- ii. Jonathan mentioned that the South Cedar City Interchange EA is still ongoing. He hopes that there will be a selected alternative in early 2024. Chris stated that they have narrowed it to two alternatives. One being a two lane SPU and the other would move the ramps further south.
- iii. The City Council is on board with the roundabouts near the University moving forward. There was further discussion about this project.

C. Enoch

- i. Rob Dotson stated that he submitted the TPA application for the Enoch underpass in conjunction with Cedar City and Iron County.
- ii. Rob made known that SR-130 is still undergoing right of way acquisition through Enoch City. Chris Hall mentioned that they will keep it open until UDOT funds the project.
- iii. Enoch is still programming funding from UDOT for the Old Highway 91 project.
- iv. CJC is under construction, which will include drainage.

D. Kanarraville

- i. No update

E. Paragonah

- i. No update

F. Parowan

- i. Dan Jessen stated that Parowan City has reengaged with Jones and DeMille to do a feasibility study to rebuild the Main Street Bridge at Main Street. They have informed UDOT and the Joint Highways Committee of their intention. They have a meeting with the irrigation company to discuss moving the diversion.
- ii. Dan Jessen stated that they wrote a grant for an industrial park master Plan.

G. UDOT

- i. The South Cedar Interchange Environmental is moving forward. UDOT will not know if they will receive the funding to build the project until the end of December.

7. Other Discussion Items:

There was discussion about applying for federal funding through Congressman Stewart's office for the Iron Springs project.

A. Next Meeting – February 7, 2024:

Location: Not determined.

8. Adjourn - Rob Dotson declared the motion adjourned.