



# IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR Geoffrey Chesnut • ICRTAC CHAIR—Rob Dotson • TRANS. PLANNING DIRECTOR—Myron Lee

## MINUTES

### Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

January 03, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

(Note: Prior to the ICCOG Meeting)

Kanarraville Town Offices

40 S, Main St.

Kanarraville, Utah 84742

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Betty Gould  
Commissioner Paul Cozzens  
Commissioner Marilyn Wood  
Paul Bittmenn-Representing  
Mayor Garth Green  
Bret Houser-Representing  
Mayor Clayton Calloway

#### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mayor Tod Robinson  
Mayor Garth O. Green  
Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut  
Mayor Mollie Halterman  
Mayor Clayton Calloway

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nate Wiberg  
Myron Lee  
Reed Erickson  
Chris Hall  
Rob Dotson  
Heidi Loveland  
George Colson  
Richard Wilson

#### REPRESENTING

Kanarraville Town  
Iron County  
Iron County

Cedar City

Brian Head

#### REPRESENTING

Paragonah  
Cedar City  
Enoch City  
Parowan  
Brian Head Town

#### REPRESENTING

FCAOG  
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Iron County  
UDOT  
Enoch  
Kanarraville  
Iron County Emergency Management  
Iron County Engineer



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I. **Quorum Declaration**

Mayor Betty Gould welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order, and declared that a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. **Approve Minutes for a September 13, 2023**

Mayor Betty Gould presented the meeting minutes from September 13, 2023, for consideration of adoption.

**Commissioner Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2023. Paul Bittmenn seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**

III. **UDOT Updates & Business**

Chris Hall stated that UDOT is currently considering a Single Point Urban Interchange at the current South Cedar Interchange or moving the ramps 3,000-4,000 feet to the south as options for the South Cedar Interchange. There was discussion about how the old agricultural flyover is too old to consider as a feasible option. Chris Hall spoke about how there will be consideration for the agricultural community as UDOT gets further into design. There was discussion about having a multi-use trail through the interchange. Chris Hall stated that the design options will consider active transportation.

Chris Hall Stated that the TPA grant applications are in and that it will be a few months before UDOT announces which applications will be awarded funding.

IV. **Project and Study Updates**

- A. **SS4A Grant Update** – Reed Erickson announced that Iron County has been awarded funding for the SS4A grant and stated that all the cities, towns, and the county came together to create a county-wide safety study. It was discussed that the county was awarded \$480,000 with a local match of \$120,000 from corridor preservation funds, making the total project \$600,000. Reed explained that completing the study will allow any of the communities in Iron County to apply for implementation funding in subsequent years. Reed stated that the next steps will be to make a formal acceptance of the grant and to hire a consultant. Nate Wiberg mentioned that the study may take a year or two to go through the entire planning process and that we can use the Dixie MPO's process as an example to help us through the process. He also stated that he will keep the RTEC updated throughout the process.
- B. **Transportation Model** – Nate Wiberg stated that there is a Travel Demand Modeling group who are responsible for the development and maintenance of Travel Demand Models. They coordinate closely with the (MPOs) and other planning organizations like the Iron County RPO for transportation planning. The work includes:
- Developing future population, household, and employment distributions for UDOT planning areas in coordination with local and regional governments.
  - Forecasting travel patterns, vehicle volumes, and vehicle miles traveled.



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- Forecasting travel demand on highway networks as a means of assessing existing performance and evaluating the effectiveness of future planned investments.

Nate Wiberg explained that there are several Travel Demand Models used in the State. He continued to explain that the RPO has an agreement with the UDOT to collaborate with them on the Iron County Model. He stated that the model aids in transportation planning and decision-making.

Chris Hall stated that Iron County is at the point where it needs more detail than the Statewide model. He explained that over the next several years, as Iron County grows, the RPO, future MPO, will take over their portion of the model and learn how to manage it because there will need to be more nuances than the statewide model takes into account.

Nate spoke about how he has been working with UDOT and the local entities to review the networks on the forecasting tool to make appropriate adjustments. Chris Hall said that it would be helpful if the cities could contribute their traffic counts, which will improve the model. Nate stated that he still needs to meet with Enoch and Iron County to review the traffic counts. There was discussion about traffic counts and road infrastructure in different areas of the Iron County.

## V. Other Discussion Items

Rob Dotson stated that he submitted a TPA grant application to UDOT for the Enoch Underpass Feasibility Study. There was a discussion about a Safe Routes to School application for Three Peaks Elementary School and that Enoch could be the applicant. Commissioner Wood stated that Iron County could provide a letter of support for that application.

## VI. Next Meeting

Mayor Betty Gould stated that the next meeting is on March 6, 2024. Location: Cedar City

## VII. Adjourn

**Commissioner Paul Cozzens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Bittmenn. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**