

EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RTEC CHAIR—MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI · RTAC CHAIR—ARTHUR LEBARON · PLANNING MANAGER—CURT HUTCHINGS

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

Hurricane City Hall
147 North 870 West
Hurricane, Utah

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 3:00 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron
Mr. Kyle Gubler
Mr. Drake Howell
Mr. Daren Cottam
Mr. Todd Edwards

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City
LaVerkin City
Leeds Town
Toquerville City
Washington County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Darrin LeFevre
Mr. Dana Meier
Mr. Bob Lamoreaux
Mr. Alan Jensen
Ms. Doni Pack
Mr. Curt Hutchings

Toquerville City
Utah Dept. of Transportation
Stanley Consultants
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Five County Assoc. of Governments
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I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Arthur LeBaron welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made. There was a quorum present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. LeBaron presented Minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting to the Committee for consideration and approval:

**A motion was made by Mr. Daren Cottam, seconded by
Mr. Todd Edwards, to approve the Minutes of the
September 24, 2009 Rural Transportation
Advisory Committee meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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III. RPO PROJECT PRIORITIZATION & RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Curt Hutchings informed the Committee that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) responded to the 2008 Project Review with a request for the RTAC to provide a single project prioritization list, as opposed to multiple lists separating projects by state road.

Mr. Hutchings pointed out that before this meeting the FCAOG staff provided each Committee member with a working list of projects based on the 2008 prioritizations. As each Committee member generated a 2009 prioritization list, some added projects not included in the 2008 list. A comprehensive list compiled from the 2009 submissions ended up including 27 project items. All projects not rated in this compilation list were automatically assigned a designation of 27, or last priority. Mr. Hutchings instructed that during this meeting, Committee members should alter their rankings to include all 27 projects.

Mr. Todd Edwards suggested that changing every list to show a complete ranking of 1-27 would take a great deal of time, so the Committee proceeded to negotiate the ranking of projects by discussing those given high priority by individual members.

There was extensive discussion on alternative new roads in the area west of Toquerville and LaVerkin, and between Leeds and SR-9. Mr. LeBaron suggested the Committee focus on areas that already have traffic demand. However, having studies done is very important to determine what routes are preferable and to begin corridor preservation.

There was some question as to whether or not the Leeds Northern Interchange is already on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

Mr. LeBaron emphasized the need for a road that would run south from SR-9 at the Washington County Fairgrounds down Purgatory Flat to the Washington Dam Road in Washington City. Mr. Edwards added that the County considers this an important project as well. Mr. Hutchings said that this proposed road is also on the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) long term plan.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that there was no one present to represent SR-59. Mr. Daren Cottam remarked that it is in everyone's best interest to address issues regarding this road. It is quite narrow in a number of places and needs to be improved for safety. Mr. Edwards mentioned that SR-59 will be more heavily used while the road through Zion Canyon to Mt Carmel Junction is shut down.

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Through discussion, negotiation, and the addition of two more projects, a final prioritization list of 29 projects was completed. The list includes both specific projects and corridor studies.

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Advisory Committee 2009 Project Prioritization
Recommendations to the Rural Transportation
Executive Council for their review and approval.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

In addition, a second list of prioritized projects that would involve corridor preservation was compiled at the request of the Washington County Council of Governments (COG). This list includes eight projects, six of which are studies of possible future corridors.

**A motion was made by Mr. Daren Cottam, seconded by
Mr. Todd Edwards, to recommend the Rural Transportation
Advisory Committee 2009 COG Project Prioritization
Recommendations to the Rural Transportation
Executive Council for their review and approval.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. BUILD-OUT STUDY PROGRESS

Due to time constraints, Ms. Pack simply stated that she is working on the Study and making progress.

V. OTHER/FUTURE TOPICS

- A. The 2010 Calendar of RPO meetings was passed out to all parties present.
- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 28, at 1:30 pm to be held at the Hurricane City Hall.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.