

**DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 5, 2014**  
**Five County Association of Governments**  
**Conference Room**  
**St. George, UT**

**PRESENT**

Cameron Cutler, St. George City, Public Works Director, Chair  
Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City Engineer, Vice-Chair  
Jay Sandberg, St. George City, Engineer  
Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator  
Dave Glenn, Ivins City, Public Works Director  
Mike Shaw, Washington City, Public Works Director  
Angela Rohr, Leeds Town  
Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City, Public Works Director  
Todd Edwards for Ron Whitehead, Washington County Public Works Director  
Dana Meier, UDOT, Region Four  
Kirk Thornock, UDOT, Region Four  
Myron Lee, MPO Planning Manager, Five County AOG  
Curt Hutchings, Transportation Manager, Five County AOG  
Levi Roberts, Associate Planner, Five County AOG  
Dave Demas, Transportation Planner, Five County AOG  
Diane Lamoreaux, Five County AOG  
Branden Anderson, UDOT  
Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering  
Bob Lamoreaux, Stanley Consultants  
Mark Freeman, Stanley Consultants  
Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering  
John Reed, Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance

**ABSENT**

Darren Cottam, Toquerville City (Excused)  
Derek Imlay, LaVerkin City  
Fred Davies, St. George City Transit Manager (Excused)  
Kelly Lund, FHWA, Planning Engineer  
Steve Call, FHWA, Planning Engineer (Excused)  
Elden Bingham, UDOT Planning

Cameron Cutler, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Those asking to be excused include Darren Cottam, Fred Davies and Steve Call. It was acknowledged that a quorum was present for conduct of business.

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. Minutes from October 1, 2014 Meeting:** Cameron Cutler, Chair, presented minutes from the October 1, 2014 Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee (DTAC) meeting for consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY DANA MEIER, SECONDED BY DAVE GLENN, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2014 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. LONG RANGE PLANNING**

- A. Long Range Plan Update, Public Involvement Chapter:** Myron Lee provided draft copies of the Public Involvement chapter for members to review. He indicated that staff would like to see public involvement and comments provided. Each year the transportation expo has been a great tool to gather comments regarding the various projects in the MPO, and each project also includes a public involvement element in the process. In the past, there have not been a lot of comments provided during the LRP process and comments provided from the Expo have been included in the LRP. Comments and/or suggestions are welcome. Monty Thurber mentioned that a new website has been developed as follows: [www.dixietransportationexpo.com](http://www.dixietransportationexpo.com). He asked that members provide pictures of projects for posting on the site. The Transportation Expo is scheduled to be held on February 10, 2015 at the Dixie Center. It was noted that Mariam has sent out a call for booth applications via e-mail. Committee members suggested that an online form be placed along with the LRP for the public to utilize in providing comments.

**3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

- A. Funding Status Report:** Myron Lee reviewed the TIP spreadsheet and projects that were programmed for funding last year. The monies to be programmed will be for 2019. Funding programmed last year included the following projects: **1) River Road to Fort Pierce--** Programmed \$2.2 million in 2018; **2) Purgatory Road--** Programmed \$500,000 for the environmental assessment in 2015 and funding across 2016, 2017, and 2018. The committee will work to program available funding during the December DTAC meeting. There is up to \$754,000 that is available to program into projects prior to 2019 or members could elect to program \$2.6 million in the 2019 time frame. Kirk Thornock reported that an additional \$7 million in funding has been moved into 2015 for SR-7 for the Warner Valley/Washington Dam Road project. There has also been additional state dollars added into SR-7. Myron indicated that he would meet with Kirk to confirm revisions prior to the December meeting where programming will take place. It was noted that \$150,000 is programmed annually for ITS projects and \$150,000 for the planning process to address items included in the Unified Planning Work Program.
- B. Concept Reports (2016-2020 TIP Program):** Myron Lee reported that a call for projects was broadcast to DTAC members via e-mail after the last DTAC meeting. The deadline for submission of concept reports was October 22, 2014. In years past, a tour of projects has been conducted on a separate day from the DTAC meeting. Arrangements have been made for the tour to commence today immediately after this meeting is adjourned. He provided packets to members in attendance and noted that packets would be hand delivered to LaVerkin and Toquerville representatives for scoring. The scoring sheets are included with each project. Members were asked to submit the project score sheet to Diane

Lamoreaux or Myron Lee no later than Monday, December 1, 2014. This will allow staff time to tabulate the project scores prior to the meeting.

Concept reports were provided for the following projects: 1) Merrill Road Extension, Washington City; 2) Exit 11 Interchange, Washington City; 3) I-15 Underpass near Mall Drive, St. George City; 4) 850 North 3050 East Connection, St. George City; and 5) 400 South Bike/Ped Underpass at I-15.

Representatives of Washington and St. George cities provided a brief explanation for each project. Mike Shaw explained that the Merrill Road extension will connect the Washington Fields Road to Merrill Road. The majority of this road is constructed, with the exception of this extension which will provide a connection to the Mall Drive Bridge. The proposed Exit 11 on I-15 will tie into Main Street or 300 East. The city is now at the point where they need to do the environmental assessment for this project. The Green Springs study provided verification that another interchange is required to take the pressure off Exit 10 to keep it functional. Staff is hopeful that the City Council will fund the environmental assessment for this project and additional funding will need to be acquired for construction. A revised map was provided for the Merrill Road project.

Cameron Cutler reported that the River Road study also evaluated the proposed underpass for the Mall Drive project. UDOT is currently working of 30% design to determine the best location of the proposed underpass. The city is looking for funding for construction of the project. This project will have an impact on both Exit 8 and Exit 10 to help with congestion at these interchanges. The 850 North 3050 East project will relieve pressure on Exit 10 and Telegraph by providing a road between the HOME Depot and Walmart to connect at the light by Costco. The 400 South Bike/Ped Underpass at I-15 is a project requested by Dixie State University. Because I-15 is so close to the DSU campus, this would provide pedestrian/bicycle access to the east side of I-15 and thereby reduce travel to the campus.

Myron Lee mentioned that all five of the projects are included in Phase I of the Dixie MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Arrangements have been made for committee members to tour these projects immediately upon adjournment of the meeting.

#### **4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

- A. Hurricane:** Arthur LeBaron reported that the 600 North project bid was awarded to Interstate Rock and construction will begin within the next week. The completion date for this project is May 22, 2015.
- B. Ivins:** Dave Glenn reported that Ivins will be hosting an open house to publically discuss participation in the SunTran bus system on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is part of the federal transit requirements. A public meeting will also be held by St. George City in conjunction with their City Council meeting.
- C. LaVerkin:** None.

D. **Leeds:** None.

E. **St George:** The Indian Hills Drive project is slated for bid advertisement on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cameron Cutler reported that the Mall Drive Bridge and roadway is completed. Traffic counts for the first two weeks have resulted in 9,600 cars daily that are crossing the bridge. River Road has experienced a 10% reduction in traffic and there has also been a reduction in traffic on 1450 South. Traffic on Foremaster Drive has increased. The Little Valley Road project will include installation of utilities in conjunction with the construction. This project will also include repairs caused by flooding in the area. There will also be some repairs to Sunset Boulevard and Dixie Drive that were associated with recent storms. Cameron reported that the River Road study is completed and copies will be provided via e-mail.

Monty Thurber reported that St. George City is actively participating with the MPO staff on the bike/ped plan.

F. **Santa Clara:** Jack Taylor indicated that design is still moving forward on the Old Highway 91 project.

G. **Toquerville:** Darren Cottam asked to be excused.

H. **Washington City:** None.

I. **Washington County:** None.

J. **UDOT:** Dana Meier reported that the Southern Parkway project will advertise for bid tomorrow and contracts are anticipated to be in place by the first part of December. There is sufficient funding to grade both barrels, but to pave only one barrel. The Sunset Boulevard/Bluff project is tentatively scheduled for bid advertisement February 1<sup>st</sup>. Work is continuing on right-of-way issues. It may be necessary to adjust the schedule as the project moves forward. A better update will be available next month. A 12' tunnel will be included as part of this project for pedestrian/bicycle access. The Red Hills Parkway and Bluff interchange project is slated for completion at the end of November. The Bluff Street widening project is at 60% design completion and some of the right-of-way is being acquired. Construction will likely be in the 2017-18 time frame. UDOT is working through negotiations on the Telegraph safety project.

Kirk Thornock reported that the Arch Bridge project which includes reconstruction of the eastbound side has been advertised. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring/summer of 2015. The other side of the bridge will be rehabilitated.

## 5. **STATE AND FEDERAL UPDATE**

B. **Federal Oversight:** Steve Call, FHWA, asked to be excused from today's meeting.

A. **Program Development - UDOT:** None.

7. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at the Five County Association of Governments office.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ARTHUR LEBARON, SECONDED BY MIKE SHAW, TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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