

**DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 3, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Five County Association of Governments**  
**1070 West 1600 South, Building B**  
**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  
Darren Cottam, Toquerville City  
Angela Rohr, Leeds Town  
Dana Meier, UDOT, Region Four  
Myron Lee, MPO Planning Manager, Five County AOG  
Levi Roberts, Senior Planner, Five County AOG  
Diane Lamoreaux, Program Specialist, Five County AOG  
Fred Davies, St. George City Transit Manager  
Bronson Bundy, Washington City  
Kirk Thornock, UDOT, Region Four  
Branden Anderson, UDOT, Region Four  
Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering  
Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineering  
Tyler Turner, Civil Science  
Jerry Amundsen, Lochner Engineering  
Rick Campagna, Lochner Engineering

**ABSENT**

Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City, Public Works Director  
Derek Imlay, LaVerkin City  
Todd Edwards for Ron Whitehead, Washington County Public Works Director  
Elden Bingham, UDOT Planning  
Steve Call, FHWA, Planning Engineer  
Kelly Lund, FHWA, Planning Engineer

Cameron Cutler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He acknowledged that a quorum was present for conduct of business.

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. Minutes from May 6, 2015 Meeting:** Cameron Cutler, Chair, presented minutes from the May 6, 2015 Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee (DTAC) meeting for consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY DANA MEIER, SECONDED BY MIKE SHAW, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2015 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

## 2. LONG RANGE PLAN

- A. **FY 2015-2040 Long Range Plan Final Approval:** Mr. Myron Lee provided copies of the Regional Transportation Plan 2015-2040 as well as various maps to members of the committee. As reported previously, there were 27 public comments and 26 of the comments were in favor of a Toquerville bypass road. One other individual provided eight pages of comment regarding various issues. A number of comments provided at the Transportation Expo were also included in the plan. MPO staff strived to gather public involvement in the process as much as possible. Various chapters were presented to DTAC for approval, but this is the first full document provided.

MPO staff is seeking approval and recommendation of the Long Range Transportation Plan to the Dixie Executive Transportation Committee (DTEC). It was noted that there are three typos in the plan that will be corrected prior to presentation and final approval by DTEC.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY DANA MEIER, SECONDED BY MIKE SHAW, TO APPROVE AND FORWARD A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND FINAL APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

## 3. SHORT RANGE PLANNING

- A. **Future of Active Transportation Subcommittee:** Levi Roberts recapped the formation of an Active Transportation Subcommittee that was utilized to develop a Regional Active Transportation Plan which was formally adopted by DTEC during their May meeting. Staff is soliciting ideas that might be considered to make this committee meaningful for active transportation throughout the region. The subcommittee provided guidance throughout the development of the plan and is now asking for some type of role moving forward. Dana Meier explained that there is a bicycle committee in place that meets to discuss active transportation options for various projects. He noted that it would be beneficial for all groups to be working on the same page in terms of regional transportation projects. In addition, UDOT currently has an active transportation study that is being completed. Monty Thurber agreed that it would be good to have a regional committee in place to discuss gaps and provide input on options that may be considered for projects which cross jurisdiction boundaries. It would be good to have input on active transportation components for projects. Committee members indicated that as long as this committee functions in an advisory capacity and not as another step in approval of projects, it would be good to have this perspective provided. Members explained that this should not be utilized as a way to leverage specific items for inclusion into various city projects. The goal should be to look at a broader concept to incorporate transit and active transportation needs wherever possible. Dana Meier mentioned that UDOT has an active transportation group that meets to talk about functions coming up, as well as gaps, and possible options with various projects. It is possible that this group may not have to meet very often, but it could be a good resource for ideas, concepts, and how to make routes more bicycle friendly. He also mentioned

that UDOT conducted an integrated transportation workshop for the Bluff Street/Sunset Boulevard project that was very beneficial in determining the active transportation needs for this project. Some projects in the end may not be able to incorporate active transportation components, but it is good for more discussion and input regarding what options might be considered. Mike Shaw expressed interest in having the subcommittee remain active because it would be a good resource as Washington City is in the process of developing an active transportation plan. It would be good for regionally significant projects to gather additional input during the planning phases. Levi Roberts explained that it is not the intent to develop standards, criteria, or to have any form of formal approval tied to projects. This would remain in place as an advisory group that would provide input into regional active transportation tied to various transportation projects. Meetings would be held on an as needed basis and/or quarterly. Monty Thurber indicated that St. George City has an active transportation group that always has plenty of items to discuss, receive input and collaboration. Myron Lee reported that DTEC members felt that it would be good to continue meetings to review the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan for updating as needed. Levi Roberts noted that he would proceed with scheduling meetings and developing agendas with input from the subcommittee on an as needed basis.

#### **4. TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (TIP)**

Myron Lee reported that the TIP will be made available beginning July 1, 2015 through August 3, 2015 for public review and comment. The TIP advertisement will be in conjunction with the UDOT public comment period. New funds programmed in the TIP include Exit 11, \$1.1 million, and Mall Drive Underpass, \$1.1 million. A copy of the proposed Transit funding will also be included with the TIP funding spreadsheet.

- A. TIP Amendment (Green Springs Drive/Telegraph Street - Exit 11):** Mike Shaw reported that Washington City is requesting that the \$1.8 million in funds previously programmed to Green Springs Drive/Telegraph Street in 2017 be shifted into the new interchange at approximately milepost 11. The previous project for Green Springs/Telegraph included thru turns, but the Washington City Council is not supportive of this project because of the impact to businesses in the area. The Council is in favor of constructing a new interchange as well as a hook road between Home Depot and Walmart at 3050 East to help alleviate congestion at Exit 10. In addition, State funds have been programmed for the thru turns project on the north side of Exit 10. This project is separate from the thru turns at Green Springs and Telegraph and the state funds are not impacted by moving funds to the new interchange project. TIP funds were programmed in the amount of \$1.1 million to the Exit 11 project in FY 2019. The total project cost for the new interchange is estimated at 20 to 25 million. Washington City has approved funding in next year's budget for the environmental study. The City owns the right-of-way on the north side of the freeway and is working on acquiring other necessary right-of-way. In addition, the city will donate right-of-way for the interchange. The funds for FY 2017 could also be moved further out to FY 2019 if another project could use the funding earlier. Myron Lee reported that UDOT recently closed out two old projects and an additional \$500,000 in funding is available for programming in 2015 through 2019 as needed. It was suggested that excess funds be added to the amount that could be programmed in November. Cameron Cutler explained that in the past St. George City has shifted funds from one project to another in order to have only one federally

funded project. Kirk Thornock indicated that moving these funds would have no bearing on the state funded project on the north side of Exit 10. This project was funded as a result of the I-15 environmental assessment that was completed. The previously conducted study of the Green Springs/Telegraph area adjacent to Exit 10 included a number of other connections and improvements at 450 North and 300 East, 850 North, Mall Drive Bridge, Mall Drive Underpass, Northern Corridor, etc. All of these projects still need to be constructed in order to move traffic at this location.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ARTHUR LEBARON, SECONDED BY DANA MEIER, TO APPROVE A TIP AMENDMENT TO SHIFT \$1.8 MILLION IN FY 2017 FUNDS, PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED FOR THRU TURNS AT GREEN SPRINGS AND TELEGRAPH, TO THE NEW EXIT AT APPROXIMATELY MILEPOST 11. MOTION CARRIED WITH ANGELA ROHR VOTING NAY.**

Myron Lee indicated that another project could be moved up in the TIP if deemed necessary. Cameron Cutler indicated that St. George City is not interested in moving the Fort Pierce/River Road project up at this time. This would require discussion at the city level prior to making any adjustment in funds. This could be taken into consideration as funding is programmed in the fall.

## 5. SERVICES

- A. Consideration of Planning Grant Applications:** Myron Lee reported that \$150,000 will be available in the upcoming fiscal year for planning projects. In addition, there may be a small amount of funding remaining from this year that can be carried forward into the next fiscal year. A call for projects resulted in the following requests: **1) St. George City--** Transit Route Design Study, \$80,000; **2) St. George City--** Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan, \$25,000; **3) Regional ITS--** Update of the Regional ITS Communication Plan, \$50,000; and **4) Southern Utah Air Quality Task Force--** Kiosk Display, \$4,400. The proposed display would be used at the Transportation Expo and other conferences to advocate for clean air and reduction of air pollutants. Discussion ensued regarding the reduction of amounts for some of the requests, but still accomplish the purpose of these studies. There may also be other funding available from Clean Cities or other sources for the air quality task force kiosk display.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE SHAW, SECONDED BY DARREN COTTAM, TO ALLOCATE PLANNING FUNDS AS FOLLOWS: 1) ST. GEORGE TRANSIT ROUTE DESIGN, \$79,000; 2) ST. GEORGE COMPREHENSIVE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, \$24,000; 3) REGIONAL ITS COMMUNICATION PLAN, \$49,000; AND 4) SOUTHERN UTAH AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE, \$3,000. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

## 6. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- A. Hurricane:** Arthur LeBaron reported that the 600 North project paving is complete and most of the concrete work has also been completed. The road is not officially open to traffic, but it will be in the near future. The Purgatory Road environmental selection process is complete and it is close to being under contract.

- B. Ivins:** None.
- C. LaVerkin:** None.
- D. Leeds:** None.
- E. St George:** Cameron Cutler indicated that not much has changed since the last meeting report was provided. Some of the projects have advertised for bid, including the realignment of Canyon View Drive and Sand Hollow Wash projects. The Indian Hills Drive project is under construction. Design is at 90% on the Brigham Road and River Road signal project. The preliminary location and layout for the I-15 Mall Drive Underpass project has been determined. There are some drainage issues that will be included in the project design. The River Road/Fort Pierce project is approximately at 78% design completion. In August-September, the project will be ready to advertise for bid. Jay Sandberg reported that the micro pave projects on River Road and Brigham Road went very well, but a recent chip seal project had some dust issues.
- F. Santa Clara:** It was noted that the Santa Clara Drive project design is nearing completion. It is anticipated that the bid advertisement will be in October when funding is available. However, the right-of-way is currently being acquired.
- G. Toquerville:** Darren Cottam reported that Toquerville City recently updated their Capital Facilities Plan, increased some of their impact fees and initiated a trail fee. Myron Lee reminded Toquerville that MPO funding was programmed to assist with the Capital Facilities Plan, but a billing must be submitted to the MPO prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- H. Washington City:** Mike Shaw reported that the 2000 South/Washington Fields Road signal will be operational on Friday. The 3650 South reconstruction project is close to bid advertisement. The Telegraph Safety project is moving forward and should be advertised soon.
- I. Washington County:** None.
- J. UDOT:** Dana Meier reported that there has not been much change from the report provided at the last DTAC meeting. UDOT is crushing road base in a pit at the Warner Valley area. They are trying to stockpile as much material as possible before the area is re-seeded and reverts back to the Bureau of Land Management at the conclusion of the crushing operation.

Kirk Thornock reported that UDOT is moving forward on the Bluff Street/Sunset Boulevard project. The federal FMIS system will be shutting down on September 16<sup>th</sup> and will not be operational again until October 6, 2015. The last day for advertisement of federally funded projects will be September 14, 2016. No projects will be advertised during this time and once the system is operational again, there will likely be issues.

**6. STATE AND FEDERAL UPDATE**

- A. Program Development - UDOT:** Kirk Thornock reported that federal transportation funding will continue for June and July. Another 20% will be provided to the state of Utah.
- B. Federal Oversight:** Arthur LeBaron reported that federal representatives attended the Santa Clara Road Respect event and toured the Virgin River Bridge project in LaVerkin. Federal representatives also conducted an active transportation inspection of the Red Hills Parkway Interchange and toured Zion National Park.

**7. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Dave Glenn reported that after 34 years of public service he is retiring and this is his last meeting. He expressed appreciation to committee members and indicated that it had been good to work with everyone to address regional transportation. Committee members expressed their thanks to Dave for his many years of service and the opportunity to work with him on the DTAC and various other committees.

The next meeting of the Dixie Transportation Executive Committee (DTEC) will be held on June 17, 2015. The next DTAC meeting will be held Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the Five County Association of Governments office.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MIKE SHAW. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE GLENN. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.