

EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY  
**RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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

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## MINUTES

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

Toquerville City Hall  
212 N Toquer Blvd  
Toquerville, Utah

Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 1:30 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Toni Foran  
Mr. Derek Imlay  
Mr. Lynn Olds

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City  
LaVerkin City  
Toquerville City

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Dean McNeill  
Ms. Pam Humphries  
Ms. Elissa Black  
Ms. Doni Pack  
Mr. Curt Hutchings

Hurricane City  
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EXCUSED:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron  
Mr. Clark Ronnow  
Mr. Daren Cottam

Hurricane City  
Leeds Town  
Toquerville City

ABSENT:

Mr. Ron Whitehead

Washington County

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Derek Imlay , Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Imlay declared there was not a quorum present and Item II on the agenda (Approve Minutes) was moved to the end of the meeting when a quorum would be present.

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**II. REVIEW OF PRIORITIZATION PROJECT**

**A. Submission to UDOT**

Mr. Curt Hutchings informed the Committee that the RPO Project Review had been approved by the Transportation Executive Council (RTEC) with the addition of a request for a Toquerville Bypass Study proposed by Mayer Ken Powell.

The final Review was then forwarded to Mike Miles from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for their consideration during prioritization of projects for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). UDOT expressed appreciation for the RPO Project Review. They also offered the suggestion that it would be more meaningful to them if the group would submit the recommendations with top priorities Rural Planning Organization (RPO) wide, not necessarily by roadway.

**III. ACCESS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT PROCESS**

The Memorandum of Understanding between the RPO and UDOT includes a list of tasks to be completed by the RPO, outlined on an annual basis. Year One tasks include; 1) Creating the RPO; 2) Training RPO members in their responsibilities; 3) To receive public input on transportation issues; and 4) Producing an Emerging Area Study and Access Management Agreement. UDOT has since decided that an Emerging Area Study is not necessary at this time.

Mr. Mike Miles from UDOT was scheduled to present information to the Committee on an Access Management Agreement. He was unable to come and requested that Mr. Hutchings at least present the basics of this type of agreement. Essentially, UDOT would like to work with the RPO municipalities to create consistent and effective standards regarding driveway and roadway accesses.

UDOT Administrative Rule R930-6, Section 7.1.1 General Provisions states that “Failure to manage access to and from State Highways can cause an increase in accidents, increased traffic congestion, decline in operating speed, loss of traffic carrying capacity, and increased traffic delays. This failure...contributes to higher rates of property damage, personal injury, and fatal accidents.

Ms. Toni Foran questioned the purpose and process of working on such an agreement since many UDOT standards are non-negotiable requirements. The Committee will be receiving more information from UDOT in the future; however, Section 7 continues “Access Management standards have been calculated to achieve safety, capacity, and traffic flow objectives for each classification (of highway)... A corridor agreement in the

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form of a Signal Plan or Access Control Plan may cause to supersede an Access Category assignment, provided the agreement is recognized and maintained by the Department and the local jurisdiction including relevant transportation plans.”

**IV. OTHER/FUTURE TOPICS**

- A. Ms. Foran requested a copy of the signed, final, Southern Corridor Access Preservation Agreement.
- B. The Eastern Washington County Transportation Study is now finalized and RPO staff will request a copy for the RPO.
- C. There will be a Transportation Expo on February 3, 2009 from 11:30 am – 7:00 pm at the Dixie Center in St George. RPO staff will generate a flyer regarding the Expo and email it to RPO members for distribution to municipal leadership and citizens. One of the responsibilities of the RPO is to generate communication with citizens and this is one means of doing so. Ms. Foran suggested that the RPO set up public information meetings at locations central to member towns and cities.
- D. Mr. Hutchings suggested that it was timely to develop an RPO logo and is open to suggestions.
- E. Mr. Imlay shared an issue of concern to the LaVerkin City Council. The City would like to have the speed limit on SR-17 between 100 S and 200 N be reduced to 20 mph along with having a crosswalk and school crossing lights. Mr. Hutchings suggested that Mr. Imlay speak first with Mr. Miles or a UDOT specialist.
- F. Mr. Lynn Olds added that Toquerville City has difficulty with driveways entering directly onto SR-17 and the speed limit being too high.
- G. The next regular RTAC meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2009 at 1:30 pm to be held at the Leeds Town Hall.

**V. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008 MEETING**

Mr. Imlay presented Minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting to the Committee for consideration and approval:

**A motion was made by Ms. Toni Foran, seconded by  
Mr. Derek Imlay, to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2008  
Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.