

**DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
MINUTES
April 15, 2009**

PRESENT

Suzanne Allen, Chair, City Council Member, St. George City
Jerry Amundsen, Vice Chair, City Council Member, Santa Clara City
Jerry Blair, City Council Member, Ivins City
Nathan Lee, Director, UDOT, Region 4
Dean Cox, County Administrator, Washington County
Bryan Thiriot, Local Liaison, Congressman Bennett's Office
Mike Empey, Local Liaison, Congressman Matheson's Office
Lowell Elmer, Director, Dixie MPO
Larry Bulloch, Public Works Director, St. George City
Cameron Cutler, Asst. City Engineer, St. George City
Miriam Palma, Secretary, City of St. George
Lee Cabel, Engineer, Horrocks Engineering
Zac Renstrom, Engineer, Bush and Gudgell
Bob Hermanson, Bush and Gudgell
Colt Stratton, Technician Services, City of St. George

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Amundsen called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and welcomed those present. He noted there was not a quorum present to do business. Lowell indicated he had reviewed the action items with Chairman Allen and Commissioner Jerry Lewis and had their proxy votes.

MINUTES

Vice Chairman Amundsen called for a review of the March 18, 2009 minutes and a motion. Nathan Lee indicated a change in the minutes: Program Funding, item 4, Southern Parkway. The minutes read that \$15 million of the \$65 million programmed for this project will be reserved for Phase 6 corridor preservation. Actually, \$10 million will be reserved for design and corridor preservation for Phase 6 and \$5 million for Phases 3, 4, and 5.

Motion: Jerry Blair made a motion to accept the March 18, 2009 minutes as amended by Mr. Lee.
Second: Lowell Elmer seconded.
Vote: All voted "Aye" and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

2009-13 TIP Modification

Lowell told the group that modifications to the 2009-13 STIP are:

1. Sunset/Bluff Flyover - At their last meeting, the DTAC recommended that 2010 TIP funds for projects that will not get started in FY10, be programmed to the Sunset/Bluff Flyover for environmental work.
2. Southern Parkway - Add the addition \$50 million in stimulus funding to the Southern Parkway PIN #.

He also noted that as entities propose partnering projects with UDOT, funding will need to be moved into different PIN numbers, and that any additional stimulus funds that might come from redistribution will need to be programmed.

Motion: Jerry Amundsen made a motion to approved the 2009-2013 TIP with modifications as explained above.

Second: Jerry Blair seconded.

Vote: All Voted "Aye" and the motion passed unanimously.

Lowell announced that the 2010-14 TIP will be ready for review in the May DTAC and DTEC meetings. Once approved, it will go to a 30-day comment period and could be ready for adoption in August.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITS Communication Plan - The ITS plan is going to be managed by UDOT Traffic Operations Center staff. The study will begin soon.

Model TAZ Adjustment - UDOT Planning Staff will be managing this project as part of statewide model. The study will help to improve the quality of the DMPO model.

Transit Coordinator Preservation - This study will identify a transit corridor from Ivins to Hurricane with tie-ins to the new airport. Staff is adjusting the scope of work and will then advertise for a consultant.

Potential Land Development Issues - Nothing for discussion this month.

Unified Planning Work Program - Lowell distributed an Executive Summary of the draft 2010 UPWP and full narrative to voting members of the MPO . He requested the Commission Members send comments to him prior to May 1. It will then be sent to DTAC for recommendation.

At this point Suzanne Allen joined the meeting.

Southern Parkway Phase III Traffic Study

Lee Cabal, Horrocks Engineering, gave a presentation regarding the study. He distributed the goals and objectives of the Southern Corridor Task Force and told the group that Phase III has been extended to the Washington Dam Road instead of Warner Valley Road.

This study was based on available information such as the EIS, Airport Land Use Vicinity Plan (ALUVP), development plans, etc. Larry Bulloch noted that SITLA cannot build residential on the Westside of the airport because it will conflict with the ALUVP

Due to the uncertainty of development and options available to tie the Washington Field Road into the airport access road, the Engineers ran several scenarios. They found that in this limited space the traffic data is fairly constant on each scenario.

Lee noted that Washington City is updating their Access Management Policy to more closely resemble that of St. George City's policy. This will make it easier to write a common policy. He noted that roadway standards are already fairly constant between the cities.

He discussed the proposed interchanges and said there are no at-grade crossings or traffic signals planned. Nathan Lee interjected that UDOT has planned interchanges adequate for appropriate traffic flow. If a developer feels they need an additional interchange, it will be their responsibility to fund it. He gave an example of Deseret Canyon Development that will be funding an interchange on Phase II using an SIB loan. He also asked everyone to plan ahead, because changes are less expensive if identified early in the planning process.

Larry Bulloch questioned whether or not additional access management points had been figured into the model. Lee indicated that several have been included and that they would be looking at additional plans. He also noted the need to ensure that access points line up with established roads.

He told the group that the study is about 50% complete and invited anyone who is interested in the study to attend Committee meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at the Five County AOG building.

UDOT/FHWA BUSINESS

Nathan Lee indicated he did not have any new business to discuss, but invited Council Members to ask any questions they may have.

Larry Bulloch questioned the Congressional Representatives regarding the new Transportation Authorization Bill. The draft he read stated that projects would only be funded up to 20%. Mike Empey said that the latest draft stated that projects could be funded up to 80%, but chances of getting funding are better, the less the request.

Larry asked what is the magnitude of the funding? Bryan Thiriot felt it is probably in the range of \$1-2 million, but encouraged cities to apply for larger sums if they can justify the project.

He asked Nathan Lee what projects would best support UDOT objectives. Nathan responded that cities should stay with the transportation model, that is how the Commission makes their choices. He indicated that applications for less than \$5million will have more chance for approval.

Lowell pledged MPO support to the cities. He said the MPO will not make application for funding, but will assist them in any way possible.

Nathan announced that the Valley View Bridge ground breaking will be Friday, May 1st at 1:00 p.m.. Congressman Matheson will be in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hearing no further comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

1:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

May 20, 2009