

EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (RTEC)

Leeds Town Hall
218 N Main Street, Leeds, Utah

Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 1:00 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Pam Humphries
Mr. Kurt Allen

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City
Leeds Town

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron
Mr. Mike Miles
Mr. Scott Snow
Ms. Doni Pack
Mr. Curt Hutchings
Mr. Mark Larson

RTAC
UDOT
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FCAOG
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EXCUSED:

Mayor Tom Hirschi
Mayor Trudy Law

Hurricane City
Leeds Town

ABSENT:

Commissioner James Eardley
Mayor Karl Wilson
Mayor Ken Powell

Washington County
LaVerkin City
Toquerville City

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Pam Humphries, Chair Designee, called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made. A quorum was not present.

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II. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2009 MEETING

Approval of Minutes was deferred until the next RTEC meeting due to the absence of a quorum.

III. ACCESS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Curt Hutchings explained that an Access Management Agreement is one of the contractual obligations of the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) during its first year. Mr. Scott Snow, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) Right-of-Way Control Coordinator has visited with both the Rural Advisory Committee (RTAC) and the Rural Executive Council (RTEC). Mr. Hutchings plans to have a draft ready to submit to the RTAC at their next meeting on May 28, 2009. The agreement will be more of a policy statement versus a technical document. The RPO intends to have a document ready for RTEC approval at the June 25, 2009 meeting.

IV. HURRICANE BUSINESS EXPO

Members of the RTAC have arranged to have an informational booth at the Hurricane Valley Business Expo on April 25, 2009. RTAC members will take shifts to man the booth and existing Master Transportation Plans will be available for viewing. Mr. Kevin Kitchen of UDOT will make other materials available regarding UDOT projects in Washington County.

V. SOUTHERN PARKWAY UPDATE

Mr. Hutchings informed the Council that UDOT has made a significant change to the Southern Parkway project by adjusting the phases of the construction and adding a new section. The portion of SR-9 from I-15 to the original northern terminus of the Parkway will now be considered Segment 6 of the project. As a consequence, this section of SR-9 will be changed to meet the standards of the Southern Parkway, including interchanges rather than intersections, and the exclusion of some existing accesses. This portion of the project has been allocated over \$10 million for design, access, and right of way. An additional \$57 million has been allocated for design and final right of way for Sections 3-5.

Mr. Mike Miles gave an update on UDOT activity in the area. UDOT is investing in Washington County to the extent of obtaining property for a maintenance shed in the Purgatory area, placing a construction crew in place locally, as well as three project managers and an environmental staff member.

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VI. OTHER/FUTURE TOPICS

A. Meeting Time Change Proposal

There has been a request by Mr. Arthur LeBaron to change the RTEC meeting time from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm due to meeting conflicts. FCAOG staff will contact RTEC members to see if this change is feasible, beginning with the meeting on June 25, 2009.

B. Leeds Streetscape Project

Mr. Kurt Allen, of Northern Engineering, Leeds, Utah, addressed the Council regarding the Leeds Main Street Improvement Project Phase II that is listed on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) 2009-2014.

Leeds Town is working to improve the Town's economic development situation and feel that completion of the Leeds streetscape project would be a good start. Mr. Allen requested advice regarding this project.

The engineering was split between Northern Engineering and Alpha Engineering. Alpha Engineering did the east side of the project. A remaining amount is allocated for 2009. Leeds Town would like to use the funds to install curb, gutter, sidewalk and landscaping in front of the business area on the west side.

Mr. Miles responded that normally UDOT would have had Leeds Town develop a contract between the Town and the engineers, along with a cooperative agreement between UDOT and Leeds. Mr. Miles will go back and check if such a contract exists. Because the funding is allocated for 2009, the monies must be obligated by September 30, 2009. This requires having the environmental documentation, utility clearances, right of way issuances – everything needed to be ready to advertise. Mr. Miles and Mr. Allen will follow-up. Mr. Allen also inquired about possible stimulus monies.

Mr. Hutchings clarified that the RPO is different from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in that the RPO has no direct funds. The RPO serves as a planning aid to UDOT and as a means of local communication and cooperation.

C. The next regular RTEC meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2009 at 1:30 pm to be held at Hurricane City Hall.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.