

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2023**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Hart, Ivins Mayor – Chair
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner
Adam Snow, Commissioner – Washington County
Bill Hoster, Leeds Mayor
Nanette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City – Vice Chair
Dannielle Larkin, St. George City (Via Zoom)
Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara Mayor
Justin Sip, Toquerville City Mayor
Kress Staheli, Washington City Mayor
Michelle Randall, St. George City Mayor
Patty Weise, LaVerkin

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbra Bruno, Springdale Mayor
Gil Almquist, Commissioner – Washington County
Victor Iverson, Commissioner – Washington County
Mike Scott, Ivins Council Member

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Hart determined there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. Consider Minutes of May 16, 2023 DTEC Minutes

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Chris Heart to Approve Minutes of May 16, 2023.
Motion Seconded by Commission Adam Snow and Carried by a
Unanimous Vote.**

b. Consider Planning Grant Fund Designations

Consideration of Grant fund designations. Myron Lee with Five County Association of Governments informed the committee the Unified Work Program includes a portion of funding to assist local communities in transportation planning efforts. For FY 2024 there is \$150,000 available. The MPO has received five requests equaling

\$177,000 for those funds. The MPO Technical Advisory Committee is recommending a 20% reduced amount be awarded to each of those 5 projects:

- \$32,000 for the calibration / validation report
- \$5,000 transportation master plan request by Santa Clara City
- \$40,000 for a turf sod road study in Hurricane
- \$40,000 SR-9 Solution Development Study for Hurricane City
- \$32,000 for a Main Street connector study in Washington City.

MOTION: Motion by Naghi Zeenati UDOT Commissioner to Approve the Planning Grant Fund Requests as Presented. Seconded by Commissioner Adam Snow and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

c. Rail Service Initiative Update

Bryan Thiriot, Executive Director of Five County Association of Governments following up to see if any more thought has been given to rail service in Washington County. He saw that the application has been submitted in the Statewide paper from Salt Lake City to Las Vegas and from Salt Lake City to Boise. The Federal Rail Association will meet to discuss these issues on July 18 and 20. By November the FRA committee would like to have conclusion of their exploration of options.

Mayor Hart noted that Ivins would oppose a rail route through Ivins. Jimmie Hughes noted that Saint George City would support rail service to the area.

d. SS4A Grant Status Report

The Safe Roads and Streets For All discretionary grant agreement is signed now between the Five County AOG and the Federal Highway Administration. Next step is contract negotiation with the selected consultant which should be complete by mid-July. The goal is to complete this Safety Action Plan in time to apply for FHWA's Implementation Grants Program in July 2024.

e. Long-Term Infrastructure Replacement Planning

Mike Scott of Ivins City led a slide show discussion on funding sources for long-term infrastructure replacement projects. He and Mayor Hart indicated that Ivins City is interested in working with local Utah State legislators on some legislation that would allow cities to more effectively raise revenue for these infrastructure needs.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

Washington City announced that the second phase of Highway widening is underway. Also, favorable bids have come back for the Washington fields road south project. And the bid opening for the George Washington Boulevard / SR-7 interchange is next week.

b. UDOT Updates

Monte Aldridge with UDOT updated on current projects. The Toquerville bypass fund transfer was completed. The I-15 Exit 7 EIS is continuing to progress. SR-7 Exit 21 plans have been approved. Zion Corridor Trail is in progress. Quail Creek turn lanes Plan Specification (PSE) 90% design completed, bike lanes are being worked on. Active transportation plan agreement has been sent out. Foremaster Drive design is scheduled for July. Speed study SR-59 Behavior Modify Project is monitoring and processing data. SR-9 to Rockville is scheduled for repaving.

c. Federal Updates

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC – August 2nd, 2023

DTEC – August 15th 2023 (**Saint George City Hall**)

ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Adam Snow to Adjourn. Motion Seconded by Rick Rosenberg and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jessica Jones