

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Washington County Administration Building

Training Room 301

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St. George, UT

Conducting: Jay Sandberg, Chairman – Mr. Sandberg determined a quorum was present and called the DTAC meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Jay Sandberg, CHAIR, St. George City
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Todd Edwards, Washington County
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Blake Foncesbeck, Washington City Public Works Director
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Kim Manwill, UDOT
- JD Adams, Toquerville City
- Angela Rohr, Leeds

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- None

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nicholas Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Lloyd Sutton, St. George City Active Transportation Coordinator
- Kayde Roberts, Mainline Engineering
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineering
- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Paul Walker, Washington City
- Leslie Fonger, Washington County
- Ryker Steglich, Toquerville City
- Clayton Wilson, Stanley Consultants
- Sharice Walker, Avenue Consultants
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. Consider Minutes from October 4, 2023.

Chairman Sandberg noted that no additions or corrections were mentioned and called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Chuck Gillette seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all Committee members verbally voting in favor of the motion.

2. PLANNING:

- A. Introduction of proposed Transportation Improvement Program projects:

- Western Corridor – Old Highway 91 to Gap Canyon Phase 1 – Dustin Mouritsen presented this report. Santa Clara is requesting approximately \$700,000 to complete the remaining 50% of the design and \$200,000 for environmental mitigation.
- Red Hills Parkway widening – Middleton Dr. to Green Springs – Paul Mogle presented this report. Washington City is requesting approximately \$950,000 for the widening of Red Hills Parkway from Middleton Dr. to Green Spring.
- River Rd. Widening – Enterprise Dr. to SR-7 – This section is in phase III of our long-range plan. Jay Sandberg discussed this Concept Report which is to add capacity to River Road from Enterprise Dr. to SR-7 (adjacent to public lands where development will not occur. This will also add 1 lane in each direction and a 6' shoulder. The cost estimate is approximately \$4.3 million dollars with the anticipation of some City participation.
- **Pioneer Rd. widening – Man O War to Sugar Leo – After review, Myron Lee explained that this project is not on our Regional Transportation Plan and should not be included in this discussion for program projects.**
- Hidden Valley Dr. Extension – To Desert Color Parkway – Jay Sandberg presented this project for discussion. The approximate cost is \$3.7 million.

After detailed discussion on each project, Myron Lee indicated that he would send out the evaluation form this week and requested that the ratings forms be filled out before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

- B. CRP and TAP Fund requests:

- Ivins Trail Network Gap Fill Project – Chuck Gillette presented this request. The purpose of this project is to fill in the identified gaps in the Ivins City Shared Use Paths to create a contiguous trail network to connect to the new Old Highway 91 Trail with a purpose of encouraging

more use of the trail network and also to provide a complete connection of the trail system from Snow Canyon State Park to Santa Clara City and Fire Lake Park at Ivins Reservoir. The estimated cost is \$1.2 million.

- Rim Rock Trail – St. George City – Lloyd Sutton presented this request and led the discussion. The total estimated cost is \$1.3 million.
- Trail Signage, Trail Striping, Trail Cams for Washington City. Paul Walker led the discussion on this project request.

After discussion each project, Myron Lee reported that he will send out the rating and ranking evaluation form this week and asked that these also be returned before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

- C. MPO Internship opportunity – Nicholas Gayer mentioned that the MPO is in the process of setting up a new internship program sometime in January. The expected roles, projects, and length of internship time were discussed.

3. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

- A. Hurricane – No city projects to report on.
- B. Ivins – Highway 91 is almost done.
- C. LaVerkin – Finished up the 100 S road project. No further updates.
- D. Leeds – Working with water conservancy in getting water piping installed on main street.
- E. St. George City – They are doing a lot of road rehab projects. The 3000 E project is getting close to bidding the next phase from 2000 S. River Road repair is approximately 65% complete.
- F. Santa Clara City – Will be doing traffic signal maintenance. Installed trail counters so they can begin collecting data on how many people are using that trail spot.
- G. Toquerville – Still working on exit 27, Settlers Junction. Working on Highway 91 and on some turn lanes on SR17. The parkway is still going, and they've started the utility structures.
- H. Washington City – The George Washington Blvd and SR7 interchange is in progress and are trying to get the ramps in by Christmas. The Washington Fields Road extension is also in progress. They will be bringing in road base but probably won't pave until February. They are working on installing (3) traffic signals and also bus pullouts on Telegraph.
- I. Washington County – We have some federal funding, hopefully for Sheep Ridge Road to pave it – from SR9 down to the bridge. Have finished up the flood repairs.
- J. UDOT – The 10-13 project is coming along well and will switch traffic onto the new structures in the next couple of weeks. They will be having a meeting next week on the Northern Corridor and will be setting regular monthly/quarterly update meetings going forward. The 6-8 has completed the environmental, the next phase will be to obtain funding for the design phase. The Connecting Community Grant was discussed and how it applies to the 400 E and 900 S corridors and I-15. SR-7 Active Transportation project is progressing, in

particular the section from Dixie Springs down to Sand Hollow. The other (2) sections were also discussed (Washington by Long Valley, and from exit 2, I-15 all the way to exit 7 on the Southern Parkway). A team of participants has walked the trail, and a discussion was held on the issues they are working out. This project is a St. George project which also involves UDOT. Also mentioned was the culvert on Foremaster Drive, the Quail Creek project (waiting on right of way), and the Ledges and Diamond Valley overlay. Also discussed were complaints about rumble strips on I-15 and their purpose.

A discussion was held about transit. They are continuing on the design and have an architect working on the building. Buses are still scheduled to be manufactured in February or March. The transit and bus pullouts along Telegraph in Washington City are complete and they have put up (1) shelter and ordered (4) more. They have a proposed time to start the bus service design by the end of summer 2024.

Nicholas Gayer mentioned (1) other item regarding the handout given to each committee member containing a QR code which is a link to a website where you can access the SS4A safety survey that is currently live. Mr. Gayer encouraged all committee members to take copies of this document to their offices and to their cities and encourage participation in the survey.

5. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
 - A. December 19, 2023 – DTEC Meeting
 - B. December 6, 20234 – DTAC Meeting – 12:30 pm

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.