

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 17, 2023**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor – Chair  
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner  
Adam Snow, Commissioner – Washington County  
Nanette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor  
Dannielle Larkin, St. George City  
Justin Sip, Toquerville City Mayor  
Kress Staheli, Washington City Mayor  
Patti Wise, La Verkin City

**EXCUSED**

Bill Hoster, Leeds Mayor  
Michele Randall-St. George City Mayor  
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council  
Bill Hoster, Mayor of Leeds

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Chris Hart determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

**BUSINESS**

**a. Consider Minutes of September 19, 2023 DTEC Meeting**

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Adam Snow to approve Minutes of September 19, 2023. Motion Seconded by Naghi Zennati and carried by a Unanimous vote.**

**b. Discussion of MPO Boundary Update Process.**

Myron Lee with Five County Association of Governments presented a map showing Washington County updated urbanized area boundaries. These changes were based on the 2020 Census. There was discussions on adjusting the boundaries to include the northern panhandle of Toquerville City and Virgin City. The basis to make these changes would need to be based on the expected urbanization of Toquerville and Virgin within the next 20 years. (See attached map). Toquerville City Mayor indicated that inclusion of Toquerville City’s entire boundary is appropriate. Virgin City Mayor Jean Krause asked for a definition of “urban” and agreed to discuss the matter with her city leaders. Discussions leaned toward taking direction from the individual cities on any MPO Planning Boundary adjustments.

**c. Discussion of Washington County Results from Utah’s “Guiding Our Growth” Survey**

Chairman Hart introduced Laura Hansen with Utah state planning office. She went into detail on how the Utah-Guiding our Growth Survey was created. Laura turned the time over to Ryan Beck also from the Utah State Planning office. Ryan presented a slide show detailing Utah’s growth survey results concerning Washington County. (See Attached)

**REGIONAL UPDATES**

**a. Local Government Updates**

**b. UDOT Updates**

Construction of a new freeway interchange at Milepost 7 (700 South, St. George) will continue in a phased approach with the widening of I-15 from Exit 6 to Exit 8 to begin in early 2024, and construction of the interchange to proceed when funds become available.

UDOT has submitted a grant application in coordination with St. George City to build freeway crossings at 400 East and 900 South. These crossings would not be interchanges.

**c. Federal Updates**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

DTAC-November 1, 2023

DTAC- December 6, 2023

DTEC-December 19, 2023

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION: Motion by Kress Staheli to adjourn. Motion seconded by Justin Sip and carried by a Unanimous Vote.**

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 01:24 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis