

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2024**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor – Chair
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner
Gil Almquist, Commissioner – Washington County
Nanette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor
Justin Sip, Toquerville City Mayor
Kress Staheli, Washington City Mayor
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council
Michele Randall-St. George City Mayor-Via Zoom
Bill Hoster-Leeds Mayor
Rick Rosenberg-Santa Clara Mayor

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbra Bruno-Springdale City Mayor-Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Chris Hart determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. Nomination and election of Chair and Vice Chair(2-year term)

Chairman Hart asked for nominations for a new Chairman and Vice Chair for terms ending December 31, 2025. Mayor Christ Hart was nominated for Chair. Mayor Justin Sip was nominated for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Kress Staheli to approve Mayor Hart as Chair for the Dixie Transportation Executive Council with a term ending December 31, 2025.

Motion Seconded by Mayor Michele Randall and carried by a Unanimous vote.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Bill Hoster to approve Mayor Justin Sip Vice Chair for the Dixie Transportation Executive Council with a term ending December 31, 2025. Motion Seconded by Mayor Rick Rosenberg and carried by a Unanimous vote.

b. Consider Minutes of December 19, 2023

**MOTION: Motion by Naghi Zeenati to approve Minutes of January 16, 2024.
Motion Seconded by Mayor Bill Hoster and carried by a Unanimous vote.**

c. Trail Counter Program Report

Lloyd Sutton with City of St. George shared they have installed 14 trail counters as of February 16. They are gathering sight specific data currently. The goal of installing the trail counters is to understand seasonal use patterns, gather directional data and use type (bicycles vs pedestrian).

d. Transportation Expo Report

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO Director, updated the board on attendance at the 2024 Transportation Expo. Myron stated there were around 860 attendees. Notable attendees were Dixie Tech students and Arizona DOT members are expected at the next expo. Commissioner Zeenati expressed his opinion that Expo attendees were trusting and congenial at this year's Expo because of our collective track records of fulfilling transportation plans and promises made to the public in years past. As people begin to understand the processes and progression of transportation projects, their trust level in local government improves.

e. Northern Corridor SEIS Status Report

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO Director informed the board that the SEIS cooperating agencies met with the Bureau of Land Management recently. The MPO is committed to accepting the responsibility of the reanalysis of the six options that were part of the original EIS. The BLM is leaning on the MPO to complete the analysis. The MPO has a contractor available. Further discussions are needed to finalize the analysis funding.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

Toquerville bypass is now in the engineering phase.

b. UDOT Updates

I-15 mile marker 10-13 project is projected to be completed by the end of March 2024.

Washington City Main Street project is progressing forward.

SR-7 Parkway is making good progress.

Washington Fields-South extension is moving forward with a stop light project out for bid.

c. Federal Updates

Congresswoman Celeste Maloy has found an office sight in Washington County. This location will be in addition to offices in Delta, Richfield, and Bountiful.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC-March 5, 2024

DTEC March 19, 2024

ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Hoster to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mayor Sip and carried by a Unanimous Vote.

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis