

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Washington County Administration Building

Training Room 301

111 E Tabernacle

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
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
- Blake Foncesbeck, Washington City
- Casey Stratton for Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Afton Moore, Toquerville City
- Angela Rohr, Leeds

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nicholas Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Lloyd Sutton, St. George City Active Transportation Coordinator
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Leslie Fonger, Washington County
- Brett Anderson, UDOT
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineering
- Patrick Jaeckel
- Chase Stout, Town of Virgin
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. Consider Minutes from December 6, 2023.

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

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

- B. Nomination and election of Chair and Vice Chair (2-year term). Kyle Gubler was nominated to be the Chairman, Monty Thurber was nominated to be the Vice Chairman. Chairman Sandberg noted that no other nominations were made and called for a vote.

Kyle Gubler was nominated to serve as Chairman and Monty Thurber was nominated to serve as Vice Chairman. The nominations were approved with all Committee members verbally voting in favor of the nominations.

- C. Amendment #2 of the Dixie MPO founding agreement to bring Virgin Town into the MPO Planning Boundary. Myron Lee reported that the Town of Virgin has expressed an interest in joining the MPO for regional transportation planning purposes. Mr. Lee stated that the MPO planning boundaries should include, according to federal guidelines, any area that we anticipate would urbanize within the next 20 years. As we look at the changing circumstances of Virgin and Toquerville, we could anticipate that they would urbanize in the next 20 years.

After considerable discussion, **Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum of Agreement – amendment No. 2 as presented. Angela Rohr seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all Committee members verbally voting in favor of the motion.**

- D. Consider Redirect of CRP funds previously dedicated to Rim Rock Trail – St. George City requested and was approved through DTAC for \$250,000 towards the Rimrock Trail with CRP funds. These are federal dollars, and because the project is in a wetland, it has been determined that it would be too cost prohibitive to use federal funds efficiently on that project.

The City of St. George is looking at turning those funds back to DTAC for consideration of other programming.

After considerable discussion, it was determined to re-address this issue in next month's meeting.

2. PLANNING:

- A. Discussion of I-15 Interchanges – A discussion was held about the multiple interchange projects that are in the works and how to prioritize them by what ones provide the best benefit to the regional traffic. UDOT is suggesting that a study be conducted on interchange improvements at exits 4, 6, 7 and 8, to determine which is the highest priority. They would like to have participation from

St. George and possibly Dixie MPO study funds to do a full project study on those interchanges. It was determined that additional conversations will be needed regarding the participation with study funds for this project.

- B. Discussion of St. George Blvd. intersections – UDOT led a discussion on the intersection at River Road and St. George Boulevard as well as 1000 E and 900 E. They are currently running studies to determine priority actions.
- C. SS4A Study Update – Nicholas Gayer reported on the recent subcommittee meeting. In that meeting, they identified 10 safety profiles that account for 73% of all severe crashes on the High Injury Network. The next step is to identify the locations of where these safety profiles are occurring in Washington County and then work on countermeasures to achieve a reduction in severe and fatal crashes in Washington County.

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

- A. Dixie Transportation Expo Feb. 13, 2024 – The Expo is scheduled for the 13th of February and will run from 10 am to 6 pm. There will be approximately 22 booths this year and are expecting around 1000 attendees.

4. TIP:

- A. **Information:** Foremaster Drive Culvert Replacement Project – Myron Lee mentioned that we had a project on our TIP to replace the culverts under Foremaster Drive. Because of some unforeseen cost increases (which St. George City agreed to fund), and because of time constraints, in the December DTEC meeting, the DTEC approved the amendment to the TIP to add the local funding.

5. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

- A. **Hurricane** – The 700 W project is under construction and the Sand Hollow Road is under construction. Arthur LeBaron also handed out new trail maps that the Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance made. These were sponsored by UDOT, Washington City, St. George City, Red Rock Bicycle Company, Greater Zion, and Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance.
- B. **Ivins** – Old Highway 91 (phase 1) is nearly complete. Phase II is under design with Mainline Engineering, and they are hoping to do that next phase in the Spring/Summer of 2024.
- C. **LaVerkin** – No report.
- D. **Leeds** – Still working with water conservancy in getting water piping installed on main street.
- E. **St. George City** – Finished up the section of 3000 E from 1580 to 2000. We will then start the next phase that will go from 2000 up to Seegmiller in April. We've got another big section of Dixie Drive that we're going to rebuild, starting after the President's Day holiday. We are going to do a couple more sections on River Road. We also have a couple of signals that advertised.
- F. **Santa Clara City** – We have finished Phase 2 of the Vineyard Drive project and Phase 3 will be starting in July (which will complete the entire road).

- G. **Toquerville** – The realignment of Highway 91 is nearly complete. We are working on submitting a right-of-way application to BLM for Solara, which is a development that is on the border of Leeds and Toquerville. Also getting ready to move forward with the Tri - Creek turn lanes where it ties into the Parkway. We are also working toward updating the Master Transportation Plan. The Toquerville Parkway has had some fracturing on the south slopes, so they are working with the contractor and UDOT to determine what correctional efforts need to be made.
- H. **Washington City** – The interchange at George Washington and SR 7 is progressing. The abutments and the bridge sections are supposed to be installed by the middle of this month with a proposed completion by the end of April. The Washington Fields road was extended from Warner Valley intersection on out to the airport is under progress. We have (2) signals, one at 240 W and George Washington Boulevard and also at 1100 and Telegraph.
- I. **Washington County** –The SR18 trail has been delayed because of weather. The Sheep Bridge Road has been delayed and we won't know until March if we get funding.
- J. **UDOT** – Brad Anderson gave the report – the southbound bridge phase 2 on the 10 to 13 project is nearing completion. They will then complete the northbound phase 2 on that project. On the Northern Corridor, a letter was sent by the Utah delegation to the Secretary of the Interior, with all of them signing it, telling them that yes, we do need the Northern Corridor and it is important to the transportation system in this area. Also, just issued the RFP for 6 to 8 to start the design.

6. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. February 13, 2024 – Dixie Transportation Expo
- B. February 20, 2024 – DTEC meeting
- C. March 6, 2024 – DTAC meeting

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.