DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Washington County Administration Building
Training Room 301
111 E Tabernacle
St. George, UT

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kyle Gubler, Chair, representing LaVerkin City
- Jay Sandberg, St. George City
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Monty Thurber, Vice Chair, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Todd Edwards, Washington County
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Sam Grimshaw for Cameron Gay, UDOT
- Kaige Steglich, Town of Virgin
- JD Adams, Toquerville
- Angela Rohr, Leeds

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nicholas Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Sam Grimshaw, UDOT
- Travis Marden, JUB Engineers
- Neal Fraser, JUB Engineers
- Sharice Walker, Avenue Consultants
- Lloyd Sutton, St. George City Active Transportation Coordinator
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

   A. Consider Minutes from April 3, 2024.

      Chairman Gubler 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. Dustin Mouritsen seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved with a verbal vote of the motion.

B. Consider FY 2025 UPWP

Myron Lee introduced the new Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program that outlines the tasks and work to be done by the Dixie MPO in the upcoming budget year. Arthur LeBaron requested some time to look over the plan before moving toward approval.

After some discussion the item was tabled until next meeting to allow time to review the FY2025 UPWP.

Myron indicated that the plan has been emailed out to this group and asked that members have their reviews completed by the time DTEC meets on May 21, as DTEC will also be required to approve the plan.

C. Consider FY 2025 Vote Share Increase to $6,000

Myron Lee also requested a vote-share increase from $5,500 per vote to $6,000 to compensate for inflation-based cost increases and to raise sufficient match funds toward our federal grant. The vote-share increase for the four smaller cities would be from 1,833.33 to $2,000.

Arthur LeBarron noted that the cities have already passed through their budgeting cycle for the new fiscal year and this request presents a hardship for the budgets already set. Arthur recommended that these kinds of things be brought up in December or January moving forward.

Jay Sandberg made a motion to approve the vote-share increase as presented. Chuck Gillette seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a verbal vote.

D. Consider Planning Boundary Expansion to include northern section of Toquerville City.

Nicholas Gayer presented a proposal to extend the MPO Planning Boundary to the north to include the entirety of Toquerville City boundary line. The current planning boundary line cuts off a portion of Toquerville and it is reasonable to think the area will develop within the next 20 years.

Angela Rohr made a motion to recommend a Planning Boundary change to include the entirety of incorporated Toquerville City. Arthur LeBaron seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a verbal vote.

2. PLANNING:

A. Presentation: Household Travel Survey preliminary results, potential uses

Nicholas Gayer presented the results of the household travel survey found electronically at https://unifiedplan.org/household-travel-surveys/

The survey was conducted throughout Utah, including a representative sample of residents of Washington County. Data from the survey is available on the Unified Plan website at the address noted above.

Among other data points, it shows were people travel within the state of Utah, whether the trips were home-based, work-based, or other. It shows mode shares by bicycle, car, transit. Washington County ranked high compared to other areas of the state in percentage of trips made by pedestrians and cyclists (10%).

The survey, when compared to past surveys, continues to measure trip trends including working from home, travel during non-peak hours, and differences in retiree trips and trips made by students.

DTAC members were encouraged to explore the data and contact Nicholas Gayer if they have additional questions. Moving forward, the survey results will be used in our travel demand model.

3. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

A. **Hurricane** – Arthur LeBaron reported a significant amount of road construction out by Sand Hallow funded through a PID. The conservancy district will be building a pipeline project along SR-318 and Hurricane City's 5300 West, the pipeline will be followed by a repaving project.
B. **Ivins** – Chuck reported that construction is moving forward with the trail system gap-fill project,
C. **LaVerkin** – Working on the city's normal slurry seal and crack seal projects.
D. **Leeds** – Working on Leeds Main Street impacting travel through town.
E. **St. George City** – Continuing projects on Dixie Drive, Riverside Drive, and River Road. Still have two (2) traffic signals on Sun River Parkway and Pioneer Road, and also Brigham Road and Bloomington Hills Drive. There is also a lot of fiber lines going in throughout town. Lloyd reported that a section of trail along SR-7, has been funded by UDOT, mostly in Washington City, but the trail is coming together.
F. **Santa Clara City** – The traffic signal on Pioneer and Red Mountain will go out to bid soon with hopes to get started in July. Red Mountain is under construction up to Hamblin Parkway. Still working on their traffic and transportation master plan update is scheduled for approval on May 9. Also working on slurry seal project.
G. **Toquerville** – Working on some issues with the slide on the bypass road.

H. **Washington City** – Working on widening Buena Vista to five lanes from Red Hills Parkway to the intersection of Green Springs. Traffic light timing changed at the main street interchange. Got a PIN number for the trail counters, so that project can move forward.

I. **Washington County** – Received official word on having received $3.9 million for Sheep Bridge Road from congress. Together with a match from the County for a $5 million project to start with environmental work this winter and hopefully design sometime next year.

J. **UDOT** – Sam Grimshaw reported on behalf of Cameron Gay that work continues on the I-15 project from MP 10-13. Working to select a designer for I-15 MP 6-8. UDOT is also putting out a RFQ for the Bluff Steet project from St. George Boulevard to Main Street. Also working on a solutions development project on SR-9 in Hurricane.

K. **Transit** – No additional update.

6. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
   A. May 21, 2024 – DTEC meeting
   B. June 5, 2024 – DTAC meeting

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.