

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 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
Kurt Ivie, Washington City Council
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council
Bill Hoster-Leeds Mayor-Via Zoom
Rick Rosenberg-Santa Clara Mayor
Danielle Larkin-St. George City Council

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT OR EXCUSED

Michele Randall-St. George City Mayor-Via Zoom
Patti Wise-La Verkin City Council
Jean Krause-Virgin City Mayor

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbra Bruno-Springdale City Mayor

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. **Consider Minutes of April 16, 2024**

MOTION: Motion by Danielle Larkin to approve Minutes of April 16, 2024. Motion Seconded by Naghi Zeenati and carried by a Unanimous vote.

b. **Re-allocation of CARBON DMPO Funds in STIP Year 2024 from Rim Rock Trail-St. George City(\$250,000) to the Following projects: \$150,000 to additional Trail Counters for St. George (4) Washington City (4) Ivins (2) Hurricane (3) , \$140,000 to ADA Transition Plan, \$14,624 to Ivins Gap Fill Project**

Myron Lee Dixie MPO Director, stated that in October of last year there was CARBON DMPO funds allocated to the St. George Rim rock trail. The funds need to be

reprogramed to other projects. It is recommended the funds are re-programed as stated above.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Sip to approve Re-allocation of Carbon_DMPO funds in STIP Year 2024 from Rim Rock Trail-St. George City(\$250,000) to the Following Projects: \$150,000 to additional Trail Counters for St. George (4) Washington City (4) Ivins (2) Hurricane (3), \$140,000 To ADA Transition Plan, \$14,624 to Ivins Gap Fill Project. Motion Seconded by Naghi Zeenati and carried by a Unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Lee, presented a map (see attached) outlining the future MPO boundaries. During a review of current boundaries it was noticed the northern pan handle of Toquerville was not in current boundaries. Toquerville has expressed interest in adding this to the MPO boundaries. Also with updated census data the urbanized boundaries need to be smoothed for future planning.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Sip to approve Planning Boundary Expansion to include northern section of Toquerville City and smooth the Urban Boundaries. Motion Seconded by Mayor Billings and carried by a Unanimous vote.

d. Consider 2024 UPWP Update (Unified Planning Work Program) to include a vote share increase for \$5,500 to \$6,000

Mr. Lee shared in order to match federal funds available it is proposed to raise the vote share to \$6,000. This would maximize the federal funds available to match.

MOTION: Motion by Danielle Larkin to approve increasing the UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) vote share from \$5,500 to \$6,000. Motion Seconded by Mayor Billings and carried by a Unanimous vote.

e. Presentation of New Traffic Count Webpage—St. George City Center

Mr. Lee presented the new traffic count webpage. This web page shows the current traffic counts and projected traffic counts for road of significance in the St. George City area.

The page is available at: <https://unifiedplan.org/traffic-volume-map/>

f. Discussion of Draft SEIS-Out for Public Comment

Mr. Lee informed the council this is the 1st time in history the SEIS will release a draft EIS without a preferred alternative. Members of DTEC are encouraged to comment.

Horrocks has nearly finished the traffic analysis on northern corridor alternatives which will be provided to the BLM by mid-June 2024.

g. Presentation of Statewide Travel Survey results

Mr. Lee shared in a 2012 household travel survey, the average trips per household was 10. In a newly released 2023 survey the changed to average out trips per person instead of trips per household. This shift is attributed to the changing makeup of households within the county. The new number, for purposes of updating the travel demand model is 2.3 trips per person per day. The survey also found there are more trips being taken via foot and bicycle than in previous surveys. This data will help customize travel forecasting tools for the area.

More results can be found at: <https://unifiedplan.org/household-travel-surveys/>

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

None.

b. UDOT Updates

Mile Marker 6-8 is under negotiations
Road Preservation jobs will begin in June/July

c. Federal Updates

Tani Downing shared will be now be the federal rep attending meetings.
Congresswoman Maloy has introduced several bills recently.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC-June 5, 2024
DTEC-June 18, 2024

ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion by Naghi Zeenati to adjourn. Motion Seconded by Mayor Sip and carried by a Unanimous vote

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis