

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 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
Patti Wise-La Verkin City Council
Jean Krause-Virgin City Mayor

VOTING MEMBERS EXCUSED

Danielle Larkin

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbra Bruno-Springdale City Mayor-Via Zoom
Pam Leach-Rockville City Mayor-Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Chris Hart determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. **Consider Minutes of February 20, 2024**

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Billings to approve Minutes of February 20, 2024.
Motion Seconded by Naghi Zeenati and carried by a Unanimous vote.**

b. **Northern Corridor SEIS Status Report**

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO Director, shared from an MPO prospective that they are a cooperating agency, along with several local cities. The MPO has started the traffic demand re-analysis process. The BLM will be releasing a report without the analysis shortly. It is anticipated that there will be objections to the SEIS released by the BLM since it will not contain the updated analysis.

c. Consider an Amendment to the Dixie MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add STP funds to the program to cover the cost of the Northern Corridor SEIS travel demand re-evaluation.

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO Director, asked the board to consider the resolution before them to amend the funding for the Unified Planning Work Program. The additional funding will help fund the SEIS re-evaluation asked for by the BLM. The re-evaluation will show the difference in anticipated growth. Washington County has grown faster than anticipated primarily in the Hurricane area, which would intensify the need for a Northern Corridor. This updated evaluation will show the science behind the need for the Northern Corridor.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Sip to approve an Amendment to the Dixie MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add STP funds to the Program to cover the cost of the Northern Corridor SEIS re-evaluation. Motion Seconded by Mayor Rosenberg and carried by a Unanimous vote.

d. Project update: George Washington Blvd. from River Road to Crosby Way.

Jay Sandberg, St. George City Engineer, informed the board their project is now in the design phase. An EIS assessment is in progress also. Property for this road way has already been purchased. The completion date is still unknown at this time.

e. Consider Amendment #1 to the 2023 Dixie MPO Regional Transportation Plan to refine scope expectations at the North Leeds Interchange.

Myron Lee Dixie MPO Director requested the board review the resolution presented. The resolution updates the current MPO Regional Transportation Plan with a change in the location and wording of the North Leeds Interchange. The new location will be about a mile to the north. The change will have construction funding come from local developers.

MOTION: Motion by _____ to approve Amendment #1 to refine the scope of the North Leeds Interchange. Motion Seconded by _____ and carried by a Unanimous vote.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

La Verkin-Awarded a tech grant for the city transportation plan
Washington-Main Street underpass is now open

b. UDOT Updates

I-15 mile marker 10-13 project is pouring concrete for the northbound deck. Also the sound wall is nearing completion.

SR-7 Parkway was awarded and projected to start summer 2024

I-15 mile marker 6-8 has gone out for advertisement.

SR-18 Micro-fill/Seal will start after the IronMan Race.

Sr-9 Mill and Fill towards Zion will begin shortly.

c. Federal Updates

Congresswoman Celeste Maloy's regional office is up and running.

A passport fair will be held March 27, 2024 in the Gardner building.

Congresswoman Maloy has introduced a bill to protect private water rights.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC-April 3, 2024

DTEC-April 16, 2024

ADJOURN

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

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis