



# IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR Geoffrey Chesnut • ICRTAC CHAIR—Rob Dotson • PLANNING MANAGER—Nathan Wiberg

## MINUTES

### Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

June 5, 2024, 1:30 pm

Iron County Planning Office (Upstairs Conference Room)

82 N 100 E

Cedar City, Utah 84720

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rob Dotson  
Chris Hall  
Dan Jessen  
Reed Erickson  
Jonathan Stathis  
Richard Wilson  
Tyler Allred

#### MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Todd Robinson  
Aldo Biasi

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nate Wiberg  
Tracey Munson  
Drake Howell (Online)  
Cindy Bulloch (Online)

#### REPRESENTING:

Enoch City  
UDOT  
Parowan City  
Iron County Planning  
Cedar City  
Iron County Engineering  
Kanarraville

#### REPRESENTING:

Paragonah  
Brian Head

#### REPRESENTING:

Five County Association of Governments  
UDOT  
BZI  
Congresswoman Maloy's Office



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## **1. Quorum Declaration**

Mr. Rob Dotson welcomed everyone and declared a quorum present.

## **2. Approve Minutes – April 03, 2024**

Richard Wilson made a motion to approve the April 03, 2024, minutes. Mayor Tyler Allred seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **3. Community Project Funding Discussion (Iron Springs Rd.)**

Cindy Bulloch explained that congress directed funding to Iron County for Iron Springs Road and that the funds will come to Iron County through the Department of Transportation and the Utah Department of Transportation. A discussion developed about how the local match will be proportional to the award amount due to being less than the request. The project will have to meet federal regulations.

The project will have to be scaled back due to reduced funding and Iron County will identify those details in the revised scope. Cindy Bulloch explained that they always ask if the project is scalable. She stated that the awarded entity needs a budget amendment process. The project may need to be scaled down in the scope of work. However, Iron County may need to explain that they will build the road further if there is enough funding to do so. If that is the case, the environmental process would need to include more area, so as to not limit the project. Chris Hall stated that they should scope the project for what they hope to build.

Cindy explained that her office has submitted projects to the appropriations committee and that Congresswoman Malloy is not on the Appropriations Committee like her predecessor was. It was discussed that Iron County could submit another application for Iron Springs Road if they are unable to fund the entire length of the road.

Chris Hall stated that UDOT needs three weeks in advance to provide a letter of support for grant applications due to the approval process. There was discussion that congressional grant applications generally open in the spring near the end of the federal fiscal year. Cindy stated that they are happy to write letters of support for other grants that the entities are applying for. Cindy briefly discussed America the Beautiful funding source.

## **4. Consider Corridor Preservation funding request for 5200 North Road Acquisition by Enoch City and send a recommendation to ICRTEC and ICCOG**

Rob Dotson explained the project and passed around a map of the project area. He explained that Enoch City has been negotiating with property owners for quite some time and that the property has changed hands, which has helped the process. Rob explained that there are four land owners that Enoch will be purchasing from and Enoch City is in various stages of the process with each of them.



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The right of way will be 66 feet wide and will be a collector road. The appraised price is above \$265,000, but Enoch City is asking for \$265,000 because they have negotiated some trades as well.

**Dan Jesson made a motion to send a positive recommendation to the RTEC for at or below \$265,000 from the Corridor Preservation Fund to acquire property for 5200 North in Enoch. Tyler Allred seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**

## 5. Hamilton Fort Roundabout

Chris Hall stated that the Hamilton Fort roundabout will be on the east side of the interstate and will be part of the I-15 widening project. UDOT has coordinated with Iron County on the design to accommodate future development and for intersection improvements on the west side of the freeway. Chris Hall stated that there are safety concerns at the current intersection and that the roundabout will solve many safety issues. Iron County has an interest in having some kind of design or a statue in the roundabout and would like to have the Paiute Tribe involved with that process. There was a discussion about emergency response and road closures during construction of the roundabout.

Chris Hall discussed that new traffic modeling at the future Westview Drive interchange will increase the use of that interchange by 30% and reduces the capacity on the two frontage roads if it is moved  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile north. There was some discussion about the interchange placement but there is more modeling and discussion that needs to take place before it is laid out. Jonathan Stathis mentioned that Cedar city is concerned about the capacity of Old Highway 91, which could be impacted by the interchange.

## 6. Transportation Priority List

Nathan Wiberg stated that he updated the list based on information from the previous meeting. Nathan has not started the concept report for the Parowan Creek culverts, which is why it is not on the Priority List.

## 7. Transportation Projects/Studies/Updates

Jonathan Stathis talked about how the Industrial Road project is out for bid. It will have two lanes plus a center lane and will have a separated trail adjacent to the road. The project goes from Airport Road to 300 West. He stated that the funding is in place and that there will be a trailhead with parking and restrooms near 300 West.

Cedar City recently upgraded traffic signals on 200 North and 600 South. There was discussion related to 1600 North and the National Guard.

Dan Jessen stated that they are finishing the hiring process for the design and engineering for the Main Street Bridge and that UDOT is leading the process. It is anticipated that they may have to ask for corridor preservation funds for land adjacent to the current bridge due to an alignment change.



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The Parowan Master Transportation Plan is nearly finished and there was discussion about leaving 200 South as the main SR-143 connector in the plan.

Reed Erickson asked if everyone saw that the SS4A RFP went out and he stated that he submitted the information for their contract to FHWA. There was a conversation about how long it may take. There are several more weeks for consultants to submit their proposals, at which point the proposals will be reviewed. Iron County cannot award a consultant until the SS4A contract is in place. There was a conversation that RTAC should be the group to review the proposals.

There was a discussion about the High-T intersection at SR-56 and Iron Springs Road, as well as development around the intersection. The project will likely start in 2026.

Rob Dotson spoke about how Enoch was not awarded funding from UDOT for the underpass study so he would like to proceed with a CIB grant application in October for the study. He explained that CIB requires a 50% match and that he still needs to meet with the Enoch City Council for the match, as well as approval from Iron County and Cedar City for the same amount of match that they committed for the UDOT grant application. Chris Hall stated that he is working to try to get a match from UDOT for the CIB grant. If Rob gets confirmation from the communities before October 1<sup>st</sup>, regarding the match, he will submit the application. There was discussion about a development and an NRCS environmental assessment for the east side of where the underpass will be.

## **8. Other Discussion Items**

There was a discussion about changing the RTAC meeting time. It was determined that the RTAC meetings will move from the first Wednesdays to the first Tuesdays of even months at 1:30 pm.

There was a short discussion about a community near Enoch that is trying to incorporate. There is a feasibility study available.

## **9. Other Discussion Items:**

### **A. Next Meeting – August 6, 2024:**

Location: Brian Head

## **10. Adjourn – Reed Erickson made a motion to adjourn. Tyler Allred seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**