

EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RTEC CHAIR—MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI · RTAC CHAIR—ARTHUR LEBARON · PLANNING MANAGER—CURT HUTCHINGS

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC)

LaVerkin City Hall
435 North Main St, LaVerkin, UT

Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 1:30pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Kyle Gubler
Mr. Drake Howell
Mr. Daren Cottam
Mr. Todd Edwards

REPRESENTING:

LaVerkin City
Leeds Town
Toquerville City
Washington County

UNEXCUSED MEMBERS:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Bob Lamoreaux
Ms. Doni Pack
Mr. Curt Hutchings

Stanley Consultants
Five County Assoc. of Governments
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I. WELCOME AND QUORUM STATUS

Chair Arthur LeBaron was not present at the beginning of the meeting. A quorum was present. The meeting began at 1:42 pm.

**A motion was made by Mr. Kyle Gubler, seconded by
Mr. Daren Cottam, to designate Mr. Drake Howell
as Chair Pro Temp for the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Howell presented Minutes of the November 18, 2009 and January 6, 2010 meeting to the Committee for consideration and approval:

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**A motion was made by Mr. Todd Edwards, seconded by
Mr. Kyle Gubler, to approve the Minutes of the
November 18, 2009 Rural Transportation
Advisory Committee meeting, with the following change:
On Page 2, Section III., Paragraph 7 it should read “A Committee member
mentioned that...” rather than “Mr. Edwards mentioned that...”
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A motion was made by Mr. Todd Edwards, seconded by
Mr. Kyle Gubler, to approve the Minutes of the
January 6, 2010 Rural Transportation
Advisory Committee meeting,
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. TRANSPORTATION EXPO 2010

Mr. Hutchings shared with the Committee that the Expo went quite well this year. At least 818 signed in and more probably attended. Mr. Hutchings noted that the questions raised by Expo visitors were well thought out and reflected a real interest in transportation issues in our area.

There was one written comment submitted to the RPO – “There needs to be communication between Hurricane, Leeds, etc. developing cycling paths and routes from the beginning. Also include the discussion of cycle bridges/tunnels as a means of getting someplace. Also be sure there is plenty of signage for drivers. Thank you.”

IV. ACCESS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Hutchings reviewed the history of this Agreement. The final wording was based on recommendations by the Washington County Attorney’s office. An original concern brought to the RTAC meeting on January 6, 2010 by the Washington County Assistant Attorney, Ms. Rachelle Ehlert was based on a requirement for a traffic impact study, if a development met a certain trip threshold.

Mr. Todd Edwards met with the County Commission and alleviated their concerns regarding traffic impact studies being required. But then the Attorney’s office decided a change needed to be made to page 2, paragraph 4 where it states:

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“RPO Members agree that:

*4. If new development (or additional or redevelopment) in a **Jurisdiction** will impact the transportation system of a neighboring **Jurisdiction**, the affected **Jurisdictions**, after notification, agree to cooperate to minimize the impact;”*

The new wording presented on February 25, 2010 to the RPO Executive Council on page 2, paragraph 4 is as follows:

“RPO Members agree that:

*4. If new development (or additional or redevelopment) in a **Jurisdiction** will impact the transportation system of a neighboring **Jurisdiction**, the affected **Jurisdiction** will be notified of the impact and TIS information will be shared;*

The members of the RTEC Committee agreed to this change and all signed this version of the Agreement on February 25, 2010, including Commissioner James Eardley.

Commissioner Eardley then took the Agreement before the Washington County Commission on March 2nd, 2010 for their formal approval. The Commissioners agreed with the new wording of the document and approved it by passing a formal resolution, Resolution No. R2010-1427, signed and dated 2nd of March, 2010.

RPO staff decided that since the formal resolution of the County Commissioners was signed, “approved and adopted” on March 2, 2010, it would be best if the RTEC members signed a new copy of the Agreement dated March 2, 2010. This was completed and the document was given to the Utah Department of Transportation representative for the RPO, Dana Meier, who also signed.

The document has now been properly submitted to UDOT as per the requirement outlined in the MOU between UDOT and the RPO.

V. ARRA #2 (HIRE ACT)

Mr. Hutchings informed the Committee that HR 2847, the “Jobs for Main Street Act” was significantly altered by the Senate and renamed the “HIRE Act”. Most of the funding for transportation was stripped except for some Build America Bonds interest rate subsidies.

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Mr. Howell and Mr. Hutchings both suggested that RPO members continue to keep in mind any possible ‘shovel ready’ projects in case funding should become available.

VI. BUILD-OUT STUDY DRAFT

Ms. Doni Pack presented an outline of the RPO Build-out Study. Each RPO entity will end up with a land use map indicating land use and density, a data table, and a short narrative. In the case where a municipality only provided zoning information, the zoning designations were converted to land use designations. These designations and densities differ for each municipality and the County.

In addition to these separate maps, we are producing a standardized map for comparison purposes. In this case, we will use one set of land use designations based on densities, and adjust all the maps to that one set of parameters. Then we can visually compare land use between all five RPO entities and better understand their relationship to each other.

The number of housing units that could be built in a municipality can then be multiplied by the average household size for that community to produce a possible maximum population.

Ms. Pack asked each RPO member to help contribute toward the narratives for each community. If possible, the different sections can be corrected and completed before our next RTAC meeting on May 27th. That would allow the RTAC to vote on the Study, hopefully to approve it, and be prepared to forward it to RTEC with our recommendation. If RTEC approves it at their June meeting, then the RPO will have met their second year project deadline.

VII. OTHER/FUTURE TOPICS

A. Logo

Ms. Pack has not heard anything back from Mr. Arthur LeBaron with logo ideas. Ms. Pack would still like to develop a logo, then work on an RPO website.

B. Schedule MOE Coordination

With this additional information on corridors and costs, Mr. Mike Heaps said Horrocks can improve the Measurement of Effectiveness (MOE) modeling for RPO projects.

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Mr. Heaps suggested meeting together and going over the model – demonstrating how it works and verifying land use designations. Committee members and Mr. Hutchings agreed that such a meeting should be scheduled.

C. Bike Loop Trail

Mr. Drake Howell informed the group that in the process of having SR-228 (Leeds Main Street) chip sealed, Leeds Town has asked UDOT to do striping for bicycle lanes. He informed the group that an informal bicycle route already exists that goes in a loop in

the RPO area. Mr. Howell would like to see the route formally established. Each municipality would need to be willing to provide signage and keep up maintenance. The interest in bicycling in the eastern half of the County is increasing steadily.

A formalized route could be a good economic development tool and support tourism in the communities. Most members expressed support for the idea. An inaugural race could be a good public relations introduction to the route.

D. SR-228 southern freeway exchange – Invite Dana Meier (UDOT)

Leeds Town has a safety problem with the southern freeway exit into Leeds. Mr. Howell and other members of the Committee engaged in discussion regarding how to increase influence with UDOT to try and get some of these problems addressed. It was suggested to invite Dana Meiers, the local UDOT representative, to the next RTAC meeting and get an explanation of how the STIP prioritization process works and how RPO communities can best have their voices heard during that prioritization process.

E. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 27th, at 1:30 pm to be held at the Toquerville City Hall.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.