

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2025**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor – Chairman
Justin Sip, Toquerville City Mayor-Vice Chair
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner
Victor Iverson, Commissioner – Washington County
Kurt Ivy, Washington City Council
Rick Rosenberg-Santa Clara City Mayor
Jean Krause, Virgin Town Mayor-Via Zoom
Patti Wise-La Verkin City Council
Bill Hoster-Leeds City Mayor
Nanette Billings-Hurricane City Mayor
Barbra Bruno-Springdale City Mayor
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council
Danielle Larkin, St. George City Council

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT / EXCUSED

Michelle Randall, St. George City Mayor
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council
Danielle Larkin, St. George City Council

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chris Hart determined there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. Consider Minutes of January 21, 2025 Meeting

**MOTION: Motion by Naghi Zeenati to approve Minutes of January 21, 2025.
Motion Seconded by Councilman Ivy and carried by a Unanimous vote.**

b. 2025 Transportation Expo Report

Myron Lee-MPO Director shared several highlights from the recent 2025 Transportation Expo. The Dixie MPO received several comments both positive and negative regarding the recent northern corridor decisions. There were also several comments collected by the MPO about the recent changes in public transportation. Concerns regarding bike trail etiquette and motorized bikes was discussed among the board. Several options to get information out to the public were explored and further discussions will take place.

c. Leeds North Interchange Report

Mr. Lee shared that the MPO has signed a contract to study the feasibility and determine the desired location for a new North Leeds Interchange. A meeting was held with Mayor Hoster and property owners where lots of feedback was received regarding the location. The team will also meet with developers in the area later this month. The project is planned as a developer-funded interchange, making it different from the normal UDOT process. The study should be completed by June 2025. With property owner follow up to follow in early July 2025.

d. Consider Programming Recommendations from the Technical Committee for the 2025-2029 Transportation Investment Program

Myron Lee Dixie MPO Director explained the DTAC Advisory Committee received two requests for changes to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Fund. These funds were previously approved/allotted but requests were made to move them to different projects within the program.

- Re-assign funds previously programmed to Washington City's Red Hills Parkway Widening (Middleton Drive to Green Springs)(PIN# 22215) to a new project to extend Washington City Main Street to 100 East. (\$890,000 in STIP year 2028)

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Billings to Approve transferring funds from Washington City's Red Hills Parkway Widening to Extending Washington City's Main Street to 100 East project funds. Motion Seconded by Mayor Hoster and carried by a Unanimous vote

- \$388,000 to cover feasibility study and concept development for three Regionally Significant bike/ped trails
 - \$198,000 to SR-18 Trail (Snow Canyon Park to Veyo)
 - \$140,000 to Virgin River Trail (Washington City to Grandpa's pond in Hurricane)
 - \$50,000 to Sheep Bridge Road Trail

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Programming of funds as presented. Motion Seconded by Mayor Sip and carried by a Unanimous vote.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

- SR-91 is under construction to finish boundaries and resurfacing.
- SR-9 Rockville will experience delays while the bicycle lanes are being made more noticeable.
- Hurricane City Irrigation expansion is underway and may impact traffic on side streets.

b. UDOT Updates

- SR-18 Expansion project scope and funding has been approved.
- I-15 expansion thru Bluff street exit will be the first 7 lane highway in Washington County.

c. Federal Updates

Raelie Madrid shared Congresswoman Maloy is working on a bill to transfer stewardship of 800 acres of land back to Utah. Congresswoman Maloy is also working on a bill to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906. There is also a bill in the works to restore local control of western communities back to the state level. Raelie shared Congresswoman Maloy is also still pushing for Northern Corridor approval.

Gary Webster from Senator Lee's office updated everyone in attendance of Senator Lee's recent appointment to chair of the Energy and Natural Resources committee. Gary shared a highlights from recent bills being sponsored and supported by Senator Lee.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC-March 4, 2025

DTEC March 18, 2025

ADJOURN

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis