

**DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
MINUTES
May 19, 2010**

PRESENT

Jim Eardley, Chair, Washington County Commission
Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor
Matt Ence, Santa Clara City Council
Jerry Lewis, UDOT Commissioner
Lowell Elmer, MPO Director
Ken Sizemore, Five County AOG
Myron Lee, DMPO Planning Manager
Nathan Lee, UDOT
Bruce Fishburn, Stanley Consultants
Bob Lamoreaux, Stanley Consultants
Christine Hall, Washington County Commission

ABSENT

Monty Thurber, Engineering Associate, St. George City
Troy Torgersen, UDOT
Gil Almquist, St. George City Council
Dan McArthur, St. George City Mayor
Cameron Cutler, Assistant City Engineer, St. George City
Marreen Casper, Congressional Aide, Orrin Hatch
Bryan Thiriot, Congressional Aide, Robert Bennett
Ross Romero, Washington City
Wally Ritchie, Santa Clara City Manager
Mike Empey, Congressional Aide, Jim Matheson
Larry Bulloch, St. George City Public Works Director
David Glenn, Ivins City
Roger Bundy, Washington City Council
Jerry Blair, Ivins City Council
Curt Hutchins, Dixie MPO
Bill Swenson, St. George City

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eardley called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Ken Sizemore introduced Myron Lee, DMPO's new Planning Manager, who will be assuming the Executive Director position effective July 1, after Lowell Elmer's retirement. Myron has a varied and extensive background in public information, emergency management, and transportation, and was most recently the City Manager of Monticello. Myron will be a valuable resource for the DMPO, even as Lowell will be greatly missed.

Additionally, Ken advised that, on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 29th, Five County Association of Governments will be hosting an open house for both Lowell and Beth Cottam, who is also retiring after many years of service.

MINUTES

Motion: Matt Ence made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 17, 2010, as submitted.
Second: Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion.
Vote: All voted "aye," and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Concur on Proposed FY 2011 Budget

The Technical Committee met on May 4, 2010, and recommended approval of the FY 2011 Budget as presented in the handout dated May 17, 2010 (attached as "Exhibit A"). That document shows a comparison of the FY 2010 budget with the projected one. The amounts are the best estimates available from UDOT and the FHA and include any rescissions that have occurred. All entities are suffering financially due to the economic downturn.

In the bylaws, the voting shares are designated as follows: St. George City has three votes; Ivins, Santa Clara, and Washington City each have one vote. The MPO typically submits a bill through Five County to the cities in June and expects to receive payment in July.

Motion: Mayor Hart made a motion to Adopt the FY 2011 Budget as presented.
Second: Matt Ence seconded the motion.
Vote: All voted "aye," and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Concur on Draft 2011 Dixie TIP

Lowell distributed a document entitled "2011-15 Dixie TIP Programming, February 11, 2010" (attached as "Exhibit B"), containing proposed projects that support the SunTran bus system. The CUBE network is a new software system that will be an upgrade of the existing network. On July 1, 2010, a 30-day public comment period will begin on this Draft TIP, after which some changes may be made. This policy body, along with the transportation commission, will adopt the TIP in August.

The back side of Exhibit B indicates federal stimulus money which must be obligated by

September 30, 2010. The \$900,000 shown is going towards the facility that SunTran is building on Red Hills Parkway. The \$209,223 shown in the next column will be used towards the purchase of a SunTran bus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Proposed Financial Assumptions for RTP

Lowell narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the Unified Plan for JPAC, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on which he and Chairman Eardley sit. JPAC is preparing to publish an update to its Long-Range Plan (through 2040), as are other MPOs around the state. All committees have been gathering population, employment, transportation, and other data as they estimate certain reasonable revenue assumptions to use in updating the long-range plans. These revenue assumptions support the needs that are identified. There is never "enough" money to close the gap between expected revenue and expected construction costs, but the process provides a way to anticipate prioritization.

All of the MPOs in UDOT will be adopting and publishing their long-range plans in June of 2011.

A copy of the PowerPoint is available through the office of the Washington County Commission.

Matt Ence asked for clarification of the Unified Plan. Lowell explained that it is basically an executive summary of the priorities of all the MPOs and a summary of UDOT's urban and rural needs. It is a picture of projects that range from new capacity, public transit, rehabilitation of old corridors, bicycle/pedestrian pathways, etc. All MPOs are asking their policy bodies for an indication of their comfort level with the last two slides on the PowerPoint (Statewide Finance Package and 2040 Local Option Finance Package). A motion would not necessarily indicate an endorsement of these specific revenue assumptions, but rather the fact that this is a good starting place from which to build the Long-Range Plan. Mayor Hart said that he is reluctant to endorse these items because of the additional taxes required to implement them, but he realizes that the group at least needs to establish a foundation for proceeding.

Commissioner Lewis asked how often the process must be redone, and Lowell said that there is currently a 4- to 5-year update process for recommendations. In 2015, then, the long-range plan will extend to 2045.

Most committee members indicated that they were not totally in agreement with all

recommendations but that, lacking anything better, they were inclined to vote for concurrence.

Motion: Commissioner Lewis made a motion to Concur Generally with the Recommendations contained in the Final Two Slides of the PowerPoint, entitled "Statewide Finance Package" and "2040 Local Option Finance Package."

Second: Matt Ence seconded the motion.

Vote: All voted "aye," and the motion passed unanimously.

UDOT/FHWA BUSINESS

Nathan Lee of UDOT was asked what percentage of statewide transportation funds are derived from federal government programs, and he estimated roughly 16%. This ratio is complicated somewhat by the inclusion of ARRA money and bonding. Additionally, the federal government has indicated that the funds will decline steadily over time. Across the country, there are many counties that do not always spend all of their allotted federal dollars because they simply can't come up with the required matching funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

Myron Lee said that the Transportation Interim Committee meets later today to discuss Class B and C Road funds. Attached to these minutes as Exhibit "C" is a May 18, 2010, letter from the Dixie MPO to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel concerning the B and C funds. This was the formal response provided to the State.

Ken Sizemore reminded everyone about the Open House at Five County AOG on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, in honor of the retirement of Beth Cottam and Lowell Elmer.

NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2010

Having no other business, Chairman Eardley adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.