

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2025**

The Washington County Council of Governments (COG) Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gil Almquist at the Washington County Administration Building, 111 East Tabernacle Street, St. George, UT 84770.

Members Present:

Commissioner Gil Almquist
Mayor Justin Sip, Toquerville City
Mayor Jean Krause-Virgin City –Via Zoom
Mayor Chris Hart-Ivins
Mayor Bill Hoster-Leeds
Mayor Michelle Randall-St. George City
Mayor Rick Rosenberg-Santa Clara City
Mayor Barbra Bruno-Springdale
Mayor Nanette Billings-Hurricane
Mayor Donia Jessop-Hildale

WELCOME:

Commissioner Almquist welcomed all in attendance, and it was determined that a quorum existed for voting on action items.

CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES: January 21, 2025

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Hart to Approve the Minutes of January 21, 2025.
Motion seconded by Mayor Sip and Carried by Unanimous Vote.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Washington County Senior Staff Accountant Camille Hastings presented the financial update as of May 13, 2025:

Total bank balance of \$6,817,483.05

Obligated funds of \$4,224,709.29 (unspent funds e.g. Western Corridor, 3000 East Corridor, etc.)

Available unobligated funds of \$2,592,773.76

As of May 13, 2025 the COG has the following unobligated fund balances available:

\$ 1,291,503.92 in the Preservation Fund
\$ 1,080,017.77 in the Construction Grant Fund
\$ 221,252.07 in the Construction Revolving Loan Fund
\$ 1,538,986.36 Total available unobligated funds

Total amount of requests on this agenda are:

Asking for \$156,000 from the Preservation Fund
Western Corridor – Alignment Study – Santa Clara City - in Santa Clara - \$156,000

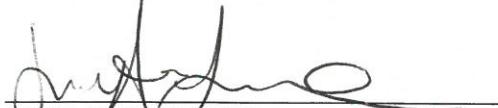
Action Item: Santa Clara City Requests \$156,000 funding from the Preservation Fund to pay for an alignment study on the Western Corridor

Mayor Rick Rosenberg shared Santa Clara city is attempting to define the right-of-way alignment of the Western Corridor through their City so that property acquisition and environmental studies can be more efficiently accomplished later. No road construction is planned for the near future. An cost estimate from Sunrise Engineering for a two phase study shows a total budget/fee of \$156,000 Santa Clara City is requesting up to \$156,000 be obligated to include, survey, alignment study design and SF-299 ROW application and plan of development. The maps show both the Western Corridor and an extension of Gap Canyon Parkway in St. George would be studied. The total request from the COG is \$156,000.

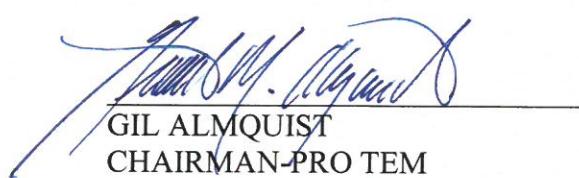
MOTION: Motion by Mayor Sip to Approve Santa Clara's request for \$156,000 from the Preservation Fund to pay for an alignment study on the Western Corridor alignment. Motion seconded by Mayor Randall and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Almquist thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.



JAYANNE LEWIS
DEPUTY CLERK



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