



# IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## MINUTES

### Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

May 07, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

(Note: Prior to the ICCOG Meeting)

Cedar City Council Chambers

96 North Main Street

Cedar City Utah, Utah 84720

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mollie Halterman

Mayor Tyler Allred

Commissioner Ken Robinson

Mayor Clayton Calloway

Commissioner Michael Bleak

Rob Dotson (On Behalf of Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut)

#### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mayor Todd Robinson

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut

Mayor Garth Green

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nathan Wiberg

Reed Erickson

Dan Jessen

George Colson

Chris Hall

Rich Wilson

Gary Webster

Evan Vickers

Eric Seat (online)

Bret Howser

#### REPRESENTING

Parowan

Kanarraville

Iron County

Brian Head

Iron County

Enoch City

#### REPRESENTING

Paragonah

Enoch City

Cedar City

#### REPRESENTING

FCAOG

Iron County

Parowan

Iron County Emergency Management

UDOT

Iron County Engineering

Sen. Lee's Office

Utah Senate

Kimley-Horn

Brian Head

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I. **Quorum Declaration**

Commissioner Michael Bleak called the meeting to order and declared that a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. **Approve Minutes for March 05, 2025**

Commissioner Michael Bleak entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 05, 2025.

**Rob Dotson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2025. Mayor Tyler Allred seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**

III. **ICRPO FY 2026 Funding**

- Nate Wiberg presented the annual funding request for \$50,000 from the Iron County Corridor Preservation Fund to support regional transportation planning coordination.
- The funding supports organizational roles in planning, modeling, and list maintenance.
- Matching funds are also anticipated from UDOT at \$10,000.
- **Mollie Halterman motioned to approve the RPO funding as presented at the same level as the previous year. Clayton Calloway seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**

IV. **SS4A Update**

- The final Safety Action Plan is scheduled for adoption by the County Commission.
- Once adopted, local entities will be eligible to apply for federal safety-related grants (planning/demonstration, or implementation).
- Deadlines for the next grant cycle is June 26.
- Grants require a 25% local match.
- Iron County is willing to partner with other local entities on projects. Applications can be submitted individually or can be applied for together. Eric Sweat from Kimley-Horn can help with the applications. Examples of demonstration grants include non-permanent infrastructure (e.g., signage, striping) have higher chances of approval. It is a nationally competitive grant.

V. **Frontage road Realignment Design at South Parowan Exit**

- Dan Jessen presented a concept for realigning the frontage road at Exit 78 due to increased commercial development.
- Current traffic patterns are unsafe and confusing; There are concerned about access. The interchange will need to be redesigned to accommodate future traffic volumes.
- Chris Hall discussed that there is funding for a concept study through UDOT, which would only include up to 30% design. The study should look at both sides of the interchange. Dan said that a concept level has enough detail to adopt it into their

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master plan. There needs to be local match money to move the study forward. Approximately \$5,000 in local match funds should be enough.

- The realignment and interchange redesign will be incorporated into the Parowan Master Plan to better guide development and safety enhancements.
- Discussion included potential property realignments and easement constraints.
- There was discussion about whether the project needs to be on the RPO Transportation Priority List or not. For now, coordinating through this meeting will be enough to get the study moving forward.

## VI. Corridor Preservation Priority List Approval

- Nate explained that the Corridor Preservation Priority is a list of future projects that will need right-of-way procurement. And that the list cannot be updated more than once per year.
- Minor clerical adjustments were made following advisory committee review. No projects added or removed from the list this year.
- There was no further discussion.
- **Mayor Mollie Halterman motioned to approve Corridor Preservation Priority List as presented. Mayor Calloway seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**

## VII. Transportation Expo Planning Update

- Nate Wiberg confirmed the Expo will be held Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 3:00–7:00 PM at Festival Hall.
- Cities are encouraged to host booths.
- Coordination is ongoing via RTEC; focus will include transportation plans, city initiatives, and community engagement.

## VIII. Local Transportation Projects/Studies/Updates

Brian Head

- A First and Last Mile grant is funding shuttle tops and pedestrian crosswalks along Highway 143. They are currently in design. Hoping to have it bid out by June and completed by Fall.
- Brian Head is focusing on active transportation.

Parowan

- The Main Street Bridge project will have two large culverts which should handle a 100-year storm. Sidewalks will be placed on both sides of the bridge. The new design will comply with the Parowan Active Transportation Plan. They purchased the property for the corridor. They go to bid in Fall of 2025. Parowan City is working through the environmental and utility processes. construction expected over winter/spring.
- Realignment of Highway 274 remains a priority.
- There was a brief discussion about Corridor Preservation.
- Emphasis was given toward coordination between the Fairgrounds Master Plan and 100 North.

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- Suggested sharing updated master plan concept at a future meeting.

## Iron County

- High-T Intersection at Iron Springs & SR-56 Intersection will go out to bid by August.
- SR-56 will go out to bid around by December 2025 for spring 2026 construction.
- An RFP is pending County review for infrastructure needs in the Iron Springs area, to be funded by a RAISE grant.
- Input is welcome to ensure comprehensive coverage of utilities and transportation.
- Include everything on SR-56 to WECO on the RPO Priority List.

## UDOT

- The Enoch City interconnection study will kick off Monday, June 9.
- Bids came back for the I-15 widening project from the rest area, mile post 43-56 south of Cedar City. The project will likely go to Sun Rock. Construction will start in the following few months and will probably be there for approximately 18 months.
- Discussion about funding options for planning.

## IX. Other Discussion Items

- Evam Vickers discussed that there will not be a veto override session with a few bills on it. SB 67 was on the agenda for the session. This allows for a city to put on the ballot a sales tax increase for fire and EMS.
- There was a discussion about prairie dogs and the conservation management strategy.
- There was a discussion about declaring certain high-risk pedestrian zones as "Safety Corridors." Enforceability was part of the discussion.

## X. Next Meeting

- July 2, Brian Head

## XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.