

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2025 – 1:00 PM

Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 W 1600 S Bldg B St. George, UT 84770

Members Present:

- Kyle Gubler, Chair, LaVerkin City
- Monty Thurber, Vice Chair, St. George City
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City
- Paul Mogle, for Blake Fannesbeck, Washington City
- Jay Sandberg, St. George City
- Llyod Sutton for Cameron Cutler, St. George City
- Todd Edwards, Washington County
- Tom Jorgensen, for Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Chris Hall, for Cameron Gay, UDOT
- Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville

Members Absent Or

Excused:

- Leeds Representative
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Other Attendees:

- Leslie Fonger, Washington County
- Brett Anderson, UDOT
- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nicholas Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Radhika Bhandari, Dixie MPO
- Nate Wiberg, Dixie MPO
- JayCee Finicum, Dixie MPO
- Susan Savage
- Susan Crook, Conserve Southwest Utah
- Judith Rognli, Conserve Southwest Utah
- Travis Marden, JUB Engineers
- Scott Ferne, JUB Engineers
- Brandon Weight, Civil Science
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Ron Biggers
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

Conducting: Kyle Gubler, Chair

Kyle Gubler determined a quorum was present and called the DTAC meeting to order.

1. Administrative:

Consider Minutes from May 7, 2025

A motion was made by Jay Sandberg and seconded by Dustin Mouritsen to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2025, meeting. The minutes were approved with a verbal vote on the motion.

2. Planning:

A. Planning Grant Applications

Santa Clara withdrew its request due to alternate funding being secured. The remaining requests were:

- **Hurricane City:** \$30,000 requested.
- **Ivins City:** \$100,000 requested.

DTAC members discussed available funding of \$150,000 and decided to fund both Hurricane and Ivins at the requested levels. A formal motion was made by Todd Edwards and seconded by Jay Sandberg to recommend these funding allocations to DTEC. The motion passed by verbal vote.

B. Connectivity Mapping Tool – SB195 Compliance

Nicholas Gayer introduced the new connectivity analysis mapping tool, modeled after WFRC and MAG methodologies, including intersection density scoring and endpoint identification. The tool will support compliance with Senate Bill 195 and assist local entities in updating the transportation circulation elements of their General Plans by July 2027. Participants were encouraged to review and comment on the digital maps, especially regarding unconnected roadways or key endpoints in areas of interest.

C. SB195 Report Status

Nate Wiberg noted that all Utah MPOs are to provide an update to the state legislature no later than November 1 each year through, 2027. One-on-one meetings with jurisdictions are planned to gather input and help shape the legislative presentation for 2025.

D. Southern Parkway Development Standards

Brett Anderson reviewed the Southern Parkway Corridor Preservation Agreement, originally signed in 2009 by UDOT, Dixie MPO, Washington County, and municipalities along the SR-7 corridor. This agreement outlines the design and access standards for the Parkway and remains in effect today.

The Southern Parkway runs from Exit 2 on I-15 to SR-9 in Hurricane and was designed as a limited-access expressway with grade-separated interchanges. UDOT has constructed all

regionally significant interchanges to date; however, any future interchanges must be locally or developer funded.

Key elements of the agreement include:

- **Design standards:** 12-foot lanes, 10-foot outside shoulders, 6-foot inside shoulders, 72-foot median, and 30-foot clear zones.
- **Access spacing:** Minimum distances include 4,800 feet between interchanges (or 4,500 with auxiliary lanes), 1,320 feet between signalized intersections on frontage roads, 250 feet for private driveways, and 500 feet between ramp terminals and first access (it was noted that currently 1000 feet is desired on I-15, but 500 feet is what was agreed to and that agreement will be honored).
- **Utility restrictions:** Utilities not serving the Parkway are not permitted within UDOT right-of-way.

The group also discussed the need to reassess traffic priorities along SR-7 using updated modeling. These changes may necessitate adjustments in the MPO's long-range plan.

3. Local Project Status Updates:

- A. **FHWA:** No updates were provided.
- B. **Hurricane City:** The 100 North reconstruction project is underway and anticipated to be complete by Thanksgiving. The 1100 West widening project has reached completion.
- C. **Ivins City:** The Highway 91 project is approximately 50% complete and is projected to wrap up by the end of July. A pavement maintenance project is also in progress and is expected to be completed next week.
- D. **LaVerkin:** Pavement preservation work has recently been completed.
- E. **Leeds:** No updates were provided.
- F. **St. George City:** The chip seal projects have been completed. Seven signal installations are currently under construction. The permit for the George Washington Blvd is progressing. The 700 East pedestrian and trail project is now underway and is scheduled for substantial completion prior to the beginning of the school year.
- G. **Santa Clara City:** Chip seal work recently concluded. Myron Lee organized a tour of the Western Corridor with the local legislative staffers, along with a representative from Ivins and Santa Clara.
- H. **Toquerville:** Construction of the Toquerville Parkway is nearing completion. The project includes connections to the south end of SR-17, which are anticipated to be finalized within the next two months.
- I. **Transit (SunTran):** Hiring of a new manager is in progress.

- J. **UDOT:** The SR-18 project (Boulevard to Main Street) is heading into the PS&E (Plans, Specifications & Estimates) phase in August. The I-15 widening project from MP 6 to 8 is moving into the Plan Ahead phase and is awaiting grant funding. The SR-34 (St. George Boulevard) project has been advertised and is scheduled for construction this fall. The I-15 widening project from the Arizona Stateline to Cottonwood Creek is expected to be complete this July. Southbound I-15 passing lanes from MP 16 to 22 are in design with construction planned for the summer. The Virgin River bridge fencing project will be advertised later this summer with construction beginning in the fall. The SR-7 passing lane project is expected to advertise in the spring. Improvements at the Snow Canyon Whiterocks trailhead are underway, and contractors are currently submitting quotes.
- K. **Washington City:** A new traffic signal at Telegraph and 500 West is expected to go out to bid within the next month. Additionally, new development is planned on the opposite side of that intersection.
- L. **Washington County:** Cold-in-place recycling project at Kolob Terrace Road to bid in the next week.
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4. Other Business:

- **Farewell to Nicholas Gayer**
Nicholas Gayer is leaving the MPO to join Avenue Consultants. Myron Lee and committee members expressed appreciation for his contributions over the past 3.5 years.
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5. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- June 17, 2025 – DTEC meeting
 - Note: There will be no DTAC meeting in July.
 - August 6, 2025– DTAC meeting
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All business having been conducted, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.