



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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MINUTES Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) June 03, 2025, 1:30 pm Iron County Building Department Conference Room 82 N 100 E #102 Cedar City, Utah 84720

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kent Fugal
Chris Hall
Rob Dotson
Tyler Allred
Reed Erickson
Dan Jessen

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Todd Robinson
Bret Howser

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nate Wiberg
Richard Wilson

REPRESENTING:

Cedar City
UDOT
Enoch City
Kanarraville
Iron County Planning
Parowan City

REPRESENTING:

Paragonah
Brian Head

REPRESENTING:

Five County AOG
Iron County Engineering



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1. Quorum Declaration

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Chair Rob Dotson. A quorum was confirmed with six voting members present.

2. Approve Minutes – April 01, 2025

- Rob Dotson entertained a motion to approve the April 1, 2025, meeting minutes were presented.
- **Motion: Reed Erickson moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Tyler Allred. The motion was unanimously approved.**

3. Support Federal Funding for Rail Safety & Grade Crossings

- A discussion was held about a federal initiative requesting support for rail safety and grade crossing improvements.
- It was discussed that the letter will support rail infrastructure to help promote and enable private funding.
- The request for a letter of support is not listed as a standing priority; therefore, RPO Executive Committee cannot act on it without formal approval.
- The committee agreed that showing organizational support, in addition to individual responses, strengthens the collective voice.
- Rob Dotson Entertained a motion to recommend support of the federal rail safety funding initiative to the RTEC.
- **Motion: A motion to recommend support of the federal rail safety funding initiative to the RTEC was made by Chris Hall and seconded by Reed Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Socio-economic Data Verification for the Iron County TDM

- Chris Hall provided an update on efforts to verify and update socioeconomic data used in long-range Traffic Demand Model. The model is updated every four years.
- A digital tool is being developed to assess and validate household and employment data across various geographic units.
- Committee members will be asked to review current data and provide feedback before projections are finalized.
- Meetings may be planned for July or August. Meetings will be scheduled, with participation encouraged by appropriate stakeholders. There will likely be an Iron County specific meeting.
- UDOT will reach out when they are getting ready to schedule the meeting.

5. SS4A – Discussion & Deadlines for Applications

- Nathan Wiberg reminded the committee about the upcoming June 26 deadline for SS4A Demonstration and Implementation Grants.



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- Rich and Reed outlined county-level plans involving interactive signage and lane striping.
- Multiple municipalities were encouraged to collaborate on projects. Multiple entities participating in a single application can make the application stronger.
- The discussion covered using existing countywide safety studies to justify funding in non-studied areas that have comparable conditions.

6. Transportation Expo Discussion

- The upcoming Transportation Expo was discussed, including logistics, booth assignments, outreach, and advertising strategies.
- Kent Fugle secured the venue, which will be at Festival Hall in Cedar City.
- Committee members volunteered to contact various organizations and departments (e.g., Police/Sheriff, School District, Inland Port, Consultants, and active transportation groups).
- A flyer will be created by the end of the month for promotional purposes.
- Booth sizing and arrangements are pending final measurements of the venue space.
- Attendees discussed supplying water and snacks, managing a sign-in sheet, and utilizing contact lists for outreach.

7. Transportation Priority List

- The Transportation Priority List is a standing agenda item and was reviewed.
- Chris Hall noted that updates from the previous RTEC meeting were not reflected on the list yet.
- Iron Springs Road from SR-56 to Wetco (6400 West), the Exit 75 Interchange study, and paving the frontage road on the east side of I-15 near Paragonah will need to be added to the list.
- Clarification was made regarding eligible corridor preservation fund uses, specifically covering acquisition and appraisal costs.
- The list gets adopted in November.
- There was a discussion about potentially adding curb cuts to improve trail connectivity as a project for the transportation alternatives projects section of the list.

8. Transportation Projects/Studies/Updates

UDOT

- Chris Hall is working to get a acquire a consultant for the Exit 75 Study.
- South Cedar Interchange is starting the design; UDOT will update Cedar City Council on the process.
- The I-15 northbound climbing lanes project begins in late June with median work; The roundabout and structure portion of this project will not start until February 2026.

Cedar City

- The Industrial Road project is near completion. An inspection with FHWA was conducted; Cedar City is still awaiting luminaires for delivery.



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- There was a discussion about how further coordination is needed between Cedar City and Iron County, regarding land use around the airport.
- The roundabout construction near SUU will begin the week of June 9, 2025, and remain closed through the start of the fall semester.

Enoch

- The Old Highway 91 resurfacing project is going out to bid.
- Development news: New businesses like Lin's and potential WinCo were mentioned.

9. Other Discussion Items

- Discussion about possible commercial development in the area.
- Nathan Wiberg informed the group about UDOT's ongoing review of functional classifications. The Federal Highway Administration prefers near-term (within STIP cycle) functional class updates. Longer-term planned roads may not be accepted in this process, though cities/counties can still include them in local master plans. A follow-up call with UDOT and FHWA was suggested to clarify policy discrepancies.

10. **Next Meeting** – August 05, 2025, Brian Head

11. Rob Dotson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Wilson Made a motion to adjourn, Tyler Allred seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.