

COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

CHAIR – JACOB BROWNING · VICE CHAIR – STEPHANIE RAINEY · TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR – MYRON LEE

**RMC
MINUTES**

Coordinated Human Service Transportation Planning Committee Meeting
October 16, 2025, 10:00 am
Five County AOG
1070 W 1600 S Bldg. B
St George, UT 84770

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Ms. Jerica Bauer
Mr. Jacob Browning
Ms. Donna Chynoweth
Mr. Scott Buys
Ms. Kristen Hayward
Mr. Hayden Johnson
Mr. Ryan Marshall
Mr. Henry Neville
Mr. Chris Pearson
Ms. Stephanie Rainey
Ms. Sheila Shotwell

REPRESENTING

Kane County Council on Aging
Washington County Council on Aging
Garfield County Council on Aging
Five County AOG – Mobility Manager
DWS
RRCI
Public Works Director – Cedar City
Turn Community Services
SunTran Transit Manager
Iron County Council on Aging
Beaver County Council on Aging

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Bill Dudleston
Mr. Kasey Shakespear

REPRESENTING

Southwest Mental Health
Utah Center for Rural Health

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Kurt Ivie
Mr. Elliott Taylor

REPRESENTING

Washington City Council
Washington County Public Works

OTHERS PARTICIPATING

REPRESENTING

QUORUM & MINUTES

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: Jacob called the meeting to order at 10:04 am, August 7, 2025, minutes were presented for approval with Stephanie Rainey making a motion to approve and seconded by Jerica Bauer and was unanimously approved by the RMC Committee members present.

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II. **REPORTS, PLANNING AND ACTION ITEMS**

Highlights of agency updates:

Hayden Johnson (RRCI) Organization is doing bus (travel) training for students with disabilities in Washington County and are able to provide bus passes from SSGB grant funding received from Five County. Hayden announced he is leaving in January 2026, and agency will be hiring a new director.

Jerica Bauer (Kane County Council on Aging) shared an individual who passed away from medical issues during an activity in the community. Wants to pursue having AED's (Auto External Defibrillator) and radios in buses for potential medical and other emergency issues and will coordinate with the local Sheriff's office.

Donna Chynoweth (Garfield Council on Aging) Received a new van and inquired about disposing of old buses.

Ryan Marshall (Public Works Director) Iron County Transit Study has been delayed due to some of changes UDOT has been going through and they have been driving the study. They are working on the final proposal and will have final recommendations to share in the future. We received funding and are rebranding our buses, vans and signage.

Chris Pearson (SunTran Transit Manager) Zion ridership had its highest count during the month of September of 2800 people. Working with Springdale and Virgin and others to develop a park and ride in Virgin. They will be closing the Hwy next June to large vehicles going into Springdale. Currently hiring a Transit Planner. Only three applicants have applied during the past four weeks. The salary range is \$71,000 to \$90,000. We will be adjusting and improving some of our routes and new planning adventures the first of the year (2026).

Jacob Browning (Washington County Council on Aging) Ridership is up quite a bit with all buses in St. George and Hurricane with Enterprise doing their regular visits to Cedar City and St. George.

Carlos UDOT-RPT Team Member will be joining our November

UTAH ID Update: Discussed the need to update Utah ID information in order to access BlackCat's system by Friday October 17, 2025, per request from UDOT's RPT Team. Please contact Carlos at (435) 374-3707 for further assistance.

Scott will email out the Utah ID login instructional video link.

Ranking Applications: Present Committee members completed the ranking process and turned into Scott.

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Scott will send out ranking document for those attending meeting by Zoom and those not present to complete and send back by October 24, 2025. After Compiling numbers will send out final results.

URSTA Conference feedback and Suggestions: Feedback that the presenter on healthcare prevention and wellness was lacking energy and keeping the group engaged. Another comment was that the Finance session did not pertain to transit. Suggestion was made to have rural based content focus during conference and possible roundtable discussion with those residing in rural Utah areas and share successes and challenges. AI presentation was informative!

Transit Purchasing Costs: Scott provided updated funding list numbers from Carlos and will distribute document to committee members.

Training Needs: Please reach out to Scott with any transit training needs in the Five County Region and Scott will coordinate with Mary and schedule times.

Government Shutdown: Brief discussion on any impacts from the current Government shutdown. Agencies have not had any negative impact to date.

2026 RMC Schedule: Scott provided 2026 RMC schedule and will distribute out via email including calendar invite to accept on your personal calendar's.

Medical Voucher Status:

A \$20,000 match was approved from UDOT's RPTT. The Mobility Manager at Five County AOG was awarded a \$20,000 medical voucher grant match (\$40,000 Dollars total) from FFY 2025 and will receive these funds the beginning of 2026. The goal with these funds is to be able to run the medical voucher program year around to better meet the growing needs of our community members throughout the Five County Region.

Action items:

Ryan Marshall – (CATS Cedar City) In a previous URSTA Board meeting it was mentioned that UTA has excess used vehicles that they give away or sell off. Please contact Ryan Taylor at ryantaylor@rideutah.com or (801) 287-2399 to contact their fleet coordinator.
250 lbs. is the standard weight for an electric chair.

LIFT REPAIR CONTACT SOUTHERN UTAH:

Zion Van Co.
Brad
435-776-5555

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Josh Densley 435-229-9467

Below are the URSTA & RTAP links for education and information.

[URSTA Utah](#)

National RTAP (Rural Transit Assistance Program) link to access helpful training materials:

[National Rural Transit Assistance Program | Rural, Public & Community \(nationalrtap.org\)](#)

OTHER

VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 20, 2025, 10 am, Five County AOG Conference room in St. George.