

Mayor Barbara Bruno
Council Department Report
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Five County Association of Governments Mayors' Meeting

This month, the meeting was held in person at the Southern Utah University campus in Cedar City, Utah. The Lieutenant Governor attended instead of the Governor.

Utah League of Cities and Towns

I attended a training session to prepare for my new role as a Board member of ULCT. The monthly Board meetings are hybrid, so I'll be able to attend remotely. There are events with the legislature that will require my presence in Salt Lake City.

Zion Scenic Byway: Corridor Management Plan

All of the relevant communities (Springdale, Rockville, La Verkin, Hurricane, Kane County, and Washington County) passed resolutions adopting the updated CMP. Next, the Zion Regional Collaborative will work with local legislators to secure state approval for the document.

Virgin Park and Ride Lot

We are making good progress on our project to have an oversized vehicle parking lot available in Virgin before the Mt. Carmel Highway and tunnel restrictions go into effect. We're working with two private property owners in Virgin, as well as UDOT, Washington County, Virgin, Zion National Park, and SunTran.

Dixie Transportation Executive Committee

The MPO has agreed to fund transportation master plan updates for Hurricane City and Ivins City; when we are ready to update ours, we will want to consider this funding source. Nate Wiberg talked about the transportation elements of Senate Bill 195.

UDOT is moving forward with the planning phase of the underpasses in St. George, although they've lost their federal funding.

One Utah Summit

I attended the opening session of the Summit, hoping to corner the Secretary of the Interior (Doug Burgum) to talk about funding for Zion National Park. He ended up attending virtually because of the shutdown, but he made statements like "drill baby drill" and "mine baby mine." He also said the federal government doesn't want to be a "landlord" for Utah land. It will be interesting to watch where things go with our public lands.

As a side note, Kevin Costner was also supposed to attend and didn't make it because he had Covid.

They both missed out because they didn't get to talk with me.



Post Office

The Mayors of Virgin and Rockville and I met with the Mayor of Kanarraville to discuss the post office situation. We had read in Congresswoman Maloy's newsletter that she was helping them after they lost their post office, and he was helpful in giving us information.

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I also talked with the new-ish owner of our post office, who understands that the current building could not be expanded. I sent him our packet, and we'll follow up on next steps.