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MINUTES
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
August 05, 2025, 1:30 pm
Brian Head Fire Station (Upstairs)
535 Vasels Rd
Brian Head, Utah 84719

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING:
Kent Fugal	Cedar City
Chris Hall	UDOT
Rob Dotson	Enoch City
Tyler Allred	Kanarraville
Reed Erickson	Iron County Planning
Dan Jessen	Parowan City

MEMBERS EXCUSED:	REPRESENTING:
Todd Robinson	Paragonah
Bret Howser	Brian Head

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	REPRESENTING:
Nate Wiberg	Five County AOG
Myron Lee	Dixie MPO
Karyl Keanaaina	UDOT
Brett Hamilton	Iron County

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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 – June 03, 2025**
   - Rob Dotson entertained a motion to approve the June 3, 2025.
   - **Motion: Reed Erickson moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Kent Fugal. The motion was unanimously approved.**

3. **RPO Program Review**
   - Nate Wiberg presented an outline of proposed RPO priorities for the coming year.
   - Transportation Expo - It is being worked on.
   - Corridor Preservation Policies - Iron County contracted with Kimley-Horn as part of the SS4A planning grant.
   - Prepare info on what it takes to become an MPO - Chris Hall and Nate Wiberg had a conversation with the Emerging Area group of UDOT. They put us on the FY 2027 priority. There was a short discussion about transitioning to an MPO.
   - There was a short discussion about the RPO information being available on a Google Drive for the members to access all of the information.
   - There was discussion about CATS having representation when it becomes an MPO and whether someone should attend the RTAC meetings. Kent Fugal will look into who would make sense to get involved with the RPO. There was a discussion about the Cedar City Active Transportation organization. It might make sense to invite the active transportation committee chair to come to the RTAC meetings but not become a member. There was a discussion about Paiute Tribe involvement with the RPO. Invite the Tribe to attend RTAC meetings. Having the Tribe join as a member needs to come from the COG.
   - Is there a way to enhance the Transportation Priority List?
     - Are there items that are duplicated on the list?
     - Create a short form. There was an effort to use the concept report in the past, with little success.
     - Nate will organize the projects by cities and the entities were asked to go through and update their projects. Chris Hall suggested that slowly updating the priority list will help prepare the RPO for a transition to an MPO.
   - Prepare the RPO meeting packet one to two weeks prior to the meeting and have it ready on Google Drive.

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- There was a discussion about how the RTAC used to take one meeting per year to go through the Transportation Priority List, one project at a time.

4. **Household & SE Estimates Meeting Prep Discussion**
   - Chris Hall is setting up a meeting to review the household and socio economic (SE) data for the traffic demand model. The purpose is to verify the 2023 base year SE data in the Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ).
   - Next Meeting: August 21, 2025 at Festival Hall (Cedar City), in the afternoon.
   - The local governments were asked to review maps and confirm or correct data and make sure to bring staff members who are knowledgeable about household data.
   - Future meeting: early 2026 to address growth projections.

5. **Transportation Expo Discussion**
   - **Venue:** Festival Hall, Cedar City (18 booths capacity).
   - **Confirmed Participants:** Cities, CATS, consultants, school district (pending), UDOT, law enforcement/public safety, Inland Port (pending), Patchwork Parkway, etc.
   - Discussion about having project displays for the SS4A, the Interconnectivity study, ect.
   - Possible UDOT Projects for Display:
     - I-15 south Cedar interchange and widening
     - I-15 northbound climbing lane (MP 43–56)
     - SR-56 Iron Springs Road high-T intersection (with Iron Springs Road improvements)
   - Suggestion for a dedicated booth for the South Interchange project (public feedback needed). Other UDOT projects may be consolidated to a shared booth.
   - RPO will have a separate booth to raise awareness of its role and transportation priority list.
   - Invitations to the general public, elected officials, and candidates. VIP-style invitations to elected officials (without creating a meeting).
   - Flyers, banners, social media, city radio programs, podcasts.
   - Special invitations to Transportation Commissioners.
   - Consider general comment cards plus project-specific comment cards.
   - Sign-in at the front desk with an email column to build an email contact list for future outreach.

6. **Transportation Priority List**
   Specific updates noted:
   - Costs may not be accurate on projects & C40.
   - Adjustments were made throughout to projects C5, S21, C7, S22, ST16. Additional details for these projects are on the attached Transportation Priority List.

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- Nate to circulate simplified concept reports for local entities to update projects.
- Longer-term need to update concept plans and cost estimates.

*Note - The Chair and Vice Chair had to leave. The remaining items were tabled and the meeting was adjourned.

7. **Transportation Projects/Studies/Updates**
   - Discussion tabled

8. **Other Discussion Items**
   - Discussion tabled

9. **Next Meeting**
   - The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025 in Parowan.

10. **Adjourn**
    - The meeting adjourned at the end of agenda item 6.