



Five County
Association of Governments



Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee September 3, 2025 Draft Minutes

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Five County AOG Building, Conference Room, 1070 W 1600 South, St. George, UT

Conducting: Kyle Gubler, Chairman

Members Present:

- Kyle Gubler, Chair, LaVerkin City
- Monty Thurber, Vice Chair, St. George City
- Wayne Perterson, for Angela Rohr, Leeds
- Casey Stratton, for Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City
- Paul Mogle, for Blake Fannesbeck, Washington City
- Jay Sandberg, St. George City
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City
- Todd Edwards, Washington County
- Tom Jorgensen, for Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Cameron Gay, UDOT
- Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville
- Blake Fannesbeck, Washington City

Other Attendees:

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- Llyod Sutton, St. George City
- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Radhika Bhandari, Dixie MPO
- JayCee Finicum, Dixie MPO
- Susan Savage
- Rochelle Gardner
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Travis Marden, JUB Engineers
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves

Members Absent or

Excused:

- Virgin Representative

1. Administrative

- **Minutes Approval:**
The committee approved the minutes from the August 6, 2025 meeting with a Motion by Cameron Cutler and a Second by Monty Thurber.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
Chairman Gubler announced that the October DTAC meeting is canceled. The next DTAC meeting will be held on **November 5, 2025**

2. Planning

a. Review of Project Selection Criteria

Myron Lee led a review of the project selection criteria and concept report form.

- Application Requirements: Include project title, description, contact info, cost estimate, and project timeframe as listed in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Funding Eligibility: Discussion covered potential qualification for carbon reduction and transportation alternatives programs.
- Unified Plan Goals: Evaluations will address safety, economic vitality, maintenance responsibility, and multimodal mobility.
- **Revisions Suggested:**
 - Remove redundant questions on local plan consistency and regional significance.
 - Combine purpose and need into one question.
 - Retain right-of-way and utility impact items as essential.
 - Clarify wording for access management and consider merging connectivity and circulation questions.
 - Staff will refine and simplify the criteria language for clarity and consistency.

b. Review of Funding Sources for the 2026–2030 TIP

- Staff provided an overview of anticipated revenues and fund balances for the 2026–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Overall funding projections remain strong, with revenues expected to exceed programmed amounts; however, timing differences in project obligations occasionally create short-term deficits.
- The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is projected to reach a \$1.7 million balance by 2030, with approximately \$600,000 currently available for smaller active transportation projects.
- The committee discussed opportunities to use TAP funds for projects that meet federal environmental requirements, such as trail and sidewalk connections, highlighting the Southern Parkway Trail as a potential regional effort.
- All eligible TAP projects must appear in the region’s Long-Range Transportation or Active Transportation Plan, and staff will review these plans to ensure consistency and update them as needed.

3. Local Project Status Updates

a. FHWA

- No update.

b. Hurricane

- The 100 North Streetscape Project remains under construction and is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving.
- The city has begun design work on three new projects.
- Hurricane is coordinating with the Conservancy District, UDOT, and Utah State Parks to construct a new southern access and complete an interchange into Sand Hollow State Park, supporting improved connectivity and recreation access.

c. Ivins

- The Highway 91 Project (Phase II) is 99% complete and turned out very well, with excellent pavement smoothness achieved through a successful skid patch leveling course.
- A roundabout project at the New Hamlin Parkway and Snow Canyon Parkway intersection is currently in design and is anticipated to go out to bid in October.

d. LaVerkin

- No report.

e. Leeds

- No report.

f. St. George

- Several traffic signal projects are underway.
- Multiple chip seal projects are in progress across the city.
- The 700 East project is nearing completion, expected to wrap up within the next few weeks. Transit service will include a stop and loading area near the cemetery along the trail route.
- The SR-7 Trail project is currently advertising for bids, with the bid opening anticipated in approximately three weeks.

g. Santa Clara

- No report.

h. Toquerville

- The bypass road has officially opened to traffic. Work continues on the north and south tie-ins, which are expected to be completed by the end of October. The new route provides improved connectivity between Zion National Park and I-15, with the current speed limit posted at 50 mph on both ends.

i. Transit

- Transit building project on Brigham Road scheduled to go to City Council for award in late September.
- Current ridership steady (~1,000 riders in April); new payment system implemented. Uptake remains modest.

j. UDOT

- SR-18: Coordination with city is complete. PS&E is scheduled for late October. Advertising in Spring then starting construction in next season.
- I-15 Widening: Design proceeding despite rescinded NEA grant; PS&E scheduled for late November.
- St. George Blvd. (SR-34): Ongoing construction with completion expected late November.
- I-15 project from the Arizona state line to Cottonwood Creek has several sections completed.
- SR318 is complete.
- I-15 southbound milepost 16–20: a geometry review is scheduled for October, with plans to advertise in the spring and begin construction next year to add a third southbound lane on I-15.
- SR-9 (La Verkin to National Park): Recent construction complete.
- Virgin River Bridge fencing project to advertise late September. Construction planned late Fall or Winter
- SR-7 Passing Lanes: 90% review in October; advertise in winter; build next spring.
- Veyo Bridge: Phase 2 underway with strain gauges installed to assess structural integrity.
- Snow Canyon White Rocks Trailhead: Completed and open.

k. Virgin

- No report.

l. Washington City

- Pre-construction meeting held for 500 W/Telegraph signal. Construction to begin Sept. 15 and be completed before Thanksgiving.

m. Washington County

- Additional paving projects are ongoing at Kolob Terrace.
- Chip Seal project in Enterprise.
- Discussion on Lumen fiber upgrades: noted significant neighborhood impacts and multiple resident calls regarding the scale of work.

4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines

- **September 16, 2025:** DTEC Meeting
- **November 5, 2025:** Next DTAC Meeting (October meeting canceled)

5. Adjournment

Kyle Gubler, Chairman, called the meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM.