

DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2025

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor – Chairman
Justin Sip, Toquerville City Mayor-Vice Chair
Victor Iverson-Washington County Commissioner
Bruce Adams, UDOT Commissioner -Via Zoom
Kurt Ivie, Washington City Council
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council
Dannielle Larkin, St. George City Council
Pattie Wise-La Verkin City Council
Michelle Randall-St George City Mayor-Via Zoom
Bill Hoster-Leeds City Mayor-Via Zoom
Ben Shakespeare-Santa Clara City
Jean Krause, Virgin Town Mayor

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT OR EXCUSED

Nanette Billings-Hurricane City Mayor

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbra Bruno-Springdale City Mayor
Adam Snow-Washington County Commissioner
Gil Almquist-Washington County Commissioner
Jim Evans-Transportation Commissioner
Kress Staheli-Washington City Mayor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chris Hart determined a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. Consider Minutes of June 17, 2025 Meeting

MOTION: Motion by Councilwoman Dannielle Larkin to approve Minutes of June 17, 2025. Motion Seconded by Mayor Justin Sip and carried by a Unanimous vote.

b. Review public comments and consider adoption of the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the Dixie MPO Transit TIP.

Myron Lee-Dixie MPO Director, stated that only 1 comment was received during the comment period. It was more for clarification than an opinion. Mayor Sip asked about the Western Corridor project. It is currently a phase 2 need but listed under phase 3 funding. It will move to the phase 2 listing phase 2 funding at the 2027 Regional Transportation Plan. (See attachment)

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Justin Sip to adopt the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the Dixie MPO Transit TIP. Motion Seconded by Councilman Jimmie Hughes and carried by a Unanimous vote

c. Consider Planning Grant Applications recommended by DTAC

Myron Lee-Dixie MPO Director presented the requests from Hurricane City and Ivins City.

Hurricane City is asking for \$30,000 from the MPO. The total cost for the study will be \$100,000, Hurricane City is willing to contribute the remaining funding.

Ivins City is asking for \$100,000. An update to their master transportation plan will be \$80,000. The remaining \$20,000 will be used to complete a utility fee study.

MOTION: Motion by Councilwoman Dannielle Larkin to approve Grant Applications Recommended by DTAC. Motion Seconded by Mayor Justin Sip and carried by a Unanimous vote

d. MPO Trails Sub Committee Presentation on Trail Etiquette and Signage

Dannielle Larkin St. George Councilwoman and Lloyd Sutton from St. George City presented the highlights from the 1st Trail Etiquette Committee meeting. This committee is the first of its kind in the state. The meeting was successful in highlighting what needs to be addressed. (See Attachment)

e. Introduction to the Statewide Electrification Initiative

Myron Lee-Dixie MPO Director shared Michael Masquelier had a family emergency and asked this item be moved to the next DTEC Meeting agenda.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gil Almquist to approve moving Item e. Introduction to the Statewide Electrification Initiative to the next DTEC meeting. Motion Seconded by Mayor Justin Sip and carried by a Unanimous vote

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

- SR-91 Walk-through scheduled Monday for final.
- The Historic Canal trail in Washington is out for bid.

b. UDOT Updates

- Working with City for Bluff Street updates
- I-15 Mile marker 6-8, the grant was rescinded, and currently working through what the next step will be.
- St. George Boulevard project underway and should be completed by November.
- 1-15 Mico resurfacing complete
- SR-18 Quail Lake Turn complete
- SR-9 La Verkin to Zion near completion
- Virgin River fencing moving forward and will be sent out for bids.
- SR-7 Mile 15-17 is 90% done
- Snow Canyon White Rock is complete

c. Federal Updates

Gary Webster from Senator Lee's office updated everyone that Senator Lee is working on Energy production and a roadless rule giving everyone more options for transportation

Kyle Wilson from Congresswoman Maloy's office shared that the Congresswoman held a summit last week, which included energy and mining attendees. 25 years of permit process fixes were reviewed. Everyone in attendance brainstormed ideas for additional fixes going forward.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC-September 3, 2025

DTEC September 23, 2025-Schedule change due to MPO scheduling conflicts

ADJOURN

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 01:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis