

Transportation Advisory Committee (DTAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kyle Gubler, Chair, LaVerkin City
- Monty Thurber, Vice Chair, St. George City
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City
- Blake Fonnesbeck, Washington City
- Jay Sandberg, St. George City
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City
- Todd Edwards, Washington County
- Tom Jorgensen, Ivins City
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Cameron Gay, UDOT

MEMBERS ABSENT or EXCUSED:

- Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville
- Nick Lehman, Town of Virgin

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Radhika Bhandari, Dixie MPO
- JayCee Finicum, Dixie MPO
- Llyod Sutton, St. George City
- Thomas Nguyen
- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Nicholas Gayer, Avenue Consultants
- Susan Crook
- Rochelle Gardner
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Travis Marden, JUB Engineers
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Trista Nielson, Greater Zion
- Leslie Fonger, Greater Zion
- Spencer Montgomery, JUB Engineers
- Brandon Weight, Civil Science
- Judith Roghli, CSU
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

Conducting: Kyle Gubler, Chairman

1. Administrative

a. Consideration of Minutes from September 3, 2025

Myron Lee opened the discussion noting that the minutes under review appeared to be from the previous meeting. A clarification was made regarding an earlier clerical error under the St. George section—an incorrect reference to a “Western Corridor Study” that should have been attributed to “South.” Myron Lee confirmed that the correction had already been noted and that no additional amendment was needed. The Committee confirmed approval of the September 3, 2025 minutes as presented.

2. Planning

A. Introduction of Thomas Nguyen, Dixie MPO Transportation Planner

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.

- DTAC will be able to program approximately \$2 million of STP funds to capacity projects.
- The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is projected to reach a \$1.7 million balance by 2030, with approximately \$600,000 currently available for projects that meet federal environmental requirements, such as trail and sidewalk connections.
- 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.

C. Presentation of Concept Reports for the 2026–2030 Transportation Improvement Plan

- Pioneer Parkway 10' Shared Use Path
Merrill Road widening from Harvest Lane to 20 East
Hamblin Parkway – Ivins, Santa Clara
River Road Widening – Benchmark Drive to White Dome Drive
CRP/TAP – Trail Etiquette Signage (St. George)
CRP/TAP – Audible Pedestrian Signals (St. George)
CRP/TAP – Feasibility and Concept for trail (Mathis Park to Fire Lake)

D. Request to Expand Scope of Sheep Bridge Trail Project (No transcript discussion provided.)

3. Local Project Status Updates

Cameron Gay provided detailed updates on several ongoing UDOT and regional transportation projects:

- I-15, Milepost 6–8: The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) package is anticipated to be completed by the end of November. Coordination continues with FHWA partners to address a remaining funding shortfall. Project advertisement is targeted for spring 2026. Right-of-way documentation is in final review, and environmental clearance has been completed.
- St. George Boulevard Improvements: Work is nearing completion, with only minor outstanding items such as pedestrian push-button installations and replacement of damaged signs. Final cleanup efforts are ongoing.
- I-15 Southbound Passing Lanes (MP 15–20): Project plans are progressing, with a 60% design review expected by the end of the year. The goal is to finalize design by spring 2026 and begin construction during the summer season.

- SR-9 Virgin River Bridge Fencing: The fencing project is currently in advertisement, with bid opening expected near the beginning of 2026.
- SR-7 Southbound Passing Lane (up the hill section): Plans are approximately 90% complete. A PS&E review will occur this week, with advertisement anticipated shortly thereafter.
- Veyo Bridge: Cameron Gay reported on the ongoing assessment of the Veyo Bridge, which has been under a two-phase improvement and analysis process.
 - Phase 1: The initial phase focused on reopening the bridge to restore traffic operations safely after prior structural concerns were addressed. This phase was completed successfully.
 - Phase 2: The second phase involves a comprehensive structural and load analysis to evaluate long-term stability, stress behavior, and potential reinforcement or rehabilitation needs. Instrumentation was installed to monitor structural movement, vibration, and stress distribution. The data collection and analysis process has been completed, and the engineering team is now preparing a final report summarizing the bridge's condition and recommending potential corrective actions.
 - Next Steps: Upon receipt of the final report, UDOT will review the engineering recommendations to determine appropriate mitigation or reconstruction strategies. Cameron emphasized the importance of continued monitoring to ensure safety and functionality until a long-term solution is finalized.

Washington City Update

- 500 West & Telegraph Signal: Activated November 4, 2025. The project, partly developer-funded, was expedited to improve traffic flow near Walmart and the adjoining retail corridor prior to the holiday season.
- Country Way (formerly Went Landfill Road): Overlay work is underway, involving fabric installation, repair of distressed sections, and application of a three-inch asphalt overlay. The existing base material remains in good condition, providing a solid foundation for the improvements. The project represents a joint funding collaboration between Washington County, the landfill, and Washington City.

No new updates were reported for Hurricane, Ivins, LaVerkin, Leeds, Santa Clara, Toquerville, Virgin, or Washington County.

4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines

- November 18, 2025: DTEC Meeting
- December 3, 2025: DTAC Meeting (includes a luncheon; members invited to arrive by 12:30 PM)

5. Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:55 PM.