

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County AOG Conference Room

St. George, UT

Conducting: Monty Thurber, Vice-Chair – Mr. Thurber determined a quorum was present and called the DTAC meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Jay Sandberg, St. George City
- Monty Thurber, Vice Chair, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Todd Edwards, Washington County
- Tom Jorgensen, Ivins City
- Blake Fonnesbeck, Washington City
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Cameron Gay, UDOT
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Nick Lehman, Town of Virgin
- Kyle Gubler, Chair, representing LaVerkin City
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Kohl Furley, Leeds

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Thomas Nguyen, Dixie MPO
- Paul Mogle
- Lloyd Sutton, St. George City Active Transportation Coordinator
- Susan Crook
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Rochelle Gardner, citizen from Leeds
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Mayor Elect
- Susan Savage, citizen from Leeds
- Spencer Montgomery, JUB Engineers
- Travis Marden, JUB Engineers
- Brandon Weight, Civil Science
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A. Consider Minutes from November 5, 2025.

Blake Fonnesbeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2025 meeting as presented. Cameron Gay seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved with a verbal vote on the motion.

2. PLANNING:

A. Review of funding sources for the 2026-2030 TIP.

Myron Lee displayed a spreadsheet of the 2026-2030 TIP and noted that \$3.6 million of Statewide Transportation Program – Small Urban funds are available to

program along with \$800,000 of Carbon Reduction Program and Transportation Alternative Program funds.

B. Presentation of Concept Report Ratings / Project Selection for TIP 2026-2030 Funds

Myron Lee distributed a rating and ranking sheet on each of the projects nominated for funding at our last meeting.

Discussions ensued and discovered that the Pioneer Parkway Pedestrian Path project nominated by Santa Clara more closely fit within the TAP or CRP category and should be removed from the STP_SU_DMPO list and placed on the TAP/CRP list.

Monty Thurber questioned whether the Mathis Bridge to Fire Lake Trail Study would be eligible for funding because it is not on the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan. Funding requests for other projects have been rejected for that reason in the past. Nate Wiberg noted that segments of the project are on the MPO plan and that the project is listed on UDOT's recently compiled Utah Trail Network plan, therefore he thought it should be eligible.

Discussions ensued and the group discovered that funding levels were sufficient to program funds to all of the nominated projects if one or more of the projects is partially funded.

Distin Mouritsen made a motion to fund all of the CRP and TAP projects including the Mathis to Fire Lake study, Pioneer Parkway Path, Trail Etiquette Signage, and Audible Pedestrian Signals with 2026 and 2027 funds. Cameron Cutler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a verbal vote.

Further discussion ensued on how to spend the \$3.6 million of STP_SU_DMPO funds. Cameron Cutler suggested that the MPO fully fund the Merrill Road Widening and Hamblin Parkway projects and program the remainder of available funding to the River Road Widening Project.

Cameron Cutler made a motion to recommend to the DTEC that funding be programmed to:

- a. Merrill Road Widening (\$1,025,530 with a \$74,470 local match)
- b. Hamblin Parkway (\$795,844 with a \$57,791 local match)
- c. River Road Widening (\$1,800,000 with a \$130,709 local match)

Dustin Mouritsen seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a verbal vote.

3. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

- A. Hurricane – No updates at this time.
- B. Ivins – Ivins is preparing start up a new roundabout near the entrance to Black Dessert in January.
- C. LaVerkin – No updates at this time.
- D. Leeds – No updates at this time.
- E. St. George City – Cameron Cutler reported the George Washington Bridge project has been advertised. The City has completed a traffic signal project near the new Costco building east of I-15 Exit 2.
- F. Santa Clara City – No updates noted.
- G. Toquerville – A big development is under way on the west side of I-15 that will impact traffic in the near future.
- H. Transit – Work on a new transit master plan is underway.
- I. UDOT – Cameron Gay reported that Bluff Street from Main to St. George Boulevard is ready for a 90-percent plan review. The I-15 widening from 6-8 has completed the 90-percent plan review. State officials are looking for funding sources to replace the loss of an \$87 million federal grant and remain hopeful a solution will be found. The St George Boulevard project is open and functioning. The I-15 SB Passing Lane project is anticipated to advertise in late spring 2026 with construction expected next summer. The Virgin River Bridge fencing contract has been awarded. The SR-7 passing lane project is expecting a spring/summer construction.
- J. Virgin – no updates.
- K. Washington City – Blake Fonnesbeck reported that Country Way, previously known as Landfill Road is completed and open.
- L. Washington County – Todd Edwards reported that Sheep Bridge Road project is moving along. The County hopes to complete the project by spring.

4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. December 16, 2025 – DTEC meeting
- B. January 7, 2026 – DTAC meeting

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.