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**LPC Housing Subgroup**

The ULCT is gearing up for the Legislative Session and has “assured” us that detached ADU’s will come up in the session. This group is giving input on size restrictions, placement on lots, design consistency with primary residences, lot size, and whether it applies in all municipalities or just those with over 5,000 residents.

Parking is another hot topic, especially in areas with transit.

**Zion East Side Discovery Center**

I attended an event with state legislators and toured this site. It is expected to be completed in Fall of 2026. They are still working on securing shuttles to take visitors into the Scenic Canyon, but this will give visitors another option for “hanging out” in addition to the Visitor Center at the south entrance.

**Zion Regional Collaborative**

The ZRC has lost two funding partners and is looking for additional funding for the coordinator position. Iron County has increased the amount they contribute, and Toquerville will discuss this with their new Council. If any Springdale council members have ideas, we would appreciate that information.

Patty Wise didn’t run for office and will be leaving this group. She and I were co-chairs of the Steering Committee, and Jean Krause will take her place.

**Dixie Transportation Executive Committee**

UDOT has plans to add passing lanes on SR-9 in our area beginning in 2028.

**Mt. Carmel Tunnel and Highway Restrictions Meeting**

Randy, Rick, and I attended a virtual meeting about the upcoming restrictions. A press release will be issued on January 5 as a first step to a “lively” program of communication to tour operators, people planning trips to ZNP, local officials, etc. to prepare them for the new

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rules. The park and ride in Virgin should be up and running by March, well ahead of the June 7 implementation date.

### **Washington County Mayors Association**

I chaired my first Association meeting in person in Santa Clara in conjunction with a luncheon for newly-elected mayors and council members. We made a decision to hold our future meetings at an anchor location and to move those meetings around the County. As a start, Hildale will host February, Washington will host March, the County Sheriff will host April at the Purgatory facility, and Virgin will host May at their new building. The Association went to a Zoom format during Covid, and we are looking forward to more interaction at these monthly meetings.