

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 26, 2026**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kurt Ivie, Washington City Council  
Jarett Waite, Santa Clara Mayor  
Clark Fawcett, Hurricane City Mayor  
Adam Snow, Washington County Commissioner  
Darren Prince, La Verkin City Council  
Jimmie Hughes, St George Mayor  
Dan Catlin, Toquerville City Mayor  
Kevin Smith, Ivins City Mayor  
Wayne Peterson, Leeds City Mayor  
Bruce Adams, UDOT Commissioner -Via Zoom

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT OR EXCUSED**

Pattie Wise-La Verkin City Council  
Dannielle Larkin, St. George City Council  
Jean Krause, Virgin Town Mayor

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tomas Jacobson, UDOT Commissioner -Via Zoom  
Chris Hart, Ivins City Former Mayor – Chairman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chris Hart determined a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**BUSINESS**

**a. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair (two-year term)**

Current Chairman Chris Hart asked for nominations for the Chairman position. Commissioner Adam Snow nominated Clark Fawcett. Clark Fawcett nominated Jimmie Hughes.

Chairman Hart called for a vote with members voting first for Clark Fawcett and second for Jimmie Hughes. Mayor Fawcett received 8 votes to Mayor Hughes received 5. Chairman Hart declared Clark Fawcett the next chairman by majority vote.

Chairman Hart asked for nominations for the Vice Chairman position. Commissioner Snow nominated Jimmie Hughes. Having no other nominations Chairman Hart called for a vote.

Mayor Hughes was declared Vice Chairman by unanimous vote.

Chairman Chris Hart then excused himself from the meeting to attend to personal business and wished the DTEC members well in their work.

**b. Consider Minutes of the December 16, 2025 DTEC Meeting**

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Jimmie Hughes to Approve the Minutes from the December 16, 2025 DTEC Meeting. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Adam Snow and carried by a Unanimous vote.**

**c. Presentation-Introduction to Dixie MPO**

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO Director, reviewed the history of how the Dixie MPO started and grew to what it is today. Mr. Lee also shared several projections for the growth of the MPO.

Briefly, the MPO is a coalition of transportation planners and city officials seeking to improve access, mobility and to accommodate population growth within the urbanized area of Washington County. The MPO generates:

- The Regional Transportation Plan
- An active transportation plan
- A transit plan
- The Regional Safety Plan
- The Transportation Improvement Plan
- And a travel demand forecasting model

In 2000 decennial census, the St. George Urbanized Area met thresholds (50,000 Residents) to become a Metropolitan Planning Organization, bylaws were negotiated and written in 2001, and the MPO was founded in 2002 by agreement between Ivins, Santa Clara, St George, Washington City, Washington County and UDOT. The MPO expanded in 2013 and again in 2022 to include the cities and towns of Hurricane, La Verkin, Toquerville, Leeds, and Virgin

The MPO is governed by this body of elected policy makers; and a technical advisory committee made up of area public works directors.

The MPO is funded by:

- Federal Funding
  - Small Urban funds earmarked to the Dixie MPO (Approximately \$3 million per year)

- Planning Funds to the Dixie MPO (\$372,000)
- Transit Planning Funds (\$134,000)
- Transportation Alternative Funds (\$270,000)
- Local Match Funds
  - Member City Contributions (\$2,000 to 18,000 per member)
  - Federal Match Funds (6.77% of Awarded Federal Funds)

**d. Legislative Update**

Nate Wiberg-Dixie MPO shared several bills that the MPO will be watching during the upcoming legislative session:

- HB12 - Welton
  - Outdoor Recreation Accessibility Amendments  
This bill modifies the term "outdoor recreation project" to include the construction of trails or facilities, or improvements to trails or facilities, or acquisition of equipment for disabled or adaptive users.
  - No Appropriation
- HB128 – Defay
  - Traffic Amendments  
This bill removes the requirement to signal intention to turn when navigating a roundabout.
  - No Appropriation
- HB196 - Lee
  - Highway Designation Amendments  
This bill would allow the legislature to make special designations or name a class C (city) road. The naming of such road would not alter the duties or jurisdiction of the road, and if the legislature designates a name, the city shall remove any existing name designation and work with UDOT for installation and appropriate signage. This bill further establishes 900 South as "Charlie Kirk" boulevard.
  - No Appropriation
- SB36 – Harper
  - Transportation Commission Amendments
  - The Transportation Interim Committee recommended this bill  
Requires the Utah Department of Transportation to complete a study on the:
    - Geographic composition of each region;
    - The number of regions;
    - The efficiency of the regions; and
    - The use of resources of each region.
  - Report the findings of the study by Nov. 1, 2026
  - shall study the office
  - The Department shall study the office of executive director of the department and the required qualifications of the executive director position.

- makes technical changes
- After May, 6 2026, Commissioners shall serve a term for 4 years.
- No Appropriation

**e. DTEC Meeting Schedule for 2026**

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO Director, presented the 2026 DTEC meeting schedule. Generally the MPO Executive Council will meet on the Third Tuesday of the month. DTEC will meet February 18 due to the previously scheduled Dixie Transportation Expo.

**MOTION: Motion by Councilman Kurt Ivie to Approve the 2026 DTEC Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Adam Snow and carried by a Unanimous vote.**

**REGIONAL UPDATES**

**a. Local Government Updates**

- St. George City had the Airport Control tower Beam signing January 20, 2026
- BLM will be issuing the record of decision on the Northern Corridor any day now.

**b. UDOT Updates**

- Once the record of decision is released, UDOT will secure permits for construction to begin.
- SR-18 is scheduled to advertise on February 14, 2026, and work to begin early summer 2026
- The I-15 project from Exit 6 to Exit 8 will be designed as a full project instead of a partial one at no additional cost.
- Mile 16-20 Passing lane will be advertised as a full project for construction.

**c. Federal Updates**

Gary Webster shared that there was a 1000 mini-bus bill presented the morning of January 20, 2026.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

DTAC – February 4, 2026

DTEC – February 18, 2026

Transportation Expo-February 17, 2026

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Kevin Smith to adjourn. Motion Seconded by Mayor Dan Catlin and carried by a Unanimous vote.**

Having no other business, Chairman Fawcett adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis