



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MINUTES

Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

January 07, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

(Note: Prior to the ICCOG Meeting)

Kanarraville Town Hall
40 South Main Street
Kanarraville, UT 84742

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Clayton Calloway
Mayor Mollie Halterman
Mayor Jim Rushton
Commissioner Paul Cozzens
Mayor Dakota Veater
Mayor Tyler Allred
Mayor Steven Nelson

REPRESENTING

Brian Head
Parowan
Enoch City
Iron County
Paragonah
Kanarraville
Cedar City

MEMBERS EXCUSED

REPRESENTING

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nathan Wiberg
Dan Jessen
George Colson
Brett Hamilton
Chris Hall
Commissioner Ken Robinson
Commissioner Mike Bleak
Brando Stewart
Hayden White
Paul Bittmenn
Kirk Thornock
Darin Bushman
Rep. Carl Albrecht

REPRESENTING

FCAOG
Parowan
Iron County Emergency Management
Iron County
UDOT
Iron County
Iron County
UOSH
Enoch
Cedar City
UDOT
FCAOG
Utah Legislature



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I. Welcome/Quorum Declaration

Mayor Mollie Halterman called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM. A quorum was declared. Members and guests were welcomed, including several new attendees

II. Approve Minutes for November 05, 2025

Mayor Mollie Halterman entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 05, 2025.

Motion: Mayor Clayton Calloway motioned to approve the minutes from November 5, 2025.

Second by: Commissioner Ken Robinson

Vote: Unanimous approval

III. Rural Planning Organization Functions

Presentations were provided by Chris Hall, Rich Wilson, Dan Jessen, and Nate Wiberg.

Key points included:

- Overview of the purpose and value of the RPO, particularly coordination among state, county, and municipal partners.
- Emphasis on collaboration to ensure effective long-range transportation planning and regional prioritization.
- Importance of unified regional advocacy when pursuing transportation funding and grants.
- Explanation of the RPO's role in maintaining the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Corridor Preservation Priority List, both of which inform UDOT and funding decisions.
- Recognition of recent staff transitions and the value of continued participation and knowledge sharing.
- There was an explanation that the RTEC and COG are responsible for the management of long-range transportation planning and interlocal transportation coordination in Iron County

IV. Cedar Valley Belt Route Corridor Preservation - Parcel E-0186-0000-0000

Brett Hamilton presented a request for corridor preservation funding for the Cedar Valley Belt Route (Parcel E-0186-0000-0000).

Key details:

- Proposed acquisition of approximately 3.4 acres (100-foot-wide right-of-way). The property is a just northeast of the Iron Spring Rd. and SR-56 Intersection
- All property on this acquisition will be used for corridor preservation.
- The Advisory Committee recommended approval.



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- Updated total funding request: \$61,480, which includes land acquisition, appraisal, and closing costs.

Motion: Mayor Steve Nelson motioned to recommend approval of funding for Parcel E-0186-0000-0000 of the Cedar Valley Belt Route corridor to the Council of Governments (COG).

Second: Mayor Clayton Calloway

Vote: Unanimous approval

Result: Motion carried.

V. Corridor Preservation Policy Updates

Nathan Wiberg presented updates to the Corridor Preservation Policy.

Highlights:

- Policy revisions primarily clarify and simplify existing procedures; no substantive policy changes.
- Addition of clearer, graphic process flowcharts for:
 - Corridor Preservation Priority List process.
 - Corridor Preservation Funding process.
- Renaming of one planning document from “Priority List” to “Long-Range Plan” to reduce confusion.
- Aligns the process with state code requirements and supports consistency amid staff and elected official turnover.

Motion: Mayor Clayton Calloway made a motion to recommend approval of the updated Corridor Preservation Policy to the Council of Governments.

Second by: Commissioner Ken Robinson

Vote: Unanimous approval; no opposition.

Result: Motion carried.

VI. UDOT Updates

Major updates included:

- Parowan Bridge Replacement: Advertised; construction anticipated to begin sometime in 2026.
- I-15 southbound lane widening from mile post 38-43 is in design. Construction is anticipated for late summer.
- The project on Mile post 43 to 56 is still in progress.
- The bridge and roundabout project at the Kanarraville exit will likely begin in the next few months.
- SR-143 pavement rehabilitation is expected to begin this summer
- SR-14, mile post 7.2 to 12.5, pavement rehabilitation is expected to begin this summer.
- Old Highway 91 (Enoch): Federal-aid project anticipated to begin in spring 2026.



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- UDOT provided some funding for the Fiddler's Canyon Trail extension.
- SUU roundabout project is nearly complete.
- Cedar City 800 West extension from 750 North to Coal Creek Road is expected to be finished this summer. There are some right-of-way issues that need to be taken care of.
- Iron Springs Road interaction with SR-56 will be signalized and will be constructed in the summer.
- South Cedar Interchange and widening project is underdesign and the plans should be 60% complete in approximately one month.
- Trail feasibility study from Cedar City to Enoch is complete.
- Iron Springs Road reconstruct project that is adjacent to the widening project. UDOT is looking for a way to do those on the same schedule.
- Drainage repair on the Black Ridge in Washington County.
- Enoch/Cedar Interconnection feasibility study is still underway. This project will identify what projects need to be done so the intersections that connect those two cities don't fail. Several options have been considered at this point.
- Pavement preservation on SR-130 from mile post 9 to Minersville will begin this summer
- Pavement preservation SR-56 from Burl Junction to Iron Mountain will begin this summer
- South Parowan Interchange study is in progress.

VII. Local Transportation Projects/Studies/Updates

Mayors, commissioners, and staff provided local updates, including:

- Paragonah
 - Working to get all involved parties on the same page for a town wide water project and working to determine what needs to be done to move the project forward.
- Parowan
 - Working with UDOT on a potential speed study on 200 South.
 - Working on a sidewalk project on 200 South so kids don't have to ride their bikes on the highway.
 - Traffic Impact study for a 170 acre development.
- Kanarraville
 - Kanarraville received a grant through the Utah Outdoor Recreation Initiative for additional parking for Kanarraville Falls.
- Iron County
 - Repair and redirect Gold Springs Road.
 - Widening Iron Springs Road. Using material locally to offset some costs.
 - The County's Capital Facilities Plan is in progress.
 - SS4A Demonstration Grant has been awarded.



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VIII. Other Discussion Items

No additional discussion items were raised.

IX. Next Meeting

- Date: March 4, 2026
- Location: Cedar City

X. Adjourn

Mayor Mollie Halterman entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mayor Clayton Calloway motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Received

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Time: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:01 PM