

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 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
Joey Campbell, Toquerville City Council
Kevin Smith, Ivins City Mayor Via Zoom
Wayne Peterson, Leeds City Mayor
Bruce Adams, UDOT Commissioner
Natalie Larsen-St George City Council
Dannielle Larkin-St. George City Council

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT OR EXCUSED

Jean Krause, Virgin Town Mayor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark Fawcett determined a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. **Consider Minutes of the January 20, 2026 DTEC Meeting**

MOTION: Motion by Councilmen Ivie to Approve the Minutes from the January 20, 2026 DTEC Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Campbell and carried by a Unanimous vote.

b. **Consider A TIP Amendment to Swap the Timing of Two Projects (PIN #'s 22214 and 20938): Western Corridor (Old Highway 91 to GAP Canyon Parkway) and Hamblin Parkway (Snow Canyon Parkway to Old High**

Myron Lee-Dixie MPO Director stated that MPO would like to move money from 2026 to 2029 for the Western Corridor environmental study and design. This move would allow more money to be allocated when needed. In exchange, funding from the Hamblin Parkway Project in 2029 would move forward to 2026/2027. (See Attachment)

c. Transportation Expo Report

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO Director, shared the final account that attendance was around 735, down about 100 from last year. There was lots of positive feed back regarding increasing the biking trails throughout the community. There were several attendees expressing gratitude for the Northern Corridor. Some residents shared concerns regarding the western corridor. City representatives shared that similar positive feedback was received during the expo.

d. Legislative Update

Nate Wiberg-Dixie MPO shared several bills that the MPO is continuing to watch during the current 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.
- SB151-Harper
 - Public Safety Funding Amendments
 - This bill transfers up to \$2M in funding from the Transportation Fund to the Department of Public Safety to hire new highway patrol troopers. It also appropriates \$3M from the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted Account for the same purpose. It also makes other changes to firefighter insurance premiums, etc.
- SB242-Harper
 - Transportation Amendments
 - This transportation omnibus bill makes a number of changes, however the most notable include: (1) Amending the distribution of "fifth-fifth" local option sales tax .10% transit funds, (2) Amending provisions regarding "Highway reduction strategies" applicable to Salt Lake City, (3) allows \$3M in TTIF funds to be used for rural bus replacement, under certain conditions, (4) authorizes use of TTIF and ATIF for corridor preservation, and (5) other various changes for the Utah Department of Transportation's administration of various programs
- SB247-Buss
 - Road Funding Amendments
 - This bill removes outdated code, and updates the minimum average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel to no less than \$2.67 cents per gallon (current minimum set at \$1.78). The current minimum has unintentionally decreased the gas tax, and setting to \$2.67 cents sets this at the current floor.

- HB12 - Welton
 - Outdoor Recreation Accessibility Amendment
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- HB128 – Defay
 - Traffic Amendments
 - This bill removes the requirement to signal intention to turn when navigating a roundabout.
- HB196 - Lee
 - Highway Designation Amendment
 - 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.
- HB282-Dailey/Provost
 - Changes the transportation fund earmark from 26.24% to 19.24%.
- HB275 - Fitesemanu
 - Traffic Safety Amendments
 - This bill creates a red light camera pilot program.
- HB381 – Cutler
 - Electric Mobility Device Amendments
 - Replaces existing age-based e-bike restrictions with a safety certificate option for riders 8-15 years old. Establishes a helmet requirement for e-bike riders under 21 on public roads. Strengthens disclosure rules for non-e-bike electric vehicles and makes many technical changes to reduce confusion between e-bikes and electric motorcycles.
- HB425– K.Peterson
 - Local Government Fees Amendments
 - This bill authorizes a municipality or county to impose a transportation utility fee (TUF). It (1) would require a reasonable relationship between the fee imposed and benefit / need for service, (2) conduct a study to set the fee, (3) when calculating traffic counts for the fee, must exclude the day of the week which has the lowest traffic counts, (4) impose different TUF rates for different classifications of users, including commercial and residential, (5) requires a public hearing before imposing a TUF, (6) would requires that TUFs expire after 10 years. The bill also prohibits public safety and broadband fees
- HB481-Christofferson
 - Transportation Modifications

- This bill primarily makes technical changes to various transportation related programs, including (1) Repealing the clean fuel vehicle program - which has also been repealed federally, (2) Ensures that B&C road funds are distributed at least quarterly - providing greater flexibility to UDOT for distribution, (3) Directs local corridor preservation funds to go directly to the local government, instead of passing through UDOT. (4) Allowing UDOT to lease certain facilities that serve the Cottonwood Canyons area, (5) Allows that real property necessary for the construction of a commuter rail project (FrontRunner) is maintained under municipality or county jurisdiction for land use authority upon completion of the project.
- HB505-Thurston
 - Vehicle Tax and Fee Amendments
 - This bill reorganizes code, and makes certain changes related to vehicle registration fees. This is a technical bill, that is intended to be revenue neutral. More info is needed on the impact of this bill.
- HB575-Roberts
 - Fuel Tax and Supply Amendments
 - This bill would temporarily reduce the gas tax. Currently, the gas tax is 37.9 cents per gallon (CPG), which is based on an average rack price of 2.67x14.2%. This bill would reduce that rate to 31.9cpg from July 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026 (a 6 cpg temporary reduction). These reductions would reduce revenue to UDOT and to cities and counties. This bill also makes certain changes regarding right-of-way and permitting for certain oil and gas pipelines.

e. Presentation-Review of Long Range Plan Chapters 2 & 3

Myron Lee-Dixie MPO Director-reviewed chapter 2 of the long-range transportation plan. Population and vehicle growth are projected to double in growth in the next 20 years. The next update to the plan is due June 2027. The MPO is starting the updates with current information. Chapter 3-vision document was last updated in 2007. An update is being explored.(see attachments)

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

- Santa Clara is interested in joining the Suntran network

b. UDOT Updates

- A declaration of opposition has been filed in the Northern Corridor lawsuit.
- Mile 16-20 Passing lane will be advertised as a full project for construction.

c. Federal Updates

Gary Webster shared that there was a 150 million left budgeted for bridges and highway transportation bills.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC –March 4, 2026

DTEC – March 17, 2026

ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to adjourn. Motion Seconded by Mayor Jimmie Hughes and carried by a Unanimous vote.

Having no other business, Chairman Fawcett adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis