



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MINUTES

Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

March 04, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

(Note: Prior to the ICCOG Meeting)

Cedar City Council Chambers
10 North Main Street
Cedar City, UT 84720

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mollie Halterman
Mayor Jim Rushton
Mayor Tyler Allred
Mayor Steven Nelson

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Commissioner Paul Cozzens
Mayor Dakota Veater
Mayor Clayton Calloway

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nathan Wiberg
Dan Jessen
George Colson
Brett Hamilton
Chris Hall
Paul Bittmenn
Kirk Thornock
Darin Bushman (Online)
Myron Lee (Online)
Ryan Robinson
Richard Wilson
Bret Howser
Kent Fugal
Merilee Wilson

REPRESENTING

Parowan
Enoch City
Kanarraville
Cedar City

REPRESENTING

Iron County
Paragonah
Brian Head

REPRESENTING

FCAOG
Parowan
Iron County Emergency Management
Iron County
UDOT
Cedar City
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Dixie MPO
Enoch
Iron County
Brian Head
Cedar City
Iron County



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1. **Welcome/Quorum Declaration**

Mayor Mollie Halterman called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. A quorum was declared. Members and guests were welcomed.

2. **Approve Minutes for January 7, 2026**

Mayor Mollie Halterman entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 07, 2026.

Motion: Mayor Tyler Allred motioned to approve the minutes from January 7, 2026.

Second by: Mayor Jim Rushton

Vote: Unanimous approval

3. **Elect a Chair & Vice Chair**

Mayor Halterman entertained a motion to elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion: Mayor Tyler Allred Motioned to Elect Mayor Mollie Halterman as Chair and Mayor Clayton Callow as vice Chair

Seconded by: Mayor Steve Nelson

Vote: Unanimous approval

4. **Transportation Expo Updates**

Presenter: Nate Wiberg

Key points:

- The most recent Transportation Expo was held in October.
 - The advisory committee recommends moving the event earlier in the year to the third Thursday in September, using the same venue.
 - Proposed time change: 1:00–6:00 PM instead of 3:00–7:00 PM.
 - Members discussed balancing accessibility for working residents and improving advertising to improve attendance.
 - This item was informational only and did not require a formal vote.
- General consensus supported experimenting with earlier hours while improving outreach.

5. **UDOT Updates**

Presenter: Chris Hall

Project updates included:

- South Cedar / I-15 Corridor:
- South Cedar Interchange design is moving forward



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- An additional southbound passing lane near the Iron County line is nearing 90% design completion. The date for advertising and construction is currently unknown, but may be late this summer or next year.
- South Parowan Interchange Study – delayed due to GIS system issues; to be presented at a future meeting.
- North Cedar / Enoch Connectivity Study – currently wrapping up and expected to be presented at a future RTEC meeting.
- Chris Hall invited questions on other UDOT projects but none were raised.

6. Local Transportation Projects/Studies/Updates

Enoch

- Preparations are underway for upcoming Highway 91 work.

Parowan

- Estimated start date for the Parowan Main Street Bridge: April 20, 2026. The project must be completed by the end of 2026.

Cedary City

- Submitted an application through the Joint Highway Committee for the Providence Center Drive Extension, from the south dead end to South Mountain Drive. The project ranked high in the Small Urban Program and appears likely to receive funding, pending final approvals by the Transportation Commission.

Brian Head

Shuttle Stops

- The Town is currently out to bid for three shuttle stop locations, including crosswalks. The project aims to improve multimodal transportation in the town core.

Iron County Updates

- Sunrise Engineering was selected as the Construction Engineering Management Team to oversee the Iron Springs Road project. They are the same group that is working on the High T intersection on Iron Springs Road and SR-56
- County and cities received formal federal documentation for the awarded SS4A Demonstration Grant. Funds will be used for non-permanent safety improvements (e.g., striping, signage). Kimley-Horn will manage the project. Safety enhancements will be distributed countywide, including wider striping to reduce lane departure crashes. Local matching funds will apply, with coordination continuing with municipalities and UDOT.



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7. Other Discussion Items

- George Colson stated that they wouldn't be able to file for federal reimbursement for infrastructure damage unless there is a major disaster such as a massive earthquake. The state made it clear to him that they have very limited funds.
- There was a discussion about the RPO bylaws. An elected official can send someone in their place to maintain a quorum, but there was emphasis on having the elected officials come, as it leads to greater county wide coordination.
- Nathan Wiberg will be sending out the Corridor Preservation Priority List for review.

8. Next Meeting

- Date: May 6, 2026
- Location: Iron County Courthouse

9. Adjourn

Mayor Mollie Halterman entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mayor Steve Nelson motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Mayor Tyler Allred

Vote: Unanimous approval.