

# DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County AOG Conference Room

St. George, UT

**Conducting: Monte Thurber** – Mr. Thurber determined a quorum was present and called the DTAC meeting to order.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Blake Foncesbeck, Washington City
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City  
Public Works Director
- Casey Stratton, Santa Clara City  
Public Works Director
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Monty Thurber, Chair, St. George  
City, Engineer Associate/Traffic  
Coordinator
- Todd Edwards, Washington County
- Tom Jorgensen, Ivins City
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds
- Wes Jenkins, St. George City

### MEMBERS ABSENT or EXCUSED:

- Nick Lehman, Town of Virgin

### OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Thomas Nguyen
- Leslie Fonger, Washington County
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Trista Nielson, Washington County
- Susan Crook
- Spencer Montgomery, JUB  
Engineers
- Travis Marden, JUB Engineers
- Nick Gayer, Avenue Consultants
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineers
- Casey Stratton, Santa Clara City
- Lloyd Sutton, St. George City

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

### A. Consider Minutes from March 3, 2026.

**Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026 meeting as presented. Wayne Peterson seconded the motion.**

**The motion was approved with a verbal vote in the affirmative.**

## 2. PLANNING:

### a. Bylaw Review

Myron distributed a copy of the MPO Bylaws and noted several changes and edits needed to align them with current operational practices. The MPO now has 13 voting members instead of 8. The Bylaws no longer need to specify that three jurisdictions need to be present to form a quorum. Signatures need to be updated

and local match funding updates were recommended. Other formatting discrepancies were also noted.

**b. Active Transportation Working Group Report**

Thomas Nguyen reported that the Active Transportation Working Group met last week for the first time. They discussed what the group wants to focus on, how they want to strengthen coordination between the cities and collaborate with the schools and colleges of the area.

Feedback was received, performance measures were reviewed, and some changes were recommended in the wording of our goals and objectives.

**c. MPO Financial Report**

Myron reviewed the past and expected federal funding sources available for the operation of the Dixie MPO. The level of federal funding expected in FY2027 will rise to \$680,000 which will also require a raise in the local match amount.

**d. Consider increasing the Local Match Share from \$6,000 to \$6,500.**

A proposed increase to the local match share for FY2027 and beyond was discussed. The group determined that setting the match at \$6,600 would be the most effective approach to minimize the likelihood of additional increases in subsequent years.

**Cameron Cutler made a motion to increase the local vote share from \$6,000 to \$6,600. Kyle Gubler seconded the motion.**

**The motion was approved with a verbal vote in the affirmative.**

**3. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES**

- A. **MPO** – Thomas Nguyen announced that a federal notice of funding opportunity is out for the SS4A program for Implementation Grants and for Demonstration Projects. The program is a competitive program with \$1 Billion in funding available nationwide. The MPO will assist any MPO city in an application process, but the deadline is coming fast.
- B. **MPO** – Myron noted that Nate Wiberg is working on a TIP update and will need to meet with each city individually to capture a list of planned projects in the next five years.
- C. **Hurricane** – Hurricane City has several really cool road projects in design and will be kicking off a new Master Road Planning effort soon.
- D. **Ivins** – Thomas Jorgensen reported that the roundabout project is nearly complete. The 200 East gap fill project is finished.
- E. **LaVerkin** – No updates at this time.
- F. **Leeds** – No updates at this time.
- G. **St. George City** – Cameron Cutler reported:

- a. SR-7 Exit 5 interchange project. The design is nearly ready to submit to the UDOT Structures Group. Once that process is complete (in about August) the city will negotiate the acquisition of rights-of-way and proceed toward an agreement with developers in the area to build the project. The city will also ensure that the SR-7 trail connections are completed.
  - b. The George Washington Boulevard project is underway. The bridge is under construction and the roadway portion should be out to bid latter this summer.
  - c. Gap Canyon Parkway – Ground water is being pumped out of the south end of the project. The city hopes to finish the design on the north end of the project within the next 30 days and get that section under construction soon.
- H. **Santa Clara City** – No updates at this time.
- I. **Toquerville** – Toquerville is a month or two away from having a new master transportation plan and is experiencing a housing construction pickup.
- J. **Transit** – Chris Pearson reported that St. George City is nearly ready to begin phase one of a transit study to upgrade the SunTran system. A new park-and-ride lot in Virgin is complete; the site is already seeing a great deal of success and the line is seeing a spike in ridership.
- K. **UDOT** – Chris Hall reported:
- a. Bluff Street from Main to St. George Boulevard has identified Interstate Rock as the contractor to build the project. The bid came in below the engineers' estimate and will begin construction once the contractor can obtain the pipe required for the project.
  - b. The I-15 widening from MP 6-8 is continuing to progress. State officials added more funding to the project and anticipates advertising the project in mid-May.
  - c. The SR-7 Passing Lane project through the S-Curve will be under construction this fall.
  - d. The I-15 SB Passing Lane project is anticipated to advertise in late spring 2026 with construction expected this summer.
- L. **Virgin** – no updates at this time.
- M. **Washington City** – Blake Fannesbeck reported:
- a. Merrill Road is closed off from Harvest Lane to 240 West for about another week or two for the installation of a sewer system.
  - b. The Main Street phase one project design kick-off meeting is scheduled within the next month or two.
- N. **Washington County** – Washington County is working on a bridge maintenance project in New Harmony, and the Sheep Bridge Road is continuing through the Environmental Assessment phase.
4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
- A. April 21, 2026 – DTEC meeting
  - B. May 6, 2026 – DTAC meeting

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.