

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2026**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Clark Fawcett, Hurricane City Mayor
Adam Snow, Washington County Commissioner
Jimmie Hughes, St George Mayor
Dan Catlin, Toquerville City Mayor
Kevin Smith, Ivins City Mayor
Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town Mayor
Bruce Adams, UDOT Commissioner Via Zoom
Natalie Larsen-St George City Council
Dannielle Larkin-St. George City Council
Jean Krause, Virgin Town Mayor
Kurt Ivie, Washington City Council
Jarett Waite, Santa Clara Mayor

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT OR EXCUSED

Darren Prince, La Verkin City Council

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Bruno-Springdale City 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 March 17, 2026 DTEC Meeting**

MOTION: Motion by Councilwoman Larkin to Approve the Minutes from the March 17, 2026 DTEC Meeting. Motion seconded by Mayor Waite and carried by a Unanimous vote.

b. **Consider Bylaw Changes Recommended by Dixie MPO Advisory Committee**

Myron Lee-Dixie MPO Director asked for input on the changes recommended by the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee. Changes of note include updating the jurisdictions that make up the MPO, a clearer definition of what constitutes a quorum for action items, and updated local match shares. Mr. Lee explained these updates are needed as the areas listed grow and transportation needs evolve. (See attached)

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Ivie to Approve the Bylaw Changes recommended by the Dixie MPO Advisory Committee. Motion seconded by Mayor Waite and carried by a Unanimous vote

c. MPO Financial Report and Presentation of the Unified Planning Work Program

Myron Lee-Dixie MPO Director shared the Unified Planning Work Program Draft with everyone in attendance. Mr. Lee indicated that due to rising costs the program would need funding adjustments made in 2027. The funding adjustments would be minimal but are critical sources of funding for the MPO. (See Attached)

d. Consider increasing the Local Match Share from \$6,000 to \$6,600

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO Director, explained how increasing the local match share is needed due to increasing costs and demands of the MPO.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Catlin to Approve the Unified Planning Work Program and increase the Local Match Share from \$6,000 to \$6,600. Motion seconded by Mayor Peterson and carried by a Unanimous vote

e. Presentation and Discussion on Community Centers

Nate Wiberg-Dixie MPO introduced Ajla Hadzialijagic, planning and budget officer for the governor's office. Miss Hadzialijagic informed the committee a survey went out to all 29 counties in Utah seeking information on Community Centers. The Survey helped define a Community Center, identify core values, shared goals, risks and constraints, and opportunities for greater collaboration. Miss Hadzialijagic shared several highlights of incorporating Community Centers into long-range development and transportation plans.

Thomas Nguyen Dixie MPO-highlighted the MPOs involvement in identifying several locations for city centers and some center concept plans/drawings

Use the link for the slideshow presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/13VbiMmqPGXD2MypQAQwZFBj4WA-mXINQZiJ7SH10BUk/edit?usp=sharing>

f. Consider a Request from St. George City to move MPO Programmed funds from the SR-7 Exit 5 Interchange Project to I-15 Widening Exit 6 to Exit 8

Cameron Cutler-St. George City asked for approval to move monies from the Exit 5 interchange project to the I-15 Widening Exit 6-Exit 8 project. This move would allow the city to better utilize current funds. Mr. Cutler wanted to confirm the City's commitment to

the SR-7 Exit 5 interchange project will not go away, it will just allow the city to use different funding sources.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve the St Geroge City's request to move MPO programmed funds from SR-7 Exit 5 interchange project to I-15 Widening Exit 6 to Exit 8. Motion seconded by Mayor Smith and carried by a Unanimous vote

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

- Washington City Shared a meeting with state, local, and congressional officials regarding the Purgatory Road went extremely well
- St. George City shared thanks for an exceptional partnership with UDOT, and officials from the Senator's office were impressed with the partnership

b. UDOT Updates

- The UDOT Commission just approved 67 million in project funding to replace federal funding on the I-15 Exit 6 to 8 project.
- The South Bluff street project should start in early June 2026

c. Federal Updates

Gary Webster shared that Senator Lee is working on a highway fund bill. The bill will shift funding for highways from federal to state

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC –May 6, 2026

DTEC – May 19, 2026

ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Catlin to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mayor Hughes and carried by a Unanimous vote.

Having no other business, Chairman Fawcett adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis