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Post Office
The mayors of Virgin, Rockville, and I had a conversation with three representatives of the United States Postal Service (one in Washington, D.C., and two in Las Vegas) and a representative of Congresswoman Maloy's office. Our priority at this time is to help Virgin get their post office back. Of course, the response is that the USPS is out of money and can't open any new post offices anywhere. Meanwhile, we've learned of many cities and towns in the state of Utah that are in the same situation. Mayor Krause of Virgin will lead the effort to continue the conversation.

Zion Regional Collaborative
ZRC no longer has enough funding to support a full-time coordinator position, and we are looking for someone local that would be willing to work with us on an as-needed basis. The Steering Committee has made a decision to expand the Committee to non-funding entities in order to communicate on a wider basis. All invitees have accepted the invitation, so we have a total of 12 Steering Committee members. New, first-time members are Kane County and UDOT.

Housing and Land Use Advisory Committee
This committee has resumed its meeting schedule in order to work with legislators as the 2027 Legislative Session approaches. The Moderate Income Housing Plans will move to a second version, but we expect that municipalities under 5,000 residents will remain exempt from filing the plan.

TRT Allocations
I requested and received a spreadsheet from the Greater Zion Visitor and Tourism Office showing the amount of TRT generated in Washington County over the last ten years. As you can see from the attached summary, Springdale is second in the amount of money generated but is getting a much lower percentage back than most of the other "top-generating" communities. I think we can agree that we are more impacted by visitation than any other community in Washington County, and this will be good information to have as we think about future TRT applications.

Washington County Mayors Association meeting
Toquerville hosted our monthly meeting and gave us an update on their city. They currently have 800 residential units, and there are over 5,000 “entitled” to be built. They estimate that the buildout will take 15 to 20 years.

We reviewed the TRT summary referenced above and had a lively discussion with the two County Commissioners who attended the meeting. Shortly after, Tom Dansie had a good discussion with Greater Zion and those two Commissioners about our needs.

Washington County TRT / TRTT Collection and Expenditures
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	Apple Valley	Hildale	Hurricane	Ivins	La Verkin	Leeds	Rockville
Percentage of total county TRT	0.34%	0.53%	10.88%	4.47%	3.80%	0.04%	0.42%
$ generated in municipality	$428,158.82	$686,428.17	$3,222,292.04	$5,629,976.50	$4,782,895.71	$56,327.46	$553,688.14
Direct payments to municipality	$0.00	$0.00	$3,469,638.50	$1,500,000.00	$18,436.62	$0.00	$0.00
Direct payments as a percentage of dollars generated in municipality	0	0%	25.33%	26.74%	0.38%%	0	0

	Santa Clara	St. George	Springdale	Toquerville	Virgin	Washington City	Washington County
Percentage of total county TRT	3.74%	35.99%	21.96%	0.26%	3.40%	7.38%	6.76%
$ generated in municipality	$4,713,485.21	$45,303,821.73	$27,643,807.32	$332,986.29	$4,285,962.45	$9,287,825.48	$8,512,545.53
Direct payments to municipality	792,035.00	11,884,621.00	2,671,961.00	0.00	0.00	2,500,000.00	8,809,947.32
Direct payments as a percentage of dollars generated in municipality	16.80%	26.23%	9.66%	0.00%	0.00%	26.90%	103.38%

Notes:
Minimum percentage required to be used for promotion was 47% for most of the ten-year period and is now 44%
Maximum available for projects after promotional deduction was $66,714,831.05 A31Spending was $55,078,988.66.
County TRT was increased from 4.25% to 4.5% in 2025.