DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
August 5, 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 Fonnesbeck, Washington City
- Cameron Gay, UDOT
- Monty Thurber, Chair, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Tom Jorgensen, Ivins City
- Todd Edwards, Washington County
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds
- Cathy Hasfurther, St. George City
- Casey Stratton, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Lloyd Sutton, St. George City
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Tom Jorgensen, Ivins City
- Nick Lehman, Town of Virgin

MEMBERS ABSENT or EXCUSED:

- Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Thomas Nguyen, Dixie MPO
- Carlos Besana, Dixie MPO
- Nathan Wiberg
- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Spencer Montgomery, JUB Engineers
- Susan Crook
- Travis Marden, JUB Engineers

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A. Consider Minutes from June 3, 2026.

Blake Fonnesbeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026 meeting as presented. Todd Edwards seconded the motion.

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

2. PLANNING:

A. Consider request from Santa Clara to shift funding from the Pioneer Parkway Shared Use Path to the Tuacahn Wash Trail

Casey Stratton reported that the engineer's estimate on the Pioneer Parkway exceeded available funding so the city is requesting to move the MPO funding from Pioneer Parkway to the Tuacahn Wash Trail. This trail would connect a large trail system from the east boundary of Santa Clara to another system to the west boundary. It would also connect up to Hamblin Parkway and back into the Ivins trail network.

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The engineers' estimate for the Tuacahn Wash Trail came in at about the amount of the available funding.

Kyle Gubler made a motion to recommend the funding shift requested by Santa Clara City from the Pioneer Parkway Trail to the Tuacahn Wash Trail for Executive Council approval. Todd Edwards seconded the motion.

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

B. Consider request from Santa Clara City to reduce the scope of PIN 20938 Hamblin Parkway (Highway 91 to Red Mountain Dr.). The new project would be built on Hamblin Parkway from Rachel Drive to Red Mountain Drive.

Casey Stratton reported that funding constraints will also not allow for the full Hamblin Parkway project. Santa Clara has met with Ivins City, and UDOT to come up with alternatives. The group devised a plan to complete the section of Hamblin Parkway from Rachel Drive to Red Mountain Drive with current available funding and allow the municipalities and future development projects in the area to eventually connect the road all the way through.

Casey also expressed an interest in swapping the federal funds for state funds on the project. Cameron Gay said that small urban projects are difficult to swap but indicated that he would look into possible alternatives.

Todd Edwards made a motion to recommend the scope changes requested by Santa Clara City to the Hamblin Parkway project to the Executive Council for their approval. Kyle Gubler seconded the motion.

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

C. FY2027 Project Nomination Report Form review.

Carlos Besana presented changes to the 2027 Project Nomination Report Form. The form has been updated as requested in June and emailed out last week for review by this body. He asked if any further changes might be needed.

The committee agreed to use the form in October and keep an open mind in identifying any further edits. Carlos was thanked for his time spent in this effort.

D. Travel Demand Model –

- **FINAL request to update TAZ data**
- **Discussion on moving forward with the RTP needs list**
- **Discussion on RTP cost estimates.**

Myron Lee presented that MPO staff have worked with all the member cities to update socioeconomic date in each of the Traffic Analysis Zones. Next steps will be to use the updated data to create a needs list, apply cost estimates to the

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projects on the needs list, and work toward a funding constrained prioritization list.

Myron passed out the cost estimate spreadsheet tool developed by UDOT, and the four MPO's in Utah. He requested that Advisory Committee Members review the numbers and advise MPO staff if they are sufficient to create credible project cost estimates.

E. Review of public comment period on the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Myron indicated that the TIP Public Comment Period closed at the end of July. The MPO widely advertised comment period but received no comments.

F. Consider recommending the 2026-2030 TIP for adoption by the Dixie MPO Transportation Executive Council

Myron called for a final review of the 2026-2030 TIP and requested a favorable recommendation to the Executive Committee. A spreadsheet was provided to the committee with new projects and funding amounts highlighted in yellow.

Arthur LeBaron made a motion to recommend the 2026-2030 TIP to the Executive Council for their approval. Kyle Gubler seconded the motion.

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

G. Consider Resolution FY-2027 – 01 Urban Transportation Planning Process Certification

Resolution FY-2027 – 01 was presented to the committee. The resolution formally self-certifies that the Dixie MPO's metropolitan transportation planning process complies with applicable federal requirements, including requirements related to civil rights, accessibility, air quality, disadvantaged business enterprises, and transportation planning. It also authorizes submission of the certification to UDOT, FHWA, and FTA as part of the TIP/STIP approval process, effective July 1, 2026.

Kyle Gubler made a motion to recommend Resolution FY-2027 – 01 to the Executive Council for their approval. Arthur LeBaron seconded the motion.

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

3. **LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES**

A. **Hurricane –** Hurricane City Reported:

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a. Highway ramps on Exit 19 of SR-7 will be under construction in September.
b. The Hurricane City Master Transportation Plan update is underway.
c. The city has finished a rehabilitation of the pavement on 700 West.
d. Hurricane received a grant for an EA on the Paw Tempe Virgin River Trail – a five-mile segment of trail going up the river from the Dean Cox Bridge at Confluence Park up to SR-9.

B. **Ivins –** Tom Jorgensen reported that Ivins City is working on their master transportation plan update and will separate the plan from the transportation utility fee section.
C. **LaVerkin** – Kyle Gubler reported that the Water Conservancy District just broke ground yesterday for a water reuse project. They're going to put in a settling pond and work with the city to improve its pressurized irrigation system.
D. **Leeds** – No updates at this time.
E. **St. George City** –
    a. Cathy Hasfurther reported that the George Washington Boulevard Extension project bids tomorrow. The City's chip sealing projects are starting this weekend and will run through the month of August. Projects include Dixie Drive, Red Hills Parkway.
    b. Lloyd Sutton reported that the SR-7 Trail project has completed an underpass under the Black Mountain Drive off ramps. The road is put back together and will be paved this week.
    c. Monty Thurber reported that all city traffic signals are now communicating via fiber optic.
F. **Santa Clara City** – Casey Straten reported that Santa Clare just completed a million square feet of slurry seal projects.
G. **Toquerville** – No updates at this time.
H. **Transit** – No updates at this time
I. **UDOT** – Cameron Gay reported:
    a. Bluff Street from Main to St. George Boulevard is underway with Interstate Rock working days and nights through next spring.
    b. The I-15 widening from MP 6-8 expecting bids by Sept. 10. A $23.5 million grand was received from Federal Highways.
    c. The SR-7 trail projects continue to progress.
    d. The I-15 project from 16-20 is out for advertisement right now.
    e. The SR-7 Passing Lane project through the S-Curve has been awarded and should start in September.
    f. The Veyo Bridge retrofit project is in the process of selecting a designer.
J. **Virgin** –
    a. No updates at this time.
K. **Washington City** – Blake Fonnesbeck reported:
    a. Merrill Road remains closed from Harvest Lane to 240 West through the end of June for the installation of a sewer system.
    b. Washington City is also nearing the end of their master transportation plan update.
L. **Washington County –** Todd Edwards reported:
    a. The County just finished up the second phase of the Kolob Terrace Road.
    b. Ash Creek Bridge should be finishing up in the next couple of weeks.

c. Sheep Bridge Road is going through the environmental process through the BLM.
d. The County will be doing a chip seal project through the whole New Harmony area, Gunlock Road, Old Highway 91, and the Shivwits area.

4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
   A. August 18, 2026 – DTEC meeting
   B. September 2, 2026 – DTAC meeting

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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