

DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2026

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Bruno-Springdale City Mayor
Victor Iverson, Washington County Commissioner
Gil Almquist, Washington County Commissioner
Kirk Thornock, UDOT Representative
Kevin Van Tassell, UDOT Representative Via Zoom
Thomas Jacobson, UDOT Commissioner Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark Fawcett determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. Consider Minutes of the June 16, 2026 DTEC Meeting

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Catlin to Approve the Minutes from the June 16, 2026, DTEC Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by a Unanimous vote.

b. Introduction of Kelly Lund and Ivan Marrero from FHWA

Myron Lee turned the time over to Kelly Lund. Mr. Lund explained that, as a Federal Highway Representative, he works with Mr. Lee to gather the information necessary for long-term highway planning. Ivan Marrero was unable to make it to the meeting.

c. Consider Request from Santa Clara to Shift Funding from the Pioneer Parkway Shared Use Path to the Tuacahn Wash Trail

Santa Clara requested several funding adjustments due to rising construction costs. The Dixie MPO Technical Advisory Committee recommends re-allocating funds from the Pioneer Parkway Trail to the Tuacahn Wash Trail, as updated engineer estimates for the Pioneer Parkway project exceeded the available funds. The Tuacahn Wash Trail will provide an essential connection between the eastern and western trail systems through Santa Clara.

MOTION: Motion by Kurt Ivie to approve the request from Santa Clara to shift funding from the Pioneer Parkway Shared Use Path to the Tuacahn Wash Trail. Motion seconded by Mayor Smith and carried by a Unanimous vote.

d. 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.

The Council discussed shifting MPO funding from the full Hamblin Parkway segment, spanning Highway 91 to Red Mountain Drive, to a smaller portion between Rachel Drive and Red Mountain Drive. They also discussed development-related risks, particularly the reliance on the Black Desert developer to complete connecting road segments. Ultimately, it was decided to move forward with the change, as the project would be beneficial regardless of the developer's involvement.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Smith to approve the request from Santa Clara City to reduce the scope of PIN 20938 Hamblin Parkway (Highway 91 to Red Mountain Dr.). Motion seconded by Mayor Catlin and carried by a Unanimous vote.

e. Consider Resolution: Urban Transportation Planning Process Certification

Mr. Lee explained the Resolution FY2027-01, which self-certifies that the Dixie MPO process formally complies with federal requirements regarding civil rights, accessibility, and air quality.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to approve the resolution: Urban Transportation Planning Process Certification. Motion seconded by Mayor Waite and carried by a Unanimous vote.

f. Presentation from Horrocks on the Travel Demand Model

Aron Baker from Horrocks Engineering provided a technical demonstration of the regional traffic model, explaining how socioeconomic data, growth rates, and land-use inputs shape projected traffic patterns. He walked the committee through several hypothetical scenarios, including expanding the Mall Drive Bridge from five to seven lanes, illustrating how such changes influence daily traffic volumes and Level of Service indicators. He also reviewed how new infrastructure, such as the George Washington Parkway, could alter regional connectivity and potentially create induced demand. The presentation concluded with a brief discussion on

future technologies, noting that while autonomous vehicles may eventually affect headways and total vehicle counts, current modeling still relies primarily on historical growth trends and existing land-use data.

g. Review Public Comments and Consider Adoption of the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the Dixie MPO Transit TIP.

The 2027-2030 TIP was presented for formal adoption following a public comment period that yielded zero comments.

MOTION: Motion by Danielle Larkin to approve the adoption of the 2027-2030 TIP and the Dixie MPO Transit TIP. Motion seconded by Kurt Ivie and carried by a Unanimous vote.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

- Kurt Ivie discussed the approval of the Inland Port in Washington City.
- Cameron Cutler discussed the George Washington Boulevard Bridge. The contractor is excavating and currently working on the deck.

b. UDOT Updates

- Kirk Thornick discussed the following:
 - According to the contractors, a fencing project along the bridge from La Verkin to Hurricane is in the design phase.
 - The I-15 widening project from Exit 6 to Exit 8 will open bids at the beginning of September.
 - The climbing lane project through the S-Curve on Southern Parkway will begin construction, most likely in September.
 - The I-15 South-bound passing lane from Mile Marker 16 to 20 will begin construction this fall.

c. Federal Updates

Gary Webster stated the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will expire Sept 30, which will most likely be replaced by the America 250 bill for the next five years.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC – September 2, 2026

DTEC – September 15, 2026

ADJOURN

Having no other business, Chairman Fawcett adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Carissa Vera