DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.
Five County AOG Conference Room
St. George, UT

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Monty Thurber, Chair, St. George City
Wayne Peterson, Leeds
Cameron Cutler, St. George City
Tom Jorgensen, Ivins City
Blake Fonnesbeck, Washington City
Cathy Hasfurther, St. George City
Cameron Gay, UDOT
Todd Edwards, Washington County
Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville
Nick Lehman, Town of Virgin
Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City

MEMBERS ABSENT or EXCUSED:
Casey Stratton, Santa Clara City Public
Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City

OTHER ATTENDEES:
Lloyd Sutton, St. George City
Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
Carlos Besana, Dixie MPO
Chris Hall, UDOT
Nathan Wiberg
Nick Gayer, Avenue Consultants
Spencer Montgomery, JUB Engineers
Susan Crook
Susan Savage

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A. Consider Minutes from September 2, 2026.

Cameron Cutler made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2026 meeting. Cameron Gay seconded the motion.

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

B. Myron informed the DTEC Committee of some recent staff changes within the MPO. Scott Buys has replaced Thomas Nguyen as a transportation planner and Bethany Hill was hired from within the AOG as the new mobility management coordinator.

2. PLANNING:

A. Review of funding sources (small urban, Carbon Reduction, Transportation Alternative Program) for the 2027-2031 TIP.

Myron informed the group that $2.7 million is available to program toward projects in 2031 under the STP_SU_DMPO program.

An additional $610,000 is available to program for projects in 2029 under the Transportation Alternative Program.

B. Call for proposals for 2031 funds – deadlines etc.

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A call for project proposals was issued for the available TIP funds with concept reports due no later than October 28, 2026. The concept report form will be emailed out at the end of this meeting. Projects will then be presented to DTAC in November for a rating and ranking process.

C. HSIP Grant Applications -- Carlos.

Carlos Besana noted that the deadline is approaching for HSIP safety grant applications.

D. SB-195 (2025) updates.

Nate Wiberg noted that the October 30 deadline is fast approaching for a required report to the legislature. The Dixie MPO, along with the other three MPOs in Utah must report on connectivity planning and demonstrate progress leading up to the July 1, 2027 deadline in which municipalities in our MPO regions are required to have incorporated the connectivity plans into the transportation element of their general plans.

Nate has emailed out a survey to document progress toward this goal and thanked those cities who have filled out the survey. He also encouraged those who have not had a chance to finish the survey to coordinate with him to complete the task.

E. Presentation of the 2027-2055 needs list

Myron presented the 2027-2055 needs list (attached) to DTAC and pointed out that some of the projects may need to slip into future funded phases of the long-range-plan.

The needs list was a cooperative effort among the whole DTAC community. The MPO Travel Demand Model (TDM) was employed to identify projects on individual City Master Transportation Plans that could address future congestion based on TDM forecasts. The needs list is comprehensive and does not yet consider funding constraints, an effort that will be refined within the month of October.

Cities were encouraged to review and refine the cost estimates for projects on the Needs List by October 16, 2026, prior to the October 20th DTEC meeting.

3. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

A. **Hurricane –** No updates at this time.
B. Ivins – Ivins city has received a first draft of their master transportation plan from Avenue Consultants.
C. **LaVerkin** – No updates at this time.
D. **Leeds** – No updates at this time.
E. **St. George City** –
   - St George is getting close on their Master Transportation Plan update and should have it within a month.
   - GWB bridge is under construction

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- The City expects to get started on the GWB roadway within the next few weeks. The GWB project should open to traffic by spring 2027.

F. **Santa Clara City** – No updates at this time.

G. **Toquerville** – Toquerville is also working on a Master Transportation Plan update.

H. **Transit** – New facility will be ready to occupy by January.

I. **UDOT** –

- South Bluff Street project is underway
- I-15 widening project has been awarded to Wadsworth Brothers and will get under way about the first of the new year.
- The Zion fiber project on SR-9 is about 75 percent complete.
- The Utah Trail Network project adjacent to SR-7 is getting close to a 30 percent plan review.
- The I-15 widening project from mile post 15 to 20 has also been awarded and will begin construction in January 2027.
- SR-9 Virgin River Bridge fencing project will be done by the end of the year.
- The Utah Trail Network project at Half-way Wash is undergoing a consultant selection process and design will begin about the first of the year.
- The SR-7 passing lane project through the S-curve is under construction and should finish up by the end of the year.
- The SR-59 passing lane project is nearing the 60 percent design mark.
- The weigh-in-motion project at the port of entry will kick off this month.
- Chris Hall has begun work on a study that will assess the needs of I-15 through UDOT Region 4. Some stake-holder meetings will be scheduled soon and may involve many of those on the MPO committees.
- Another, more specific, I-15 interchange study kicked off this week to look at the interchanges within the MPO and what may be needed in the future.

J. **Virgin** – No updates at this time.

K. **Washington City** – Washington City reported that Ara Parkway is now open with five lanes from Washington Fields Road to Hilton Williams Road. The City is still waiting on steal for three traffic signals.

L. **Washington County** – The Ash Creek Bridge project is complete. Gunlock Road is also complete and should open tomorrow.

4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

A. October 20, 2026 DTEC meeting

B. November 4, 2026 – DTAC meeting.

5. Adjournment

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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