

**Utah Department of Transportation  
Utah Transportation Commission  
Cedar City Area Tour and Presentation  
March 19, 2015**

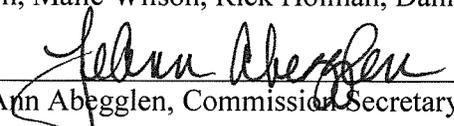
The tour departed at 11:52 a.m. from the UDOT Cedar District Offices in Cedar City. Handouts were distributed and Rick Torgerson welcomed the group on the tour, gave an overview of the tour, and introduced region staff. The bus traveled to Cross Hollow Road, where Mr. Torgerson noted this was a local road that UDOT and Cedar City did a Federal Aid funding exchange for their project. He said the city would be making a request to exchange funds for another project, which he would discuss further in the Staff Update meeting. As the bus traveled through the new South Cedar Diverging Diamond Interchange, Mr. Torgerson recounted the history of the interchange and the many mayors that have worked to get the interchange to this point. Tyrell Wood shared additional information on DDI project. The bus traveled on I-15 to the North Cedar Interchange and traveled on SR-130 through Enoch. Jim McConnell stated that the chokepoint project for SR-130 is at the top of their list for capacity projects. It will widen the roadway to five lanes for about 2.5 miles. The bus turned onto Mid Valley Road, which is a main connector to I-15. Mr. McConnell said the county is looking at a possible belt route for truck traffic, and talked about potential interchange locations for the northern connection. He also talked about the large deer population on the east side of I-15, which has deer fencing, but getting fencing on the west side of I-15 is a priority.

The bus traveled north on I-15 and Mr. McConnell commented on the prairie dog issue in the area. The bus exited at the Parowan exit and Mr. Torgerson referred to the handout. He talked about the safety issues at the interchange, due to no left turn movements when exiting northbound. They are looking at some options to address the issues. The bus traveled through Parowan and Mr. McConnell talked about the Main Street project that was completed last summer. Back on I-15, Mr. McConnell mentioned a concrete project that was recently finished on I-15 and additional truck parking that was added at the rest areas. Mr. Torgerson talked about truck traffic on I-15 and the need for the two passing lane projects. Construction on the Beaver Ridge Passing Lane project would begin in April/May of this year. Cameron Gay discussed an upcoming SR-20 project that would be using 3d design, and explained what it is and why they would be using it. Robert Dowell reported on the ATMS that is being added with projects, as well as cameras being placed in various locations and infrastructure being placed to allow for VMS in the future. He also talked about Public Private Partnerships at rest areas in the region and the pros and cons of those PPP's. The bus exited at north Beaver for a short break.

The bus continued north on I-15 through the Pine Creek Passing Lanes project that just started construction. Cameron Gay talked in detail about the project and noted the amount of work that had been done in a short time. The bus then turned around and traveled southbound on I-15. Mr. Torgerson indicated that a runaway truck ramp would be placed on SR-20 on the east side of I-15. He said there was a recent fatality when a truck lost its brakes on SR-20 and was unable to stop. The bus returned to the Cedar District Offices and the tour ended at 2:48 p.m.

Following the tour there was an economic development presentation by Iron County and Cedar City. Commissioner Alma Adams and Reed Erickson from Iron County talked about the Parowan Interchange, solar development, Cedar Valley belt route master plan considerations, and OHV travel planning. Mayor Maile Wilson from Cedar City talked about the South Cedar Interchange construction, recreation and tourism efforts, Highway 14, and the Coal Creek overpass. Daniel Stewart continued the discussion regarding rail and road access for businesses, the value of a belt route, and the push for retail business on the North Cedar City interchange area.

The following Commissioners, UDOT staff, and others attended the tour and/or presentation: Jeff Holt, Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Naghi Zeenati, Gayle McKeachnie, LeAnn Abegglen, Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Randy Park, Jason Davis, Cory Pope, Bill Lawrence, Linda Hull, John Gleason, Becky Bradshaw, Rick Torgerson, Kevin Kitchen, Jim McConnell, Kirk Thornock, Robert Dowell, Cameron Gay, Tyrell Wood, Bryan Adams, Arlene Kocher, Charlene McConkie, and Kathlene McKeachnie, Curt Hutchings, Alma Adams, Reed Erickson, Maile Wilson, Rick Holman, Daniel Stewart.

  
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LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary