

**DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
MINUTES
March 16, 2011**

PRESENT

Jim Eardley, Washington County Commission
Jerry Lewis, UDOT Commissioner
Gil Almquist, St. George City
Gloria Shakespeare, St. George City
Matt Ence, Santa Clara City
Myron Lee, Five County AOG
Larry Bulloch, St. George City Public Works Director
Curt Hutchings, Dixie MPO
Rick Torgerson, UDOT
Marreen Casper, Senator Hatch's Office
Mike Empey, Rep. Matheson's Office
Ron Whitehead, Washington County
Dean Cox, Washington County

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eardley called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. It was established that a quorum existed.

MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2011

MOTION: Motion by Gil Almquist to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2011, as presented. Motion seconded by Gloria Shakespeare and carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program / Myron Lee

Myron Lee handed out the Final Draft for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for July 2011 through June 2012, saying that it consists of the MPO's guidelines for operating over the next year. He also distributed several maps in support of the UPWP.

Mr. Lee asked for a motion from this committee to approve this program and the associated vote share. There is a funding component to this program, with the local vote share being \$7,000 per entity.

MOTION: Motion by Matt Ence to Approve the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program. Motion seconded by Gil Almquist and carried by

unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Washington Parkway/BLM Coordination Update

The consultants have completed their Washington Parkway Cost Benefit Analysis, copies of which were distributed. This study was a combined effort by the Dixie MPO, UDOT, and Washington County to explore alternative corridor alignments in order to determine which route provides the greatest congestion relief. Travel demand models were pursued by RSG to compare population projections with employment projections, against existing facilities, to predict future traffic activity. Traffic Analysis Zones are locations that traffic is expected to come from and go to; household size, income, auto availability and other data were used in the TAZs. The data came largely from the Governor's Office of Planning & Budget, census data, and individual cities' input. The current network of roads was also analyzed as to lanes, speeds, and classifications.

In the study, six different options to alleviate traffic congestion via a Northern Corridor are explored:

Option 1: Provides a direct connection between the Ledges area and the City of Leeds. The majority of the route follows an existing dirt road that runs east/west and eventually ties into Oak Grove Road.

Option 2: Provides a direct connection between the Ledges area and the Exit 13 interchange. The route partially follows the Old Turkey Farm Road and then heads east, tying into Washington Parkway.

Option 3: Extends the current Washington Parkway west past T-Bone Mesa, tying into Red Hills Parkway.

Option 4: Extends Skyline Drive east through the Green Springs Golf Course driving range, tying into Green Springs Drive.

Option 5: Provides a direct connection between the Ledges area and the Middleton area. The route follows the Old Turkey Farm Road south to Middleton Drive.

Option 6: Is a combination of Options 2 and 5.

After some discussion, it was decided that this committee prefers Option 3.

MOTION: Motion by Matt Ence that the Dixie Transportation Executive Committee Express a Preference for Option 3 out of the Six Options Listed Above (and more specifically delineated in the Washington Parkway Cost Benefit Study, dated May 16, 2011). Motion seconded by Gil Almquist and carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Lee said that the Washington Parkway Cost Benefit Study is available electronically and asked all members to disseminate copies to all possible local and congressional representatives.

B. I-15 Mobility Alliance Update

This Alliance has been meeting to prioritize projects along the I-15 corridor. Mr. Lee met with representatives this week, who told him that a case could be made for having the Alliance fund certain projects that might relieve congestion along I-15, such as the Northern or Western Corridors or Southern Parkway, the Mall Drive Underpass, and others.

C. Long-Range Plan Public Comments Review

It is requested that this committee approve this Long-Range Plan for the next four years at its June meeting. Updates have been ongoing, and the MPO feels that it is in its final stage. This Plan will be in place until it is next updated in 2015. Copies of the Plan and a set of maps that accompany them were passed out at the meeting. Mr. Lee asked for any comments or suggestions as soon as possible, because it is going to be presented to DTAC for approval at its next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gil Almquist regaled the audience with a lovely tune of his own creation:

Gibson, the little stream 🎵
Give, oh give, oh give
Give me the little stream
Or I'll take it anyway.

You're small, I know 🎵
But wherever you go
There's a big boat
Coming your way.

*So give, oh give 🎵
Oh give, some more
You really belong to
The Army Corps.*

*You haven't seen water 🎵
Since BC 4
But we don't see it
That way.*

*Jason Gibson, you make us scream
So go away, go away
Noah landed here after 40 days
So please just go away. 🎵🎵*

NEXT MEETING

- A. June 15, 2011 – Adopt Long-Range Transportation Plan

Having no other business, Chairman Eardley adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.