



EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RTEC CHAIR-TOM HIRSCHI RTAC CHAIR-ARTHUR LEBARON PLANNING MANAGER-CURT HUTCHINGS

MINUTES

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

LaVerkin City Hall

435 North Main, LaVerkin, UT

November 10, 2011, 1:30 pm

RTAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron
Mr. Derek Imlay
Mr. Lynn Olds representing
Mr. Daren Cottam
Mr. Dana Meier
Mr. Todd Edwards

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City
LaVerkin City

Toquerville City
Utah Dept of Transportation
Washington County

RTAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Hyrum Lefler

REPRESENTING:

Leeds Town

RTEC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron representing
Mayor Tom Hirschi
Mayor Karl Wilson
Mr. Lynn Olds representing
Mayor Darrin LeFevre
Mr. Rick Torgerson representing
Mr. Nathan Lee
Commissioner James Eardley

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City
LaVerkin City

Toquerville City

Utah Dept of Transportation
Washington County

RTEC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Hyrum Lefler

REPRESENTING:

Leeds Town

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Anita Lowe
Ms. Doni Pack
Mr. Curt Hutchings

REPRESENTING:

Lowe Family
Five County Assoc. of Governments
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I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DECLARATION

Mayor Karl Wilson welcomed all to the meeting and declared there was a quorum for both the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) and the Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC).

II. APPROVAL OF RTAC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

**A Motion was made by Mr. Todd Edwards, seconded by Mr. Arthur LeBaron, to approve the Minutes of the September 29, 2011 Rural Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, with the following changes: Page 9, Section VII, Item D should read Babylon"Mill" not Babylon" Hill"
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. APPROVAL OF RTEC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2011

**A Motion was made by Commissioner James Eardley, seconded by Mr. Lynn Olds who is representing Mayor Darrin LeFevre, to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2011 Rural Transportation Executive Council meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. PROPOSED CHANGES IN BYLAWS

Ms. Pack pointed out to the Members that when a Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) representative was added to both the RTAC and the RTEC, this changed the number of Members needed to make a majority quorum. Commissioner Jim Eardley noted that with six members on each Committee/Council, choosing four members for a quorum could possibly lead to a tie vote. However, requiring five Members could make it difficult to achieve a quorum. It was decided to change the number to four to make it more possible to assemble a quorum for meetings.

Ms. Pack also requested that all places that referred to "subcommittees" be changed to "workgroups" to avoid the necessity of meeting Public Meeting law requirements.

After discussion among all Members present regarding the tie vote issue and other proposed changes to the Bylaws which provide clarity, the following was decided:



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**A Motion was made by Mr. Lynn Olds who is representing Mr. Daren Cottam, seconded by Mr. Dana Meier, to approve the attached changes in the Eastern Washington County Rural Planning Organization Bylaws.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A Motion was made by Commissioner James Eardley, seconded by Mr. Rick Torgerson who is representing Mr. Nathan Lee, to approve the attached changes in the Eastern Washington County Rural Planning Organization Bylaws.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Pack said she would provide updated versions of the Bylaws at the next meetings. A copy of the previous and the revised Bylaws are attached to these Minutes.

V. **COG FUNDING AND SENATE BILL 8**

Mr. Dana Meier used a PowerPoint presentation to review Utah Senate Bill 8, and explain some of the language in the Bill pertaining to what Corridor Preservation Funds can be used for. It had come to the attention of different Members of the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) that these funds must be utilized differently in counties with a Municipal Planning Organization (MPO) than in counties without.

As an example, Corridor Preservation Funds collected in Iron County can be used to pay for the match monies required to fund the Iron County Rural Planning Organization (IC RPO). The jurisdictions of the Eastern Washington County Rural Planning Organization (EWC RPO) must provide match monies to finance their RPO.

Mr. Meier provided a copy of Senate Bill 8 to all in attendance and pointed out the wording in **Section 72-2-117.5**

(5)(d): *“Fund monies allocated under Subsection (4)(b) may be used by a county highway authority for countywide transportation planning if:*

(5)(i): *“ the county is not included in a metropolitan planning organization;”.*

Mr. Meier went on to cite **Section 72-2-117.5**

(5)(e)(i) *“Fund monies allocated under Subsection (4)(b) may be used by a county highway authority for transportation corridor planning that is part of the corridor elements of an ongoing work program of transportation projects.”*

(e)(ii) *“the transportation corridor planning under subsection (5)(i) shall be under the direction of:*

(A) *the metropolitan planning organization if the county is within the boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization;”*

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A printout of the PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Meier will be attached to these Minutes. The presentation covers additional points regarding the use of Corridor Preservation Funds.

Mr. LeBaron and Mr. Hutchings pointed out the disparity between the two situations; namely the unavailability of funds to the rural areas of Washington County outside of the Dixie MPO, including the rural EWC RPO, and the availability of funds to the IC RPO. It was suggested that a change in wording be presented to the Utah Legislature by local political representatives. Mr. LeBaron volunteered to discuss the issue with Representative Brad Last. After some discussion, it was determined that an RPO staff member, Mr. Hutchings, would draft a letter. This letter would be sent out to all EWC RPO members for their review, then a final version would be submitted to the County for signatures.

It was also decided that the RTAC would recommend that the RTEC submit an application to the Washington County Council of Governments (COG) for funds to pay for an RPO Corridor Feasibility Study.

A Motion was made by Mr. Arthur LeBaron, seconded by Mr. Todd Edwards, to recommend to the Rural Transportation Executive Council the submission of a funding request to the Washington County Council of Governments for an RPO Corridor Feasibility Study. The Study would provide a cost/benefit analysis for Babylon Road, the Toquerville Bypass, an East-West Connector Road, and Purgatory Road, at a cost not to exceed \$24,000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

After discussion between parties at the meeting, it was decided to amend the above Motion to add an additional project, the Leeds Northern Interchange. As part of that additional work, the traffic modeling for Leeds Town would include the potential impacts of the proposed Grapevine Wash development project, although Mr. Hutchings pointed out that current land use designation in that area of Leeds does not support the development plan densities.

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VI. **OTHER/FUTURE TOPICS**

A. 2012 Calendar

Meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

B. Next RTAC meeting January 26, 2012 at 1:30 in Toquerville City Hall

C. Next RTEC meeting February 23, 2012 at 1:30 in Toquerville City Hall

D. Next Council of Governments (COG) meeting is set for February 7, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Washington County Building Chambers. The Mayors meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

VII. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.