**DIXIE TRANSPORTATION** **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)**

**MINUTES**

**May 16, 2018**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Zachary Renstrom, Washington County

Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor

Jon Pike, St. George City Mayor

Wayne Peterson, Leeds Mayor

Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara Mayor

Bette Arial, St. George City

Jeff Turek, Washington City Council

Richard Hirschi, LaVerkin Mayor

Rick Torgerson, UDOT, Region 4 Director for Naghi Zeenati

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Stan Smith, Springdale Mayor

Pam Leach, Rockville Mayor

Terry Bell, Rockville Council

Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City

Ed Dickie, Santa Clara City

Chuck Gillette, Ivins City

Troy Belliston, Washington City

Mike Shaw, Washington City

Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City

Myron Lee, Dixie MPO

Dave Demas, Dixie MPO

Jay Aguilar, Five County AOG

Ron Whitehead, Washington County

Cameron Cutler, St. George City

Fred Davies, Sun Tran

Adam Snow, Congressman Stewart’s Office

Steve Call, Federal Highway Administration

Elden Bingham, UDOT

Kelly Lunt, Federal Highway Administration

Sage Stromberg, Senator Lee’s Office

Zach Wade, St. George Shuttle

CJ Wade, St George Shuttle

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Chris Hart welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. It was determined that a quorum existed for voting on action items.

**BUSINESS**

1. **Consideration of Minutes – April 18, 2018 Meeting**

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Richard Hirschi to Approve the Minutes of April 18, 2018 DTEC Meeting. Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Bette Arial and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.**

1. **Consider the FY2019 UPWP and Annual Budget**

Myron Lee explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the tasks for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the year as well as establishes the yearly budget. The budget is set at $500,000, which will be used in the planning process of the area.

Within the budget, there is a $5,000 vote share paid by ten (10) of the twelve (12) voting members. Washington County and the State of Utah provide in-kind services and therefore, do not pay the vote share amount.

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Jon Pike to Approve the FY2019 UPWP Annual Budget. Motion Seconded by Mayor Rick Rosenberg and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.**

1. **Consider Planning Grant Requests**

Mr. Lee explained that the Planning Grant program has $150,000 set aside in the UPWP budget to be used for planning and studies in cities of need.

* + 1. **Town of Leeds – Master Transportation Plan/General Plan**

The Town of Leeds is requesting $35,000 to be used for a master transportation plan and general plan update.

* + 1. **City of Hurricane – Right-of-Way Feasibility Study**

Hurricane City is requesting $30,000 for a road alignment study on the south side of the Virgin River in the Babylon Road area. A plan would be created to align Babylon Road on the south side to potentially connect on the north side.

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Richard Hirschi to Approve the Planning Grant Requests of $35,000 for Leeds and $30,000 for Hurricane. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Zachary Renstrom and carried by a unanimous Vote.**

**REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS**

1. **JPAC Report – Rick Rosenberg**

Mayor Rick Rosenberg reported that the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC) was held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 in Salt Lake City.

Items discussed included Senate Bill (SB) 136; Utah’s Unified Plan, 2019-2050 development, phasing, and financial assumptions.

An education initiative was also discussed for the Our Schools Now Program, which would increase B&C Road funds.

1. **Park and Ride – Zachary Renstrom**

Washington County Commissioner Zachary Renstrom explained that the County has been discussing potentially collaborating with the private sector in an effort to create a park and ride transit system from St. George to Springdale.

St. George Shuttle representative CJ Wade explained that a partnership with St. George Shuttle could provide the means to collaborate with the County and Cities in order to fund a shuttle service between St. George City and Springdale to and from Zion National Park. This effort would be in conjunction with the current efforts by the cities to create a self-sustainable transit system.

The Committee determined that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would need to be advertised in order to potentially contract with St. George Shuttle. However, St. George Shuttle will come before the Committee again to present in further detail at the next scheduled DTEC meeting.

1. **Planning Process (2019 Funding Constraints) – Myron Lee**

Mr. Lee presented on funding constraints within the Planning Process and noted that within the next year DTEC policy makers will need to consider various funding assumptions for the 2019-2050 Long Range Plan.

In the earlier (2015-2040) plan, the total cost of transportation needs was sixty-seven point five ($67.5) billion dollars.

Revenue to meet those needs was estimated at sixty ($60) billion dollars. The 2015-2040 Unified Transportation Plan identified several funding assumptions to bridge the gap between expected costs and existing revenues. Many of those “assumed” tax increases have subsequently been implemented to secure additional revenue for transportation.

As the 2019-2050 plan is written, planners will again need to look at projected costs, projected revenues and agree on new funding assumptions. The DTEC Policy body will be involved in determining those new funding assumptions.

The Travel Demand Model will be updated by the end of June which will further identify needed transportation projects to reduce congestion. These projects will then be divided into three (3) phases through 2050 and funding needs will be identified. This discussion item will then come back to the DTEC for consideration.

Sales tax options that can be used for transportation include: Local Transportation Tax, Mass Transit Tax, Additional Mass Transit Tax; and County Option Sales Tax for Roads and Transit; and the Local Option Sales Tax. The only one of these sales tax options currently being collected in Washington County is the Local Transportation Tax.

(See attached presentation)

1. **Northern Corridor Intersection Concepts (2040)**
   * 1. **Northern Corridor and Red Hills Parkway**
     2. **Red Hills Parkway and Snow Canyon Parkway**

Mr. Lee explained that Horrocks Engineers recently used the Travel Demand Model to forecast traffic on the Northern Corridor as it intersects with Red Hills Parkway and Snow Canyon Parkway at the request of DTEC members.

If the Northern Corridor were constructed by 2025, an anticipated 14,000 vehicles would be expected to use the route. By 2035, that number would increase to 18,200; by 2040, between 24,000 and 34,000 vehicles would utilize the Northern Corridor.

Several moving models were displayed of how traffic would flow through the main intersections connecting the Northern Corridor to Red Hills Parkway, Bluff Street and Snow Canyon Parkway. The anticipated traffic volumes in 2040 would be adequately accommodated by an “at-grade” intersection of the Northern Corridor at Red Hills Parkway. Also, the current interchange configuration at Bluff Street and Red Hills Parkway will be able to accommodate 2040 traffic volumes.

**e. Hot Spot Funding - UDOT**

Rick Torgerson mentioned that the UDOT Commission has designated $15 million dollars to be used for the St. George area transit project.

**UDOT/FHWA BUSINESS UPDATES**

1. **UDOT Updates**

Mr. Torgerson mentioned that the Springdale Road is now completed and open.

The west side of Bluff Street will be paved by the end of May.

1. **Federal Updates**

Adam Snow mentioned that Commissioner Cox will testify to congress on behalf of the Northern Corridor next week.

Steve Call, representative of the Utah Field Division Office of the FHA explained that the FHA is one of ten (10) transportation offices in the United States. Mr. Call mentioned that the Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) replaced the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The BUILD grants are due July 19, 2018 and have one point five ($1.5) billion dollars available nationally.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None Presented.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

DTEC meeting: June 20, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cheyenne Bentley