

**DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
MINUTES
August 15, 2018**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Zachary Renstrom, Washington County
Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor
Wayne Peterson, Leeds Mayor
Jimmy Hughes, St. George City
Jeff Turek, Washington City Council
John Bramall, Mayor Hurricane City
Richard Hirschi, LaVerkin Mayor
Bette Arial, St. George City Council, Senator Mike Lee's office
Rick Torgerson, UDOT Regional Director, Region 4 – For Naghi Zeenati

OTHERS PRESENT

Stan Smith, Springdale Mayor
Cameron Cutler, St. George City
Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City Administrator
Terry Bell, Rockville Council
Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
Troy Belliston, Washington City
Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
Dave Demas, Dixie MPO
Dean Cox, Washington County
Victor Iverson, Washington County
Fred Davies, Sun Tran
Steve Call, Federal Highway Administration
Kathy Pope, St. George Express
Lisa Rutherford, Ivins Citizen

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

a. Consideration of Minutes – June 20, 2018 Meeting

b.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Hirschi to Approve the Minutes of June 20, 2018 DTEC Meeting. Motion Seconded by Mayor Bramall and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

c. Review of Public Comments 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan

Myron Lee distributed the public comments received on the Dixie MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Twenty-five (25) of the comments suggested more attention be paid to state route 59 between Hurricane and Hildale. The MPO does not go beyond the city limits of Hurricane so those comments will be transferred to UDOT. The comments have been reviewed by the Advisory Committee and they have made suggestions.

Mayor Hart recommended that until the Board reviews the comments, it might not be appropriate to approve the 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan.

d. Consideration of 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan

MOTION: Motion by Bettie Ariel to Table the 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion Seconded by Jimmie Hughes and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

a. JPAC Report

Myron Lee updated DTEC on the last Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC) meeting that was attended, mentioning that the unified plan was addressed and Mr. Lee will email the presentation to the Board. JPAC also discussed: the environmental impact statement with Little Cottonwood Canyon, the Valley to Mountain (Park City) transit line project, and Senate Bill 136. A task force is looking at previous public/private partnerships and different solutions on transit. The MPO will have representation on the task force.

b. FHWA Report

Federal Highway Administration Representative Steve Call gave a presentation on the Federal-Aid Highway Program Overview. The Highway Trust Fund was established in 1956 and derived from gas tax. Funds are given to the State and distributed from there. For eligible highways, federal-aid is available and reimbursable but there is a match requirement according to a sliding scale. Mr. Call then explained the funding programs.

c. COG Report

Commissioner Renstrom stated that at the Council of Governments (COG) meeting the following action took place: Washington City on Merrill Road received \$400,000; Washington City was approved for a \$2 million dollar loan; funding was approved for 3650 South Corridor in Washington City for \$590,000; SR-9 to SR-59 Connection Corridor (near Grafton) was approved for \$410,000; the Chapel Street Corridor was approved for

\$550,000; and 2450 South and 3420 East Road Corridors in St. George was approved for \$700,000.

Commissioner Renstrom then ended with a reminder that if the cities have surplus property, to please work on selling the property so the funds can be returned to the COG.

d. UDOT's Move Utah Program

Heidi Goedhart was unable to attend and this item will move to a future DTEC meeting.

Mr. Call mentioned that on September 26th there is a Summit at Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City for the purpose of examining health as it relates to transportation.

e. Transit Usage and Funding Presentation

Fred Davies gave a presentation on the public transportation explaining the history in Washington County. Currently, Sun Tran has six (6) routes. There has been a recent downward trend, potentially due to a strong economy, low unemployment and low fuel costs. Few public transit systems are increasing ridership presently.

i. Federal funds 5307, 5310, 5311, 5339

Mr. Davies continued by reviewing the following FTA Grants that are Available: 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants that the Dixie MPO has programmed to Sun Tran since 2003. This grant can be used for administration of fleet maintenance vehicles, operational costs, fuel and capital purchases that improves the system; 5309 Funds are used for Rail and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). 5310 funds are for Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with disabilities and is used for operations and capital. 5311 funds are for Rural Areas with a population less than 50,000, and beginning in 2022 allocation to Washington County for transit in rural areas will be available; 5339 funds are for Buses and Bus Facilities and this is an option for the County to apply for this in the future. Local match is required for all grants and has been a limiting factor.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. UDOT Updates – Rick Torgerson

Rick Torgerson explained that the Springdale project is finishing up; the Rockville bridge project should start mid-September; widening on SR-9 between virgin and Rockville is currently taking place; I-15 Leeds job is going well. Bluff Street has made the switch over, though there are some challenges going northbound to Santa Clara with the timing of the light, but it is being worked on. The project is on schedule to be completed in November. Southern Parkway is moving forward and right-of-way acquisition is in process. There is an interchange project at Exit 16 being designed.

b. **Federal Updates**

Bette Arial had no Federal Updates.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTEC meeting: September 19, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Walkability Audit Workshop: September 27, 28, 2018

ADJOURN

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Nicholle Felshaw