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

**MINUTES**

**December 19, 2018**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor

Jeff Turek, Washington City Council

John Bramall, Hurricane City Mayor

Wayne Peterson, Leeds City Mayor

Richard Hirschi, LaVerkin Mayor

Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commission

Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council

Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara Mayor

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Victor Iverson, Washington County

Mike Shaw, Washington City

Terry Bill, Rockville City

Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City

Chuck Gillette, Ivins City

Mike Shaw, Washington City

Monty Thurbur, St. George City

Rick Torgerson, UDOT

Jeff Sanders, UDOT

Fred Davis, Sun Tran

Myron Lee, MPO

Dave Demas, MPO

Brian Thiriot, MPO

Ron Whitehead, Washington County

Cathy Paul, Salt Lake Express

Danielle Larkin, SUBA

**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 – October 17, 2018 Meeting**

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor John Bramall to Approve the Minutes of October 17, 2018 DTEC Meeting. Motion Seconded by Mayor Richard Hirschi and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.**

**REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS**

1. **Community Walkability Presentation**

Arthur LeBaron explained that walkability is a measure of how friendly an area is to walking. He then highlighted several areas within the County showing the various walkability characteristics of different sidewalk applications. Key factors of walkable sidewalks include: six (6) foot width, clear space, and level ground. Mr. LeBaron concluded his presentation by questioning the various city leaders if respective city planning allows for well-planned walkable areas to be built.

1. **Preliminary Project List for 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan**

Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization Director Myron Lee explained that projects identified by the travel demand model needed in the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan are identified by priority and separated into phase one (1), two (2), and three (3) lists. Funding needs were broken down by total state need, total regional need, state funding assumption, regional funding assumption, and remainder.

Mr. Lee demonstrated how various sales tax options, if implemented, could impact the area’s ability to meet future needs. Since the 2019-2050 RTP must be fiscally constrained, Mr. Lee called for direction from the governing body to guide the RTP process with or without additional funding sources for transportation. Mayor Chris Hart suggested that local officials have always found a way to meet the transportation needs and recommended that the RTP reflect that direction.

Mr. Lee distributed a projected population summary for each city and the county overall. The chart projects the population into 2050. Mr. Lee requested that each city review the numbers and suggest any changes before the next DTEC meeting.

(*See* attached project list and population projection)

1. **Transportation Funding – Unified Plan Approach (State TIF Funds)**

Mr. Lee explained that at the planning level, State TIF funds were originally distributed based upon population, however, other MPOs within Utah objected to that method and suggested other funding allocation methods. Other methods were explored including: historical distributions, equalized percentage of need, phase percentage of need, or blended methods. By using methods other than population-based, state projects within Washington County could potentially be delayed or pushed to an unfunded status. The Dixie MPO was successful in negotiating with the Unified Planning team to develop an approach more consistent with a population-based distribution within Washington County.

1. **Transportation Funding – Local Approach (Local Transportation Funds)**

Mr. Lee questioned the Committee about what options could be implemented in order to fund projects on the phase two (2) and three (3) project lists.

It was expressed that the County, along with a several of the cities, don’t have the desire to implement the quarter option sales tax.

**MOTION: Motion by Councilman Jimmie Hughes to Petition the County to Implement the Quarter Option Sales Tax Option.**

Motion was later withdrawn, and it was determined that a discussion item would be added to the January DTEC Agenda as well as at the January Mayor’s Meeting.

Needs need to be further examined to determine which projects will fit best into funding for the long range transportation plan.

It was also encouraged for the Mayors to have a discussion item on the long range transportation plan within their city councils.

**REGIONAL UPDATES**

1. **UDOT Updates**

Rick Torgerson mentioned that the Bluff Street grand opening is today, December 19, 2018.

1. **Federal Updates**

None Presented.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

DTAC: January 2, 2019

DTEC: January 16, 2019

**ADJOURN**

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cheyenne Bentley