

### **AGENDA ITEM # III.**

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**Subject:** Re: Five County

Mr. Thiriot,

Here are some more details about the project. We are coordinating with other groups doing similar research to obtain the majority of the data. However, other groups are not surveying with regard to consultants. That is one of our points of focus since the majority of rural communities lack the necessary planning staff to create documents such as general plans, annexation policies, etc.

Dr. Michael Clay at Brigham Young University has brought me on as the project lead as part of a rural planning project sponsored by the Utah Department of Transportation.. The project description lists six tasks that our team will complete.

1. Inventory Utah's rural communities and their planning capacity.
2. Attend AOG meetings throughout the state to better understand the land use and transportation planning needs of these communities.
3. Inventory groups, agencies, and individuals currently involved in assisting rural Utah planning activities.
4. Evaluate and review the best rural planning practices in other states.
5. Work with the RPG, AOGs, RPOs, and UDOT to identify solutions and strategies.
6. Create a recommendation for a realistic work plan to provide planning assistance to rural Utah communities.

As part of coordinating with the agencies involved in regional rural planning, we would like to meet with the executive board of your AOG. We also plan on meeting with the boards for Bear River, Five County, Six County, Southeastern Utah, and Uintah Basin AOGs. Our purpose is to catalog the planning capacity of rural Utah communities and to then provide UDOT with a report that summarizes that information and recommends methodologies to address any deficiencies discovered.

We plan on 10-15 minutes to present briefly on the project and to coordinate a survey on planning consultants used by rural communities.

If you can send me the address of the meeting along with time and date, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,  
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