



EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

MINUTES

EWCRPO JOINT MEETING

(RTAC and RTEC)

Hurricane City Hall

147 North 870 West, Hurricane, UT

October 15, 2012, 2:00 pm

RTEC

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Tom Hirschi
Mr. Kyle Gubler for Mayor Karl Wilson
Mayor Darrin LeFevre
Commissioner Jim Eardley

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City
LaVerkin City
Toquerville City
Washington County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Alan Roberts

REPRESENTING:

Leeds Town

RTAC

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron
Mr. Dana Meier
Mr. Todd Edwards

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City
Utah Dep.t of Transportation
Washington County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Alan Roberts
Mr. Daren Cottam

REPRESENTING:

Leeds Town
Toquerville City

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Mike Vercinak
Mr. Dave Demas
Mr. Myron Lee
Mr. Curt Hutchings

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City
Five County Assoc. of Governments
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I. Call to Order and Quorum Declaration

Mayor Tom Hirschi welcomed all in attendance and declared there was a quorum present for the Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC). There was not a quorum present for the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC).

II. RPO Inclusion Into the MPO - Discussion

A. Recommendation of DMPO DTAC to DTEC

Mr. Myron Lee, Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG), Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMPO) Transportation Planning Manager, gave a summary of the information presented at the Dixie MPO's DTAC meeting regarding possible inclusion of the Eastern Washington County Rural Planning Organization (EWC RPO) into the DMPO.

He began by sharing information on the governance of other MPO's within Utah. The membership, vote shares, and funding examples vary greatly between the different MPO's. This information is attached to these Minutes.

Mr. Lee next presented the options available to the Washington County DMPO as to whether to include the existing EWC RPO communities into the DMPO and under what conditions.

Attached is a chart indicating options for the DMPO.

After discussing the issue of including the RPO into the MPO, and under what terms, the DMPO Advisory Committee voted 5 – 2 to recommend to the DTEC to create a larger MPO by including the RPO. This was the first time in the history of the DMPO that there has been a dissenting vote.

There were three options for funding and assigning vote shares presented to the DTAC - Program A, B, or C (see attached chart). The DMPO voted for Program B where the cost is based on the price of a vote share and every entity has at least one vote share. LaVerkin, Toquerville, and Leeds would share one single vote and split the vote share cost. Another option would be to give LaVerkin a full vote and split a vote between Toquerville and Leeds with the vote share cost covered by the two partners.

B. Discussion by the EWCRPO Members

Members of the RTAC and RTEC had an extended discussion regarding which option they prefer. This option will be presented to the DTEC at their DMPO meeting two days hence.

It was the general consensus that the RPO members preferred to each have at least one vote citing difficulties and issues with a shared vote. Several different vote options were discussed that were somewhat different than those presented. One of the options included



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giving the larger cities additional votes so that the smaller cities would have at least one. One of the issues with increasing the number of votes was the consistency in getting a quorum at each of the meetings. It was noted that in other MPO's throughout the State with a large number of votes that this was at times a problem.

Mr. Dave Demas recalled his involvement in the original formation of the DMPO where the shares and funding were based on cooperation and mutual support. Commissioner Eardley pointed out that in the spirit of cooperation, each entity in the Council of Governments has a vote.

III. Official Request by the EWCRPO to the MPO

Ultimately, the RTEC and RTAC members present decided to recommend a combination of Vote Share Program A, where each entity has at least one vote, and Population Based Program C where the cost is based on population as determined by the GOPB after each Census. The vote only involved members of the RTEC.

A motion was made by Mayor Tom Hirschi, seconded by Manager Kyle Gubler, to recommend to the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Executive Council that they integrate the Eastern Washington County Rural Planning Organization into the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization under the following terms: that the vote shares be determined according to Vote Share Program A where each entity receives one vote except for the City of St George (which retains three votes), and where the costs be based on population as outlined in Population Based Program C. with population formula adjustments made after each census.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. Upcoming MPO DTEC Meeting

A. October 17, 2012

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Washington County Bldg.

197 E. Tabernacle St.

Downstairs Conference Rm

Lunch will be provided and those intending to attend include Mayor Tom Hirschi, Mr. Arthur LeBaron, and Mayor Darrin LeFevre along with FCAOG staff.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by motion.

Smaller MPO

Current Vote Share		
Recent Past:		\$42,000
Vote Share	\$7,000	
Votes	Total Vote Share	
St. George	3	\$21,000
Ivins	1	\$7,000
Santa Clara	1	\$7,000
Washington	1	\$7,000
Total	6 Votes	\$42,000

Future Program (Excluding RPO)		
Future Need (Excluding reserve contribution)		\$33,000
Vote Share		\$5,500
Votes	Total Vote Share	
St. George	3	\$16,500
Ivins	1	\$5,500
Santa Clara	1	\$5,500
Washington	1	\$5,500
Total	6 Votes	\$33,000

Population Based Program		
Future Need (Excluding reserve contribution)		\$33,000
		\$0.32
Population	Total	
St. George	72,897	\$23,039
Ivins	6,753	\$2,134
Santa Clara	6,003	\$1,897
Washington	18,761	\$5,929
Total	104,414	\$33,000

Larger MPO

Vote Share Program A		
Future Need (Excluding reserve contribution) (Adding more votes)		\$44,000
Vote Share		\$4,400
Votes	Total Vote Share	
St. George	3	\$13,200
Ivins	1	\$4,400
Santa Clara	1	\$4,400
Washington	1	\$4,400
Hurricane	1	\$4,400
LaVerkin	1	\$4,400
Toquerville	1	\$4,400
Leeds	1	\$4,400
Total Votes	10	\$44,000

Vote Share Program B		
Future Need (Excluding reserve contribution) (Adding more votes)		\$44,000
Vote Share		\$5,507
Votes	Total Vote Share	
St. George	3	\$16,521
Ivins	1	\$5,507
Santa Clara	1	\$5,507
Washington	1	\$5,507
Hurricane	1	\$5,507
LaVerkin	0.33	\$1,817
Toquerville	0.33	\$1,817
Leeds	0.33	\$1,817
Total Votes	8	\$44,000

Population Based Program C		
Future Need (Excluding reserve contribution) (Adding more votes)		\$44,000
Population Based		\$0.35
Population	Total	
St. George	72,897	\$25,802
Ivins	6,753	\$2,390
Santa Clara	6,003	\$2,125
Washington	18,761	\$6,640
Hurricane	13,748	\$4,866
LaVerkin	4,060	\$1,437
Toquerville	1,370	\$485
Leeds	720	\$255
Total Votes	124,312	\$44,000

MPO

Governance

Local Funding Match

Dixie MPO Hosted by AOG	8	Voting Members	Funded By Vote Share
		3 St. George City	Split per vote
		3 smaller cities (1 vote per community)	
1 County	In-Kind Contribution		
		1 UDOT	No Contribution
	1	Non-Voting Member	
		Hurricane	No Contribution

Cache Hosted by County	14	Voting Members	Funded By Population Share	
		2 Logan City	Split per capita	
		9 smaller cities (1 per community)		
		1 Transit	No Contribution	
		1 County	No Contribution	
		1 UDOT	No Contribution	
			4 Non-voting Member	
			Bear River AOG	No Contribution
			Association of Counties	No Contribution
			League of Cities and Towns	No Contribution
	Federal Highway Administration	No Contribution		

WFRC MPO hosts AOG functions	18	Voting Members	Funded by Vote Share Based on Pop.	
		4 Davis County (2 County, 2 Mayors)	<i>Each county pays a vote share; votes based on population; city votes rotate among mayors (15, 8, 16, 7, 15)</i>	
		1 Morgan County		
		8 Salt Lake (2 County 6 Mayors)		
		1 Tooele (City Mayor)		
		4 Weber County (2 County, 2 Mayors)		
			0 GOPB (as per state legislation)	\$70,000
			7 Non-Voting Members	
			Association of counties	No Contribution
			Envision Utah	No Contribution
			League of Cities and Towns	No Contribution
			State Senator	No Contribution
			House	No Contribution
			UDOT (non-voting member)	No Contribution
			UTA	Contributes all of 5303 Match

MAG Hosted by AOG	30	Voting Members	Funded By Population Share	
		24 Cities	Split per capita	
		1 County		
		1 UTA	No Contribution	
		1 Air Quality	No Contribution	
		1 House of Reps	No Contribution	
		1 State Senate	No Contribution	
		1 Transportation Commission	No Contribution	
			0 GOPB (as per state legislation)	\$70,000
			17 Ex-officio Non-Voting Members	
			FHWA	No Contribution
			Fed Transit	No Contribution
			EPA	No Contribution
			Fed Railroad	No Contribution
			Fed aviation	No Contribution
			Additional as per need	No Contribution

Flagstaff MPO Hosted by Flagstaff	6	Voting Members	Funded by Vote Share
		3 City of Flagstaff	3/5 of required match
		2 Coconino County	2/5 of required match
		1 ADOT	No Contribution