

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director, CHAIR
- Todd Edwards for Ron Whitehead, Washington County Public Works Director, Vice-Chair
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City Engineer
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town
- Jay Sandberg, St George City
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City Administrator
- Kayde Roberts for Kirk Thornock, UDOT Region Four
- Cameron Cutler, St George City, Public Works Director
- Monty Thurber, St George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Keen Ellsworth, for Ty Bringhurst - Toquerville City

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Mike Shaw, Washington City, Public Works Director
- Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City Public Works Director

VISITORS:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Curt Hutchings, FCAOG
- Nathan Wiberg, FCAOG
- Ross Burton, FCAOG
- Brady Shakespear, Jones & DeMille Engineering
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering
- Darrin LeFevre, Hurricane City
- Kye Nordfelt, SWUPHD
- Susan Crook, Conserve Southwest Utah

Mr. Chuck Gillette, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Gillette noted that a sign-up sheet was being circulated for attendees to sign.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. Consider Minutes from October 2, 2019 Meeting:** Mr. Chuck Gillette asked for comments. With no comments presented, Mr. Gillette asked for a motion to approve.

Motion to approve by Monte Thurber, second by Jay Sandberg – voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. PLANNING SERVICES:

- A. Bike Lane on Main report – Monte Thurber** – Monte was assisted in the presentation by Kye Nordfelt who helped organize the event. The purpose of the Bike Lane Event was to demonstrate what a road reconfiguration (to allow a bike lane) would look like on Main Street in St. George. The data gathered during the 2-day event hasn't been compiled yet – but will be available at the next meeting.

3. LONG RANGE PLAN:

- A. Future of Transportation report from AMPO Conference – Myron Lee** - Mr. Lee reported on the AMPO Conference that he, Dave Demas, and Curt Hutchings attended. The purpose of the AMPO Conference is to bring individuals involved in Metropolitan Planning together to show or discuss what may be coming. The workshops and data that was presented was intended to give attendees an opportunity to make plans to anticipate changes that may be coming our way. Myron will send out an email (with a link to the data) to members of the committee.

4. TIP:

A. Concept Report Review (TIP 2021 – 2024)

- Washington City – 3650 South Extension – Mr. Lee indicated that this meeting is where we typically bring in all Concept Reports and send them out for a rating and ranking. Mr. Lee stated that only one application was turned in which is for the Washington City – 3650 South Extension (Washington Fields Rd to the Southern Parkway). A discussion was held as to why no other Concept Reports were turned in.

The discussion then turned to a request from Chuck Gillette that whatever extra funds are available in STIP year 2022 be used for the Old Highway 91 project. Mr. Gillette is willing to bring (or update) the old Concept Report for the old Highway 91 project if the committee would like.

Based on the discussion – Myron Lee recommended that Chuck Gillette submit the old Concept Report for the Highway 91 project with a memo suggesting that we add funding to it which will then be taken to our next DTAC meeting for consideration.

Cameron Cutler made a motion that because only one Concept Report was turned in, it doesn't need to be ranked. However, because we have a request for additional funds on an existing Concept Report the Committee may consider that request in December. Jay Sandberg seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority voting in favor of the motion. There was one opposing vote.

5. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. **Hurricane** – finished the crossing of Old Highway 91 down by Harrisburg so that road is now open. They are now trying to figure out how then can get a paved surface on it – probably a chip seal. They also have a public hearing scheduled to officially adopt the Master Transportation plan at the next council meeting.
- B. **Ivins** – not a lot to report other than they are working on a design contract for the Highway 91 project.
- C. **LaVerkin** – the 500 north intersection where you turn off to go to Zion Park – currently has crosswalks in 3 of the 4 sections. UDOT is coming in to upgrade that to 4. Also, a little East at the intersection of Main and 590 N they are going to put in a pedestrian crossing.
- D. **Leeds** – they are having an issue with a construction company that has bought a parcel of land and are willfully trespassing on BLM land to build a road that leads from their property to Silver Reef Road where they will be moving very large amounts of rock on individual trips – which will probably destroy the road. They are interested in any ideas on how to protect the Silver Reef Road.
- E. **St. George** – they have received the environmental approval for the River Road project and are in the process of acquiring rights-of-way. They are also progressing on the installation of Signals and are in the design stage of several other locations. They are also starting to talk to property owners about the 1450 So. extension from River Road to Crosby way at the Dixie Drive interchange – with the hopes that they can use a portion of the new sales tax that the county imposes to help fund this.
- F. **Santa Clara** – no update.
- G. **Toquerville** – they are going to have open public comment in November on the reservoir which will be available for construction in January. The other thing that Mr. Ellsworth wanted to mention is that Toquerville has been approached by some very large developers about some future developments they are considering in the next 5 years which could quadruple the size of Toquerville. He has a concern over infrastructure and would like to visit with members of the committee that has experienced this type of growth and how to stay on top of it.
- H. **Washington City** – no update.
- I. **Washington County** – no update.
- J. **UDOT** – Exit 16 project will be finishing up; however, they have had issues the last couple of weeks with weather and the micro-surfacing breaking up with the cold temperatures. The micro-surfacing will be suspended until warmer weather – possible May of 2020. The traffic will not be impeded because of the delay. The Southern

Parkways will be advertised shortly. Construction will probably run 2 seasons (1 and ½ years). They also reported on 2 signals in Hurricane on SR9 that are under design.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS/DEADLINES

- A. November 20, 2019 – DTEC meeting
- B. The DTAC meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2019

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED, THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. Arthur LeBaron made a motion to adjourn, Cameron Cutler seconded the motion and voting was in favor of the motion.