

# **DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**December 4, 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
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town
- Jay Sandberg, St George City
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City Administrator
- Kirk Thornock, UDOT Region Four
- Cameron Cutler, St George City, Public Works Director
- Keen Ellsworth, for Ty Bringhurst - Toquerville City
- Mike Shaw, Washington City, Public Works Director
- Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City, Public Works Director
- Darrin LeFevre for Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- Monte Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator

### **VISITORS:**

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Curt Hutchings, FCAOG
- Dave Demas, FCAOG
- Jay Aguilar, FCAOG
- Ross Burton, FCAOG
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering
- Kye Nordfelt, SWUPHD
- Susan Crook, Conserve Southwest Utah
- Taylor Ricks, Mainline Engineering
- Brett Jensen, Lochner
- Tim O'Brien, Citizen
- Richard Brockmeyer, UDOT
- Jeff Sanders, UDOT
- Bronson Bundy, Washington City

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 – also asked attendees to introduce themselves.

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A. **Consider Minutes from October 30, 2019 Meeting:** Mr. Chuck Gillette asked for comments. With no comments presented, Mr. Gillette asked for a motion to approve. **Motion to approve by Cameron Cutler, second by Kyle Gubler – voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

2. **PLANNING SERVICES:**

- A. **Transportation Expo 2020 – Myron Lee** – The Transportation Expo is scheduled for February 11, 2020 and will be typical of Expo’s that we’ve had in the past. Of note, the Executive Committee (made up of Mayors and elected officials from each of the Cities within the MPO) has determined that the EXPO is more of a regional Expo rather than a St. George specific Expo and as such, it should fall under the auspices of the MPO. Mr. Lee expressed his thanks to St. George City for their work in the past on the Expo and is looking forward to working with them more closely in the future.

The other item of note from the Executive Committee (DTEC) is that they passed a resolution adopting the Expo booth guidelines (a copy is available at the table as you entered today) which basically states that Expo booths shall be limited to those sponsored by government entities. This resolution is currently under review with our attorney. Once the legal opinion is rendered, the resolution will be finalized.

Mr. Lee indicated that some of the Expo planning meetings have already started and that so far, it appears that everything is on track.

3. **TIP:**

- A. **UDOT Nomination Process**  
**TIF Active Transportation Projects**  
**TTIF Transit Projects**  
**TTIF First and Last Mile Projects**

Mr. Richard Brockmeyer, UDOT – gave a short presentation on the history of TIF and TTIF. He indicated that there hasn’t been a nomination process in the past to nominate projects – or a prioritization process of how we rank and score projects. He stated that the rules and guidelines can be found on the UDOT website.

Mr. Brockmeyer spent some time discussing the eligibility and process considerations involved in the nomination and ranking of these projects - which will then be considered for funding by the Commission. **Nominations are now open and available on the UDOT website.**

Mr. Brockmeyer also indicated that TIF funds are programmed through 2024, so the funds aren't available until 2025 for anything with a TIF. With TTIF – because it's a new funding source, (just became available In July of 2019) UDOT does not know how many years will be programmed, but the funding is more immediately available.

**Mr. Brockmeyer stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> step is to submit the nomination form in order to meet the eligibility requirements. Then, after it's nominated, UDOT will contact you for additional information on what's being asked in the nomination. He indicated that there is approximately \$6 to \$7 million available right now for TTIF projects for the 1<sup>st</sup> and possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> year with an expectation (subject to tax reform) that the fund will grow over time.**

With TIF (which is programmed out through 2024) there is approximately \$700 million. An additional discussion was held regarding TIF funds which, although they are used primarily for highways, can also pay for some Active Transportation projects. Mr. Brockmeyer indicated that there is not a breakdown on how much of the money will be set aside for this purpose because it is up to the discretion of the Utah Transportation Commission.

Also discussed was the requirement of having a UDOT approved Active Transportation Plan and that UDOT anticipates in each region will adopt a UDOT approved Active Transportation Plan (which is not done yet in most cases). UDOT recognizes that most of the MPO's have some form of Active Transportation Plan within the long-range plan document which is what they will be looking at for now.

**Again, the filing deadlines for Highway project nominations is Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Everything else is due January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**B. Status of Anticipated TIP Funding** – Mr. Lee discussed the spreadsheet that was handed out and indicated that there was one new application for funding this year (Washington City) and a follow-up request (Ivins City).

**C. Concept Report Review / Project Selection for TIP 2021-2024 funds**

- **Washington City – 3650 South Extension**
- **Ivins City – Old Highway 91**

Both Concept projects were discussed in detail. Mr. Myron Lee indicated that the monies involved was approximately 2.3 million. Ivins City would like \$236,000 for the Old Highway 91 project, and Washington City would like the balance (approximately 2.1 million) for the 3650 South Extension. **Cameron Cutler made a motion to approve \$236,000 for the Ivins City Old Highway 91 project and \$2.1 million for the Washington City 3650 South Extension. Jay Sandberg seconded the motion and voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

#### **4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:**

- A. **Hurricane** – No update
- B. **Ivins** – Working on Highway 91 and the Transportation Master Plan
- C. **LaVerkin** – Working on crack seal projects
- D. **Leeds** – No update
- E. **St. George** – Working on crack seal projects, and right of way for River Road widening
- F. **Santa Clara** – Getting ready to pour the deck on the new bridge and getting new traffic signals updated.
- G. **Toquerville** – Asked if anyone was familiar with Public Infrastructure Districts (PID) as they are looking into it for the bypass road project. It is basically a tax instead of an assessment. Several members of the committee were involved in a discussion regarding their experience with the PID.
- H. **Washington City** – Merrell Road is still under construction – should be done by mid-January. Bids will be opened tomorrow on the Main Street project. Washington Parkway has been awarded and hope to start construction in January.
- I. **Washington County** – no update.
- J. **UDOT** – Exit 16 is complete except for fixing some micro surfacing to clean it up and make it look a little better. They are going to restripe SR 9. Regarding the Northern Corridor EIS – there will be a public scoping meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, and they are expecting a notice of intent by the end of the year. The meeting will be held at the Dixie Center at 4:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Myron Lee encouraged members of the committee to attend the meeting. Mr. Lee indicated that the BLM and the US Fish and Wildlife are taking the lead role in the EIS and so we would be well to understand their processes. Mr. Lee will send out an email indicating the date and the time. UDOT mentioned that they have funds available of over \$800,000 with another \$350,000 next year. They are looking for GAP projects, i.e., new projects, connecting projects, etc. that they could partner with.

**6. UPCOMING MEETINGS/DEADLINES**

- A. December 18, 2019 – DTEC meeting
- B. January 15, 2020 – DTEC meeting (if needed)
- C. February 5, 2020 – DTAC meeting
- D. February 11, 2020 – Transportation Expo

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