



MINUTES
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
March 28, 2013, 1:30 pm
LaVerkin City Hall
435 North Main Street, LaVerkin

RTAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Derek Imlay
Mr. Wayne Peterson for
 Ms. Angela Rohr
Mr. Daren Cottam
Mr. Branden Anderson for
 Mr. Dana Meier
Mr. Todd Edwards

REPRESENTING:

LaVerkin City

Leeds Town Council
Toquerville City

Utah Dept. of Transportation
Washington County

RTAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Arthur LeBaron

REPRESENTING:

Hurricane City

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Aron Baker
Mr. Curt Hutchings
Mr. Dave Demas

REPRESENTING:

Horrocks Engineers
Five County Assoc. of Governments
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I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DECLARATION

Mr. Todd Edwards acted as Chair ProTem for this meeting. He welcomed all present and declared there was a quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 31, 2013

**A motion was made by Mr. Derek Imlay, seconded by Mr. Daren Cottam,
to approve the Minutes for January 31, 2013 for the
Eastern Washington County Rural Transportation Advisory Committee.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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III. CLUSTER BOUNDARY/FUNCTIONAL CLASS ROAD UPDATE

Mr. Dave Demas provided a handout that is considered the final version of the Hurricane Urban Cluster Boundary by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) still needs to approve it. The portion that extends up through Toquerville does include the proposed Toquerville Bypass road.

The Functional Class Updates are not yet finalized by UDOT. Mr. Abdul Wakil is supposed to be down in this area on April 23, 2013, just before Road School and will be meeting with staff of the Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG) Transportation Planning Office (TPO). Mr. Demas will send out Functional Class information for RTAC members as soon as he receives it from UDOT. We don't know if the members will need to be at the meeting or not.

A new version of the Federal Highway Functional Class Roads, 2012, is available and being used by Abdul Wakil of UDOT this year. Mr. Demas has a copy if anyone would like their own. Mr. Edwards would like a copy to review limits, ranges, policy, and more. Mr. Demas will send a copy out to all RTAC members.

IV. INCLUSION INTO MPO UPDATE

A. MPO Boundary

Mr. Edwards has been working with the Washington County GIS staff to create a legal description and map of the new Metropolitan Planning Boundary with the inclusion of the RPO. It is a large area, including at least four hundred square miles.

B. Draft Bylaws

Mr. Demas provided copies of the draft Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization Bylaws. Mr. Todd Edwards has reviewed it and said he didn't note any "red flags". Those present thought the Bylaws looked good.

C. Planning Organization Structure

Mr. Demas also provided a DMPO Structural Diagram that indicates the Dixie Transportation Executive Council (DTEC) as the DMPO policy body at the top of a triangle, the Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee (DTAC) as the technical committee, and both are supported by the FCAOG MPO Planning Office.

V. CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Aron Baker from Horrocks Engineering presented an update on the EWCRPO Corridor Studies Project. This Study has taken quite a while to be completed due to the decision to

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input certain new data into the model before running scenarios. Most recently Horrocks has been inputting land use data; previously it was updated population figures.

Mr. Baker said that by the middle of May, the draft of the final report should be available. Mr. Hutchings suggested adding an interim RTAC meeting before the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 23, 2013 to provide an opportunity to review the final draft.

Mr. Edwards requested that the original Scope of Work and the Final Draft be sent out to RPO members as soon as the draft is available.

VI. RPO AMERICA'S NATIONAL RPO COUNCIL OF PEERS (NADO)

Mr. Hutchings explained that this organization provides training and support for RPO's and small MPO organizations. It provides an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences between small RPO's. Mr. Hutchings has been appointed to be a member of the Council of Peers and will be attending the Conference in April of this year.

VII. OTHER/FUTURE TOPICS

A. Washington Dam Road and Pecan Road

Mr. Edwards has received requests from the public asking if the roads are closed to off road vehicle travel. Mr. Branden Anderson responded that Mr. Dana Meier is the Project Engineer for that project. Mr. Edwards would like more information about the project.

B. Mr. Cottam reported that Mayor Darrin LeVefre of Toquerville has been meeting with Mr. Dana Meier of UDOT with the request for UDOT to address safety issues in the Cholla Creek area. Toquerville has approved for Pro Value Engineering to undertake some technical studies to help determine how best to correct the safety issues there. The Mayor passed along the message that Mr. Meier has been very helpful.

C. Next meeting

Next RTAC Meeting: May 23, 2013, 1:30 pm

In Location: Toquerville City

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.