



# IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## MINUTES

### Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

April 3, 2013, 2:00 pm

Cedar City Offices

10 N. Main Street, Cedar City, Utah

#### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Tom Stratton  
Mr. Kit Wareham  
Mr. Rob Dotson  
Mr. Steve Platt  
Ms. Brenda Pugh  
Mr. Monte Aldridge

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Brian Head City  
Cedar City  
Enoch City  
Iron County  
Kanarraville Town  
Utah Dept. of Transportation

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Mr. Shayne Scott  
Mayor Connie Robinson

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Parowan City  
Paragonah Town

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Reed Erickson  
Mr. JD Frisby  
Mr. Dave Demas

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Iron County  
Sunrise Engineering, Inc.  
Five County Assoc. of Governments

### **I. QUORUM DECLARATION**

Mr. Kit Wareham acted as Chair ProTem and declared there was a quorum present upon the arrival of Mr. Monte Aldridge.

### **II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 5, 2012 AND FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

**A motion was made by Mr. Rob Dotson, seconded by Mr. Steve Platt, to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting of the Iron County Rural Transportation Advisory Committee with the following correction:**

**Page 4, Line 3 should read "FHWA" instead of "FHA".**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**A motion was made by Mr. Steve Platt, seconded by Mr. Monte Aldridge, to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting of the Iron County Rural Transportation Advisory Committee with the following correction:  
Page 3, Line 3 should read “Iron County” instead of “Eastern Washington County”.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### III. UPDATE ON SMOOTHED BOUNDARY AND FUNCTIONAL CLASS

#### A. Smoothed Boundary – UDOT Approval

Mr. Dave Demas reported that the State has accepted the Cedar City Urban Cluster boundary with the changes requested by the Iron County Rural Planning Organization (ICRPO), including the extension of the western edge (5700 W) to the north up to the railway. The map is now in Federal Highway’s hands and we will receive a letter when they have approved it.

#### B. Functional Class

Mr. Demas has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Abdul Wakir around the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the functional class designations. Mr. Demas requested a copy of what Mr. Wakir has proposed so that the ICRPO can discuss the road designations before Mr. Demas meets with Mr. Wakir. Mr. Scott Platt verified that the RTAC expects UDOT to have accepted most of the ICRPO’s requests and that there will be no need for the ICRTAC members to attend this meeting. Mr. Demas suggested that if there are a lot of differences from what the ICRTAC submitted, that at least Mr. Kit Wareham and Mr. Platt should then join that meeting at the Five County Association of Governments transportation office.

Mr. Demas just recently received the 2012 Highway Functional Class Guidelines. Mr. Abdul Wakir of UDOT will be using this version as he evaluates the Functional Class designations. All RPO members were interested in receiving a copy.

Mr. Kit Wareham said he attended a Small Urban Highway Committee meeting recently and it was noted that the newer boundaries are taking in larger areas that include additional municipalities. All the cities with projects attend these committee meetings. As cities grow, they move to different federal highway funding and committees.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Tom Stratton arrived and took over chairing the Committee.



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## IV. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

### A. Review status

Mr. Demas sent out a copy of the draft of the first two chapters of this plan to all members over email. Mr. Shayne Scott and Mr. Steve Platt have provided feedback.

It was decided to go over the draft as a group:

### I. Introduction, Purpose, and Vision

Mr. Hutchings suggested the inclusion of a Vision Statement. No one offered any comments.

#### A. Overview of the Region - ICRPO

##### 3. Organization

The suggestion was made to not designate specifically how often the group meets in case a change is made later.

##### 5. Purpose and Vision

Mr. Kit Wareham suggested that the Emerging Area Plan needs to be mentioned in the Introduction. Mr. Monte Aldridge added that An Emerging Area Plan virtually always proceeds before the formation of a Regional Planning Organization.

#### B. Cities and Towns of the ICRPO

Mr. Platt noted that the incorporated areas (mostly County) need to be included in this section.

##### 1. Brian Head

Comments were made regarding the large fluctuation between population in Brian Head depending on the season.

#### C. Summary of the Transportation Network

Mr. Demas explained that this is just a high level description of the major roads in the area, with Interstate 15 being a major focus.

UTA offers a shuttle service to Brian Head. Brian Head Town also contracts with Mesquite Bus to offer seasonal services within the Town



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which gets considerable ridership. There was a study done to consider creating a shuttle service connecting to Cedar City, but when presented to the voters, it was turned down.

Within Cedar City is the Cedar Area Transit Service (CATS).

Mr. Wareham suggested adding that there are commercial and general aviation services for the entire County at the Cedar City Regional Airport.

The Parowan Airport is considered an IFR or CFR?

The train service no longer runs all the way into Cedar City.

## D. Goals and Objectives

**Goal 1** - Mr. Stratton suggested switching Goal #1 and Goal #2. Mr. Monte Aldridge strongly supported that decision from UDOT's perspective.

**A motion was made by Mr. Steve Platt, seconded by Mr. Kit Wareham, to designate Goal #1 as: *Plan a safe and secure transportation system that supports the statewide goal of "ZERO Fatalities, a Goal We Can All Live With".***

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Goal 4** - Mr. Monte Aldridge provided the definition of Context Sensitive Solutions: 1) Address the transportation need, 2) Be an asset to the community, and 3) Be compatible with the natural and built environment. He noted that it is a practical approach to environmental issues without letting environmental issues dominate.

## II. Demographic and Land Use Trends

### A. Relationship of Land Use and Development to Transportation

Committee members mentioned how well written they considered these two paragraphs.



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## **B. Population Trends**

Mr. Reed Erickson suggested using the revised numbers at the State Governor's Office of Budget and Planning rather than those from the 2010

Census. Someone suggested that the Cedar City Economic Development webpage has some good population figures. Mr. Reed Erickson said he could provide Mr. Demas with updated, revised population numbers that would be more accurate.

## **V. (NADO) RPO OF AMERICA, NATIONAL RPO COUNCIL OF PEERS**

### **A. New Board Member**

Mr. Demas explained that the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) includes the organization Rural Planning Organizations of America (RPO America). The National RPO Council of Peers (RPO Council) serves as the leadership over RPO America.

Mr. Curt Hutchings has been asked to serve as a member of the RPO Council.

Mr. Stratton asked whose funds are used when Mr. Hutchings participates in RPO Council events. Mr. Demas noted that he was not sure but suggested they will probably come out of the Five County AOG Transportation Planning Office budget. He would check and let Mr. Stratton know.

## **VI. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Other Items**

No items were raised.

### **B. Next Meeting**

June 5, 2013 @ 2:00 pm, at the Iron County Engineers' office building in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned by motion.