

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020 – 12:30 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

Conducting: Todd Edwards, Chairman – Mr. Edwards indicated that this meeting is being held 100% electronically because of Governor Herbert's Executive Order issued March 18, 2020 which allows open public meetings to be held electronically under the declaration of a national emergency due to a pandemic that requires social distancing and other precautions.

Mr. Edwards noted that each Committee member will be asked if they are present and if they can hear clearly.

The Committee members were also instructed that they must give a verbal indication that they can hear and understand what the Chair is saying and what is happening at the meeting, and if at any time during the meeting they are having difficulty hearing or understanding whoever is speaking, they should interrupt and let the Chair know they are having problems hearing and ask the speaker to speak up and speak directly into their phone or whatever they are using to communicate.

Mr. Edwards also asked members to place their devices on MUTE except when speaking.

In addition, Mr. Edwards noted that he will take roll again at the end of the meeting wherein the Committee members must declare for the record that they participated in the meeting from beginning to end and that they were able to hear and comprehend everything that occurred during the meeting.

Mr. Edwards conducted the roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Todd Edwards, CHAIR, Washington County Engineer
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town
- Jay Sandberg, St George City
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Kayde Roberts, UDOT Region Four
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director
- Mike Shaw, Washington City Public Works Director
- Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City, Public Works Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Ty Bringhurst, Toquerville City

Chairman Edwards noted that a quorum was present and called for the meeting to continue.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. COVID–19 Accommodations/Protocol – The COVID-19-Accommodations and Protocol were discussed prior to Item 1.A in order to comply with the roll call rules when holding an electronic meeting.
- B. Consider Minutes from May 6, 2020 – Chairman Edwards noted that (1) correction was mentioned which is: Kayde Roberts has replaced Kirk Thornock as the representative for UDOT Region Four and will be the UDOT representative from Region Four attending this meeting going forward. Also, when Kayde Roberts is not able to attend this meeting, Jeff Sanders will be the representative. With this correction, Chairman Edwards called for a motion to approve the minutes. Cameron Cutler made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Arthur LeBaron seconded the motion.
Chairman Edwards then conducted a verbal roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members in attendance verbally voting in favor of the motion.

2. SHORT RANGE PLANNING:

- A. **Traffic Volume Comparison (Pre-COVID – 19 to today)** – Myron Lee led a discussion using the graph from the Traffic Volume Comparison Report:
<https://tinyurl.com/DixieMPOCOVID19Trafficreport>

Although the report shows increases and decreases in traffic during the months of March and April, the traffic is back up to approximately 100% of average for traffic on I-15, both North and Southbound --- south of St. George
.
- B. **Mobility Management Report** – Myron Lee introduced Scott Buys who is FCAOG’s new Mobility Manager. Mr. Buys presented a few slides that went over what the purpose of Mobility Management which is to advocate and instigate projects that will increase access to individuals with limited Mobility. More particularly, Mobility Management has a target population which is defined as seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income. Many of the needs are identified in a document known as the Human Services Transportation Plan.
- C. **Consider Self-Certification Resolution for Ratification by DTEC** – Myron Lee indicated that this document requires an Annual Certification and that the document was sent by email to all committee members earlier in the month for their review.

With no questions presented regarding the Certification, Chairman Edwards asked for a motion to ratify the Certification by the Advisory Committee and then recommend that it be presented to the DTEC at their next meeting for their approval. Cameron Cutler made a motion to ratify the document as presented and forward it to DTEC for their approval. Arthur LeBaron seconded the motion. **Chairman Edwards then conducted a verbal roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members in attendance verbally voting in favor of the motion.**

3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

A. **Review Proposed TIP – Recommend for Public Comment June 27 through July 29, 2020** – Myron Lee led a discussion on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the new projects that were added:

- Item 16707 – additional funding for Old 91 from 200 E to Shivwits
- Item 18441 – additional funding for Washington 3650 S Extension (East Project)

Mr. Lee indicated that these items were discussed, and decisions were made back in December and have been approved by DTEC. The TIP now needs to be sent out for public comment. **Mr. Lee requested that this group sets a public comment period for June 27th through July 29th.** This would give time to draft a response to any comments by the August 5th DTAC meeting.

Mr. Lee also asked the Committee members to review several City projects from Ivins, Washington City, Hurricane, and St. George. The review would be to make sure that we have a complete list (or as complete a list as possible) along with the appropriate funding levels. Mr. Lee indicated that these are not all federally funded projects, but our TIP is required to list all the projects of regional significance and that is what the committee is being asked to do.

Mike Shaw made a motion to set a public comment period on the requested changes for June 27th through July 29th. The motion was seconded by Cameron Cutler.

Chairman Edwards then conducted a verbal roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members in attendance verbally voting in favor of the motion.

4. PLANNING SERVICES:

A. **Call for Proposals – Planning Project Funds of \$150,000** – Myron Lee indicated that there will be some money come available July 1st of this year that could be programmed to planning projects in any of our 8 participating cities or within the county

This is the money that has been spent in the past on updating Master Transportation plans for the city and updating the active Transportation plans and the like.

Mr. Lee indicated that if the MPO funds more than 50% of the project, then we would need to run the program management through the MPO. He asked that if anyone has any projects that they would like to request these funds for, he would like to have those requests by the 15th of July in order to include them in the next DTAC meeting. He will also send out any requests by email (prior to the August 5th meeting) to allow the committee members to review them before the meeting.

4. Local Project Status Updates:

- A. Hurricane – pavement management – chip seal projects. One of them is the connection between the Gateway industrial area (where Walmart Distribution Center is) and the Harrisburg development that is North on the way to Leeds. That chip project is done and is a much better road. There is a lot of construction going on with what UDOT is doing on SR7 and a regional sewer outfall line which is necessitating a closure around the South end of Sand Hollow Reservoir – which will probably not open back up until Presidents Day next year. Because of this, 3000 S in Hurricane and Sand Hollow Road are basically out of commission pretty much until next Spring.
They have been working with UDOT on an active Transportation Plan for SR7 and with the Environmental document the State Environmental study that UDOT did on SR9. **They feel that there are enough changes to ideas and active transportation that they Hurricane would like to request some funding from the MPO for an Active Transportation Plan update in Hurricane.**
- C. Ivins – Are in the middle of working on their Transportation Master Plan update. Also, they will be starting construction tomorrow on the widening at 200 E on a short segment between 300 S and 400 S. We are also finishing up on the chip seal projects and will then begin striping.
- D. LaVerkin – No report.
- E. Leeds – Working on a lengthy chip seal project all the way to the National Forest along Main Street.
- F. St. George City – finally starting Commerce Dr from 1680 over to the East. Finishing up a project on Bloomington Drive which includes some widening and an 8-foot paved pathway the school kids can take. Just energized the signal at Snow Canyon Parkway and 1400 W today. Will be starting Mall Drive and 2780 East. They have been working with St. George City and Clark’s Engineers to do some signal timing analysis and coordination along 3000 E and River Road. Also have finished up with the chip seal projects.
- G. Santa Clara – Bridge across the Santa Clara River is complete and turned out very well. Expressed appreciation to Washington City and Ivins for their help.
- H. Washington County – waiting for chip seal to start
- I. Toquerville – no report

- J. Washington City – yesterday they opened the Washington Parkway so that project is completely open for the public, and then on Monday they started the SunTran routes to Washington. The joint project with St. George at 3650 – 1450 Road realignment around the new church. It looks like they have reached an agreement with one of the owners who has agreed to sell so they will be getting that purchase on the next COG list. Todd Edwards said that he would email an application to Washington City for the request.
- K. Washington County – are doing a lot of maintenance on the gravel roads.
- L. UDOT – working on micro-seal projects, nearing completion on SR 7 that goes from milepost 0 at the I-15 interchange to the exit for the airport. One change on that project is that they will be including a micro surface the outside shoulders as well. One project (SR59 between Hurricane and Hilldale which is 2 passing lanes and an intersection plus shoulder improvements has just been awarded. They also have a major paving project from the Black Ridge all the way to Toquerville. As a brief update on the Transit Project, Myron Lee reported that on the Zion Park Transit, we just received the Zion Finance study that was done by the County and are trying to figure out the differences between that and the KFH study. Nothing else to report just yet. Mr. Roberts indicated that the 15 million from UDOT is not going to fund the whole thing and that there could be extra costs that will need to be covered by local governments or Transit Tax or something else. The next move is to meet with the Commissioners and stakeholders to see where they should go from here.

7. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. June 17, 2020 – DTEC Meeting
- B. August 5, 2020 – DTAC Meeting

8. Roll Call Vote:

- A. All Committee members must declare for the record that they participated in the meeting from beginning to end and that they were able to hear and comprehend everything that occurred during the meeting.
- B. Chairman Todd Edwards conducted a verbal roll call as to the participation in the meeting from beginning to end with the ability to hear and comprehend all that went on.
10 of the 10 Committee members that started the meeting verbally declared their full involvement in the meeting as outlined. There was not a representative from Toquerville or LaVerkin at this meeting.

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED upon a motion by Arthur LeBaron. No roll call vote was required for this motion.