



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON • ICRTAC CHAIR—TOM STRATTON • PLANNING MANAGER—CURT HUTCHINGS

MINUTES

Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

May 1, 2013, 2:00 pm

Enoch City Hall

900 E Midvalley Rd., Enoch, UT

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Robert Rasmussen
Commissioner Alma Adams
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Commissioner David Miller
Mayor Constance Robinson
Mayor Donald Landes

REPRESENTING:

Enoch City
Iron County
Iron County
Iron County
Paragonah Town
Parowan City

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor H.C. "Dutch" Deutschlander
Mayor Joe Burgess
Mayor Keith Williams

REPRESENTING:

Brian Head Town
Cedar City
Kanarraville

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Reed Erickson
Mr. Dave Demas
Mr. Rob Dotson

REPRESENTING:

Iron County
Five County AOG
ICRTAC (Enoch City)

I. QUORUM DECLARATION

Ms. Constance Robinson welcomed all present and declared there was a quorum.



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II. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 6, 2013

A motion was made by Mayor Don Landes, seconded by Commissioner Alma Adams, to approve the March 6, 2013 Minutes of the Iron County Rural Transportation Executive Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) OUTLINE

A. Update

Mr. Dave Demas provided Council members with copies of Chapters One and Two of the Draft Iron County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Demas said that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) has already reviewed these parts of the plan. He did note that one of the changes the RTAC made is not showing in this version of the Plan, which is that safety should be Goal # 1, not # 2.

The first two chapters include an introduction to the RPO communities, the general transportation system, and basic demographics and land use of the area. Chapters Three and Four will focus on specific transportation issues and road projects prioritized by the ICRPO.

Mr. Demas asked for feedback on the first two chapters from the Executive Council. They can respond by contacting him directly or by feeding information through their respective RTAC members.

There were some questions regarding the population numbers from the ICRPO Build Out Study that are included in the RTP. Mr. Demas explained that build out numbers are hypothetical and based on the complete development of a community.

IV. CEDAR URBAN CLUSTER BOUNDARY AND FUNCTIONAL CLASS ROADS

A. Update

Mr. Demas provided updated maps of the Cedar Urban Cluster Smoothed Boundary, and Functional Class Roads. He indicated that he had met with the UDOT members to review the requests. Mr. Demas noted that the boundary change suggested by Commissioner Adams along 5700 West has been included and it extends northerly to the tracks. Mr. Demas also noted that 5700 West (marked in green) was changed from a major collector to a minor arterial. It will shortly be in use as part of the



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Cedar area beltway. That suggestion was accepted by UDOT. He noted that all work is still subject to FHWA approval.

Mr. Demas noted that functional class changes can be made in-between census's. Urban Boundaries cannot be changed in the interim.

V. RPO FUNDING FY 2014

Mr. Demas reviewed the funding structure for the Iron County Rural Planning Organization. He provided a Memorandum signed by Mr. Curt Hutchings, Transportation Planning Manager for Five County Association of Governments. The Memorandum included a chart indicating the funding sources and amounts for fiscal year 2013 and for the upcoming 2014 fiscal year. Each year a decreasing portion of the cost is provided by UDOT, with the remaining amount provided by the Iron County Council of Governments (COG).

Mr. Demas noted that as requested in the Memorandum, the total funding level is anticipated at \$40,000. With the UDOT funding decreasing yearly by \$10,000 this leaves the remainder (\$30,000) to be made up with local funds.

Mr. Demas discussed the importance of transportation planning in the RPO and the great strides that have been made while working together towards regional transportation planning. He also discussed the preparatory work that this process is providing as the area moves towards a MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) designation.

Currently it requires a population of 50,000 to qualify to become a metropolitan planning organization (MPO). It is unknown when the Cedar region will meet that population total. Depending on the rate of growth it is possible that it could happen as early as the next census. MPO status does require meeting more standards and requirements, but an MPO is given more control over which projects are funded, including some UDOT projects.

As an example, Mr. Demas explained that the Dixie MPO was formed in approximately 2002. Previous to that, Mr. Demas and other area planners and engineers were already meeting and working together. They had formed the basis of



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an MPO which is very similar to how the RPO's are functioning today. This made the formalization of and the transition to an MPO much easier.

It was suggested by Mr. Erickson that the budget be explained in more detail and that maybe a work plan be prepared before the vote on the proposed budget is taken. Mr. Demas explained that there are some specific deliverables that UDOT would like achieved by the ICRPO. One of those is completion of the Regional Transportation Plan. There have been discussions about working with UDOT to prepare a written Concept Report for each proposed project as well as work with UDOT to help with prioritizing of the projects. There are additional tasks that UDOT would like carried out as well as the ability to continue the planning effort at the current level.

Ms. Robinson asked how long members serve on the RPO Executive Council. Mr. Demas said he did not know but would follow up on that and provide an answer. It should be written in the bylaws.

Ms. Robinson also asked regarding the involvement of the ICRPO in area transit. The Cedar Area Transportation Service (CATS) is separate from the RPO, but the Five County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning Committee addresses transit in all five counties.

Mr. Miller asked if lack of approval of the proposed new budget would make it difficult for Five County Association of Governments to finalize their budget within time constraints, knowing that the next ICRTEC meeting date will be in July. It was noted that the AOG is actively completing the budget at this time and are on the same fiscal year budget schedule as most local entities beginning July 1. It was questioned if the item needed to get on a COG agenda. It was noted that the members of ICRTEC are the same individuals who function as the Iron County Council of Governments. It was decided to go ahead and approve the budget.

A motion was made by Mayor Don Landes, seconded by Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff, to approve the funding for the Iron County Rural Planning Organization for fiscal year 2014 as proposed in a Memorandum from Curt Hutchings, Transportation Planning Manager, Five County Association of Governments.

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VI. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Next Meeting: July 3, 2013
Location: Cedar City

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by agreement.