

# DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020 – 1:00 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 as permitted under 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
- Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Mike Shaw, Washington City Public Works Director
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Ty Bringhurst, Toquerville City
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City, Public Works Director

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nathan Wiberg, FCAOG
- Alyssa Gamble, FCAOG
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineering
- Taylor Ricks
- Jeff Sanders, UDOT
- Rick Snyder, Washington City
- Chris Hall
- Jerry Amundsen
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves

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

Chairman Edwards also welcomed visitors who were in attendance and asked if any would like to introduce themselves.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. COVID-19 Accommodations/Protocol – The COVID-19-Accommodations and Protocol were discussed prior to Item 1.A to comply with the roll call rules when holding an electronic meeting.

*Wayne Peterson noted that the Governor's order which allows open public meetings to be held electronically has expired, and that now we should have a written declaration by the DTAC Meeting Chair indicating that it's still appropriate to be meeting electronically. **Chairman Edwards will research the order and subsequent requirement for a written declaration and, if required, will have it by the next meeting.***

- B. Consider Minutes from September 2, 2020 – Chairman Edwards noted that no additions or corrections were mentioned and called for a motion to approve the minutes.

**Mike Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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. GIS-based Planning Tool – Nathan Wiberg discussed GIS (Geographic Information Systems) analytics and how the information can be used as part of an implementation

strategy regarding the location of appropriate facilities for planned projects or improvements.

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

- A. Discussion of 2021 Transportation Expo / Survey Tools – Myron Lee discussed the possibility of a having a Transportation Expo this coming February in light of the current Pandemic situation. The possibility of having an online Expo was discussed.

**Jay Sandberg made a motion to make the 2021 Transportation Expo Virtual and present this recommendation to the DTEC committee for their approval. Kyle Gubler 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.**

4. TIP:

- A. Call for TIP Projects (Review Schedule for Submissions, Review of Available Funding).

Myron Lee discussed the Dixie Transportation Improvement Plan that was sent (by email) to the Committee Members. In the email, Mr. Lee indicated that he would like to have the Concept Reports back by October 21, 2020 so the staff can review them in time to have a presentation to the DTAC Committee by November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Mr. Lee discussed the available funding of approximately 4 million dollars. One unique factor is that we have some Highway Infrastructure funds (approximately 1.1 million dollars) that we have not had before. It was the consensus of the Executive Group and this Group that we would program this money with this round of TIP money.

- B. ITS Project Funds / Current Project Proposals. Monty Thurber discussed the funding each year for ITS projects.

This year there is approximately \$300,000 allocated. The ITS subcommittee got together and came up with some projects. Arthur LeBaron was able to present the list to the group for discussion. The total amount is \$315,100.

After considerable discussion, **Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the funding of the ITS projects as listed with Washington City providing the balance of the funds that is not going to be funded (approximately \$15,000) and present this recommendation to the DTEC committee for their approval. Kyle Gubler seconded the motion.**

**Chairman Edwards then conducted a verbal roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with a 9 to 1 of the Committee members in attendance voting verbally in favor of the motion.**

C. TAP Funding Request – LaVerkin City.

Kyle Gubler discussed the Zion Regional Collaborative's Transportation Subcommittee's idea of a regional trail between Hurricane/LaVerkin and Springdale, 22 miles. In June of 2020, the ZRC completed its Feasibility Study for the trail. The next step is to coordinate and develop environmental clearances.

The anticipated total cost for the environmental clearances is \$60,000. There is proposed funds of \$30,000 coming from UDOT and \$5,000 from local contributions. The TAP funding request today is for \$25,000.

After reviewing the availability of funds, **Chuck Gillette made a motion to approve LaVerkin's request for \$25,000 pending UDOT's allocation of \$30,000 towards the project and presenting this recommendation to the DTEC committee for their approval. Mike Shaw 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.**

5. Local Project Status Updates:

- A. Hurricane – Work is continuing the UDOT project on the Southern Parkway and the new interchange across SR9. Also starting work on some intersections on SR9 at 3700 W and 2600 W and a project on the Hurricane Bench.
- B. Ivins – Continuing work on the Old Highway 91 project.
- C. LaVerkin – Are meeting with engineers to kick off a project which involves several roads throughout town.
- D. Leeds – Expressed appreciation to UDOT for their assistance in addressing some sidewalk/driveway approach and handicap access issues – hopefully to address some storm water flooding problems on Main Street.
- E. St. George City – Just completing a micro-surface project on the Red Hills Parkway. They still have some signals under construction and several projects under design as well as 3 roads they will be working on as part of their Active Transportation Plan.
- F. Santa Clara – No update
- G. Toquerville - No update
- H. Washington City – Currently working on the Washington Dam road project. Also working with St. George on our 3650 1450 joint project.
- I. Washington County – Just finishing up on their chip seal projects.

- J. UDOT – Main project is still the Southern Parkway – still hoping to get the asphalt down before it gets too cold. The Northern Corridor is in a discussion stage right now with environmental groups on the requirements they will be held to for getting the road in along with the Tortoise mitigation etc. Putting together a contract with St. George City on the Bluff Street tunnel. Also working on the fiber project on SR9 to close the gap between their office and Zion.
6. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
- A. October 21, 2020 – DTEC Meeting
  - B. November 4, 2020 – DTAC Meeting
7. 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. All Committee members that attended the meeting verbally declared their full involvement in the meeting as outlined.

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED upon a motion by Chuck Gillette and a second by Arthur LeBaron. No vote was required for this motion.