

# **DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**December 2, 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. Mr. Edwards then read the following Determination under which this meeting will be governed:

### **Written Determination Regarding the Need for Electronic Meetings Without Anchor Locations.**

**Due to the seriousness of the current worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, the continued spread of the infection throughout Utah and in Washington County, resulting in the State of Utah determining that High Transmission Risk Level is appropriate for Washington County, and Covid-19's potentially deadly and life-altering effects, I, as Chairman of the Dixie MPO Transportation Advisory Committee, have determined that conducting an electronic meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location, given the limited capacity of our meeting space for physical distancing as called for under State Guidelines.**

**Accordingly, pursuant to Utah Code section 52-4-207(4), electronic meetings will not be required to have an anchor location at this time. This written determination will expire thirty days from the date it is signed.**

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 device 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
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City, Public Works Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Dave Demas, Dixie MPO
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineering
- Jeff Sanders, UDOT
- Rick Snyder, Washington City
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Kurt Ivie, Washington City – City Council
- Danielle Larkin – St. George City – City Council
- Kelly Lund – FHWA
- Craig Shanklin – SUBA
- Ryan Gurr
- Kye Nordfelt – SUBA
- Brett Jensen – Avenue Consultants
- Randy Smith – Sunrise Engineering
- Taylor Torgersen – Sunrise Engineering
- Marv Wilson – Sunrise Engineering
- Bob Lamoreaux – Stanley Group
- Emily Andrus – Horrocks Engineering
- Tyler Turner
- Patty Wise – LaVerkin City – City Council
- 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.
- B. Consider Minutes from November 4, 2020 – Chairman Edwards noted that no additions or corrections were mentioned and called for a motion to approve the minutes.

**Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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.**

2. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

- A. Update of 2021 Transportation Expo – Myron Lee indicated that the MPO and UDOT had a meeting with St. George City and they have selected a consultant to help put on a virtual Transportation Expo. At the present time, they plan on having the consultant host a ZOOM meeting so that people can call in and ask their transportation related questions. They plan on opening a Website for a couple of days before the Expo and leave it open for one day after the Expo. The ZOOM meeting will be just on the date (February 7, 2021).

3. TIP:

- A. Status of Anticipated TIP Funding – Myron Lee reviewed the 2021-25 Dixie MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He pointed out that the running balance of the amount that we have to program is \$4,051,590. As discussed in previous meetings, at least \$300,000 of the STP HIF Small Urban Monies needs to be obligated by October of 2021 with the balance of the HIF funds to be obligated within the 2022–2023-time frame.

Myron also mentioned that there is also \$189,000 in the TAP funds that can be programmed.

- B. Concept Report Rating / Project Selection for TIP 2021 – 2025 Funds – Before going into the discussion on the Concept Report Rating and Project Selection, the time was turned over to Jeff Sanders to discuss the opportunity to apply for a few different funding programs – two of which specifically dealing with Active Transportation Projects. Jeff had sent out an email to the Committee members detailing the information on applications available with UDOT for:

- TIF active – this program requires a 40% local match and must have a connection with the State Highway system (State Funds which will not Federalize a project).
- TTIF First and Last Mile – this program would improve access to Transit stops and Transit facilities and would also requires a 40% local match (State funds which will not Federalize a project).

Jeff Sanders encouraged the Committee Members to start thinking about these funding programs and to contact him or Kayde Roberts if they had any questions. The applications are due March 31, 2021.

**Jeff Sanders was then excused from the meeting.**

**Myron Lee continued with Item #3: Concept Report Ratings / Project Selection for TIP 2021 – 2025 Funds.**

The following (6) projects were rated and ranked by the Committee:

- Old Highway 91; 200 E. to Shivwits
- Purgatory Road; Virgin River to SR-9
- Gap Parkway 28-foot Roadway; 1600 South Street to Divario Canyon Drive
- 100 South @ I-15 Underpass
- Merrill Road; Mall Drive to Washington City Border
- 3650 South & SR-7 Interchange

A group discussion on which projects to fund ensued.

**Chuck Gillette made a motion to program the following TIP money:**

- **\$600,000 to Old Highway 91**
- **\$450,000 to Purgatory Road**
- **\$2,950,000 to 3650 South & SR-7 Interchange**

**Also,**

- **\$189,000 TAP money to Old Highway 91**

**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.**

Myron Lee introduced Ryan Tiu, a recent hire at FCAOG as a Transportation Planner.

#### 4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. Hurricane – The Southern Parkway is progressing. The contractor is saying that the Southern portion of the newest segment should be open for traffic by the first of the year. They have a couple of intersection

- projects on SR-9 and a signal going up at 1600 W (SR9) and at 3700 W (SR9). They are also working on some road improvements on Sheep Ridge road. They have also just finished 3000 So with new pavement.
- B. Ivins – Working on Crack Seal projects, Highway 91, and update to the Transportation Master Plan
  - C. LaVerkin – No report.
  - D. Leeds – No report.
  - E. St. George City – Commerce Drive is now open – working on widening the bridge between 1450 S and Riverside Drive – they are now working on removing a sandbar in the river that was left over from the 2005 flood. They held a kickoff meeting for the Bluff Street/Main Street pedestrian tunnel last week. They also have signals under construction at Mall Drive and 3650 S. Just finished up the signal at Tuweap Dr and Sunset Boulevard. They have also completed quite a few restriping and chip seal projects this year. Also added some bike lanes on 450 N and Mall Drive and Industrial road in Washington. Also added some bike lanes on 100 S and 100 N.
  - F. Santa Clara – Working on Crack Seal projects.
  - G. Toquerville - No update
  - H. Washington City – Working on Crack Seal projects – getting ready for a Spring maintenance project. Working on the 3650 S project where it ties into the Parkway.
  - I. Washington County – Continuing work on the road improvements in Apple Valley and Rockville.
  - J. UDOT – Northern Corridor is now in a comment review period. Continuing work on the Southern Corridor. They are teaming up with Leeds on a drainage project. They are evaluating their STIP and have been in touch with the MPO, and now that we have these projects going, they will be included in the STIP.

Todd Edwards introduced Kelly Lund from Federal Highways who gave an update on personnel changes at FHWA in case members of the Committee needed to contact any of them.

- 6. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
  - A. December 16, 2020 – DTEC Meeting
  - B. January 6, 2021 – 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.

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED upon a motion by Mike Shaw and a second by Kayde Roberts. No vote was required for this motion.