



# IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR Maile Wilson-Edwards • ICRTAC CHAIR—Rob Dotson • TRANS. PLANNING DIRECTOR—Myron Lee

## MINUTES

### Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

Jan. 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

(Begins after the ICCC Meeting)

**Electronic Meeting**

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

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut  
Commissioner Wood  
Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards  
Brett Howser  
Stoney Shugart  
Mayor Todd Robinson

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Enoch City  
Iron County  
Cedar City  
Brian Head (For Mayor Calloway)  
Kanarraville  
Paragonah Town

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Councilman James Shurtleff  
Heidi Loveland  
Mayor Clayton Calloway  
Commissioner Paul Cozzens

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Parowan City  
Kanarraville  
Brian Head Town  
Iron County

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

Dave Demas  
Reed Erickson  
Rob Dotson  
Paul Bittmenn  
Myron Lee  
Jonathan Stathis  
Jeff Sanders

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Five County AOG  
Iron County  
Enoch City  
Cedar City,  
Five County AOG  
Cedar  
UDOT

#### **I. Quorum Declaration**

The meeting was chaired by Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards. Mayor Wilson-Edwards called the meeting to order and declared that a quorum was present to conduct business

#### **II. Approve Minutes for Nov. 4, 2020**

Mayor Wilson-Edwards presented minutes for the Nov. 4, 2020 meeting for discussion and consideration of adoption.



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**A motion was made by Mayor Chesnut, seconded by Mayor Wilson-Edwards to approve minutes of the Nov. 4, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Note: Mayor Chesnut left after the vote for a short time.

### **III. TIF and TTIF Funding Discussion.**

Dave began by placing on the screen an email from UDOT discussing the time frame for this type of funding. Dave noted that he had sent an email to all members regarding this very item. TIF is the Transportation Investment Fund and TTIF is the Transit Transportation Investment Fund. UDOT is in the process of accepting project applications for these funds and has extended the deadline to **March 31, 2021**. TIF is for highway projects that are in UDOT Phase I of the STIP. Dave then presented the interactive map that is on UDOT'S website. It identifies projects and provides information about each. These projects are for State roads only, but it does give the local entities the opportunity to nominate those projects. He noted that there are a few projects in the RPO area on the plan.

Also discussed were the TIF Active Transportation Project. These projects are for active transportation and require a considerable match.

TTIF and TTIF Active projects were also discussed. There is a possibility of using some of this money on the Nichols Canyon ped crossing project if applied for.

Note: During the discussion Mayor Chesnut returned to the meeting.

### **IV. Project and Study Updates**

#### **A. Cedar/Enoch Transportation Study**

Paul gave a brief update on the status of the study. Indicated that the consultant was in the process of creating a new survey to send out. Reed reported that we did meet and talk about access management on SR 130 and SR 56. Paul had a concern that with all the Zoom meetings there is a lot of personal interaction with the public that may be missing. Would like to have public open houses etc. A discussion ensued regarding this concern. Reed suggested that we could delay the completion and see if we could work in some public involvement before the final plan is adopted. This was supported by the group. Rob will contact the consultant and see if we could come up with a plan to incorporate several public open houses at different locations. Reed suggested the meetings be held at different times of the day to allow for better attendance.

#### **B. SR 130 Project Update**

Rob reported that UDOT is planning on construction starting in March 2021. He is expecting some challenges for the contractor. He had a concern that one of the



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key congestion points at the intersection on SR130 by the bowling alley will not be included in the project due to a lack of funding.

Jeff Sanders joined the meeting.

## C. Coal Creek Bridge Project

Paul reported that there will be several projects starting at the same time which will create a lot of road construction and a lot of potential construction delays. A couple of projects may in fact close down I-15. Jeff noted that the projects will be bid in February. It was suggested that when the MOT's (Maintenance of Traffic plans) come out for each project that the information be given to each of the Cities.

## V. UDOT Report

Jeff Sanders discussed the Active Transportation Grant possibilities. He noted a potential Active Trans Project for a tunnel under the highway near Nichols Rd. as per discussion with Cedar City. These grants pay for about 60%. Local pays for 40%. He would recommend applying for this, or other, grants, this year. If there are other Active Transportation project ideas in the area, please contact Jeff for further information. Rob discussed Old 91 through Enoch as a potential project. There may be some interest in Active Transportation here. Jeff indicated that these Active projects do not have to be on a State Highway. Reed was curious if these grants could be used for active transportation along the belt route. Dave suggested the possibility that a planning grant could be used to provide a study; Jeff agreed. Jeff noted that Brian Head has been awarded a planning grant to do a downtown visioning effort. He also noted that UDOT will be looking at the south interchange in the near future to determine what and when improvements will be needed.

## VI. Other Discussion Items

Dave gave congratulation to the new Cedar City Engineer, Jonathan Stathis and welcomed him to the RPO.

## VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2021. Electronic, Enoch is hosting if possible.

## VIII. Adjourn

**A motion was made by Mayor Chesnut, seconded by Mayor Wilson-Edwards, to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**