

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2021 – 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
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Lynn Chamberlain, Mayor - representing Ty Bringhurst, Toquerville City

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Tyan Tiu, Dixie MPO
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineering
- Jeff Sanders, UDOT
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Kurt Ivie, Washington City – City Council
- Danielle Larkin – St. George City – City Council
- Kye Nordfelt – SUBA
- Brett Jensen – Avenue Consultants
- Tyler Turner
- Patty Wise – LaVerkin City – City Council
- Taylor Ricks
- Troy Belliston
- Rick Campagna
- Leslie Fonger – Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office
- Cameron Rognan – Administrator of the Washington Counties Habitat Conservation Plan
- Steve Hall
- 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 February 3, 2021 – Chairman Edwards noted that no additions or corrections were mentioned and called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Monty Thurber made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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.

2. SHORT RANGE PLANNING:

- A. UDOT Active Transportation Grants – Jeff Sanders discussed UDOT’s Active Transportation Grants. He noted that the Grant applications are due March 31, 2021. A discussion took place about several possible applications within the MPO.
Leslie Fonger requested information about this Grant and the Southern Parkway trail. Mr. Sanders responded that no one has made application using this Grant for the Southern Parkway trail; however, several cities have been working with developers on different portions of the trail so there is progress being made.
- B. Update on transit line St. George to Springdale – Monty Thurber reported that the documents are with legal right now and waiting for approval. No further update was available.
Kyle Gubler asked about a stop in LaVerkin. No information was available at this time, but Mr. Thurber will follow up with Cameron Cutler on this item.
- C. Proposed trail plans for HCAC Zone 6 – Cameron Rognan reported on the Zone 6 item. Mr. Rognan is the administrator of the Washington Counties Habitat Conservation Plan and reported that approximately 1 month ago, this plan was renewed for another 25 - year permit. During that process, the Northern Corridor was approved through a portion of the existing reserve.
Mr. Rognan presented a visual of Zone 6 and discussed the existing trails which total approximately 150 miles. He noted that the plan is to eliminate a lot of the redundant trails and create a trail system for Zone 6. They are working with the various user groups and trying to figure out a trail system that would work for as many users as possible. To do this, they are working with the Trail’s Committee that the County has established to try and identify which trails should be included in the master plan. One item of note is that there will need to be a coordinated effort between the SITLA and BLM to meet their 5-year deadline which is to include a total cap (or allowance) of 65 miles of trails.
Todd Edwards asked if the road leading up to Navajo in Bloomington will remain open and, if so, will it be wide enough to maintain or improve in the future. Mr.

Rognan stated that this has been a discussion item and that the width will be at 100 feet.

Mr. Chuck Gillette also asked about the Western Corridor and trail heads planned for that area. Mr. Rognan reported that this will be a discussion for the BLM and that it is too far into the future for any report at this time. However, they have drawn up a design (which was shown visually to the Committee) of possible locations where a trail head could be located. This discussion will have to be held in a future meeting because the Western Corridor has a lot of possibilities,

3. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

- A. Washington County Build-out Study Report and availability. Myron Lee led a discussion on a Built-Out Population Projections study of Washington County (February 2021) by AEONAI. This study was commissioned by the Kem C Gardner Institute with the intent to provide insight into the future capacity of the cities within Washington County.

The detail provided on page 6 and 7 indicate a total built-out population to be 885,007 (based on current city zoning maps). The population estimates came from the city's general plans. The discrepancy between Current Zoning Population Projections and the General Plan Population Projections were discussed. Based on the discussions regarding the source of the projections during this presentation, Mr. Lee is going to go back to the consultants and have them review their numbers a couple of different ways and make their charts more understandable and usable.

4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. Hurricane – Working on the 2800 W project (extension of the Southern Parkway up to 600 N). UDOT is hoping to open the segment of the Southern Parkway in Hurricane in May. Also working on pavement management and chip/slurry sealing in April.
- B. Ivins – Working on the Transportation Master Plan hoping to have it finished in a couple of months. They will be having a design meeting today on Highway 91 hoping to get that project out by this fall – also working on slurry seal.
- C. LaVerkin – Starting on their yearly road maintenance projects and preparing to apply for some funding on the 100 S project. Also working on an application for Right of Way with the BLM to help with the trail from LaVerkin to Springdale.
- D. Leeds – Working on chip seal later this year and working with UDOT on some storm water issues being addressed along Main Street. They are also getting ready to bid out the general plan for the Transportation plan update.
- E. St. George City – Getting closer on the 3000 E 1450 S project. The River Road bridge widening project is coming along very well. They have some signal projects going on – just put in the service on the 200 E 700 S and

closing in on the Snow Canyon Parkway 2000 N Pioneer Parkway signal. Also working on a signal at Sunbrook Drive and Dixie Drive, and in design for a signal at River Bend and Riverside Drive. Monty Thurber reported that they now have more than 100 signals in St. George City.

- F. Santa Clara – Working on slurry seals with Ivins City this year. Jack Taylor mentioned that he is going to retire in April and expressed thanks to all members of the Committee that he has been able to work with.
- 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. There are also (2) other projects in that area – 1450 going around the Temple and one in the middle that will be advertised next week. They are also working on the section for tying into the Southern Parkway.
Another project is the Washington Dam Road reconstruction (widening) out to the Southern Parkway. They are hoping to get the road to a 5-lane highway.
They are working with St. George City on a name for the new road at 3650 S.
- I. Washington County – Nothing new to report.
- J. UDOT – Planning on finishing up the Southern Parkway in May. They are trying to determine a start date for the tunnel on South Bluff – trying to fit it in with already scheduled events. Some projects they have lined up:
 - Passing lane on SR 9 by Virgin
 - Pavement projects on Highway 18 by the LedgesThey are also following House Bill 433 that, if passed, could potentially put a lot of money in Washington County.

6. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. April 7, 2021 – DTAC Meeting
- B. April 17, 2021 – DTEC 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 with 1 exception, Lynn Chamberlain, representing Toquerville left the meeting prior to the final roll call.

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.