

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR AND ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2021**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Hart, Ivins Mayor
Richard Hirschi, La Verkin Mayor
Wayne Peterson, Leeds Mayor (via Zoom)
Dannielle Larkin, St. George City
Michele Randall, St. George City Mayor
Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara Mayor (via Zoom)
John Brammall, Hurricane City Mayor
Ken Nielson, Washington City Mayor
Jimmie Hughes, St George City

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT / EXCUSED

Dean Cox, Commissioner
Lynn Chamberlain, Toquerville Mayor
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Chris Hart called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. Consideration of May 19, 2021 DTEC Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Mayor John Bramall to Approve the May 19, 2021 DTEC Minutes. Motion Seconded by Mayor Ken Neilson and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

b. Raise Grant Applications – Purgatory Road and Old Highway 91

Myron Lee explained that this item was previously discussed at the May DTEC meeting. The Raise Grant Funds would allow for the construction of the Purgatory Road and the completion of Old Highway 91. The Dixie MPO would hire a grant writer in order to better qualify for potential grant allocations. The grants are due on July 12, 2021, therefore, it is critical to secure a grant writer before then in order to submit by the deadline.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Michelle Randall to Approve the Raise Grant Application for the Purgatory Road and Old Highway 91 in the Amount of \$38,000. Motion Seconded by Mayor John Bramall and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

c. Resolution FY2022-01 – Urban Transportation Planning Process Certification

Mr. Lee explained that the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the MPO for the St. George Urbanized area. In order to meet requirements of the Federal Highway Administration, the MPO must self-certify annually that the MPO is following all federal guidelines . Resolution FY2022-01 accomplishes that task.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor John Bramall to Approve Resolution FY2022-01 – Urban Transportation Planning Process Certification. Motion Seconded by Mayor Richard Hirschi and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

d. Consideration of Proposed 2021 TIP Funding Adjustments: Old Highway 91 (PIN 16707) and Washington City (PINs 14560, 16646)

Mr. Lee explained that Old Hwy 91 from 200 East to Shivwits previously programmed \$822,848 of funding. Funds must be spent by September 2021 or they will no longer be available. It is proposed for \$400,000 to be moved from the Old Highway 91 project to the Washington City 3650 Extension as it is a “shovel ready” project. In exchange an equal amount of “Small-Urban” funds would be moved in reverse.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor John Bramall to Approve 2021 TIP Funding Adjustments: Old Highway 91 (PIN 16707) and Washington City’s 3650 South Project (PIN 18441). Motion Seconded by Mayor Ken Neilson and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

Mr. Lee further explained that the Washington City would like to move unused MPO funds from the Environmental Study on Exit 11 and the Washington Parkway projects to 3650 South (PIN 18441).

MOTION: Motion by Mayor John Bramall to Approve 2021 TIP Funding Adjustments: moving unused funds from Washington City PINs 14560, 16646 to PIN 18441. Motion Seconded by Councilman Jimmie Hughes and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

e. Set Public Comment Period for the 2022 TIP (June 26 to July 31, 2021)

Mr. Lee explained that the following projects are being added to the TIP for public comment: Purgatory Road Design contract; I-15 widening, exit 10-13 and interchange 11; I-15 widening, exit 6-8 and possible interchange 7; State Route 17 Toquerville Bypass; Bluff/I-15 interchange active transportation tunnel; Northern Corridor; SR-9 roundabout at MP 12.45; SR-7 interchange at 3650 South in Washington; Santa Clara

Drive improvements; Red Mountain Drive extension; and Pioneer Parkway turn lanes and widening.

The public comment period is recommended from June 26 through July 31, 2021 in conjunction with UDOT's STIP Public Comment Period.

MOTION: Motion by Councilman Jimmie Hughes to Set Public Comment Period for the 2022 TIP (June 26 to July 31, 2021). Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Danielle Larkin and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

DISCUSSION

a. Ivins City Transportation Master Plan Update

Ivins City Public Works Director Chuck Gillette provided updates from the Ivins City master transportation plan. The projected build out is 18,500 to the year 2070. Highway 91 is in need of intersection or roundabout improvements as that area was identified as having higher traffic accident counts. Old Highway 91 is the major project identified on the 0-5 year transportation improvement plan.

The major project identified on the 6-10 year plan is a Western Corridor connector which would help to alleviate traffic from Ivins through Santa Clara.

b. Active Transportation Plan Report

Dixie MPO Transportation Specialist Ryan Tiu explained that he has been working on the active transportation plan with the goal to accommodate more pedestrian and bicycle transportation.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

None presented.

b. UDOT Updates

None presented.

c. Federal Updates

None presented.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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ADJOURN

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cheyenne Bentley