



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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MINUTES

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Feb. 3, 2021, 1:39 pm

Electronic

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan Stathis
Mr. Rob Dotson
Mr. Jeff Sanders
Mr. Aldo Biasi
Mr. Reed Erickson
Mr. Cleve Matheson

REPRESENTING:

Cedar City
Enoch City
Utah Department of Transportation
Brian Head Town
Iron County Planning
Parowan City

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mr. Randy Williams
Mayor Todd Robinson

REPRESENTING:

Kanarraville Town
Paragonah Town

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Dave Demas
Lief Condie
Kara Taylor

REPRESENTING:

Five County Association of Governments
Sunrise Engineering
Southwest Health

- I. **Quorum Declaration** – Mr. Rob Dotson, declared there was a quorum present.
- II. **Approve Minutes – June 3, 2020**
Mr. Rob Dotson, Vice Chair, referenced minutes of the June 3, 2020_meeting for discussion and approval.
A motion was made by Mr. Reed Erickson, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Stathis, to approve minutes of the June 3, 2020 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- III. **Elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair** – After discussion, Rob Dotson was nominated to be the new Chair of the RTAC and Jonathan Stathis as the Vice-chair.
A motion was made to approve the above nomination by Reed Erickson and seconded by Aldo Biasi. Motion carried by unanimous vote. It was noted that the term is for two years.
- IV. **Cedar/Enoch Transportation Study.**
Reed gave the initial report and update. Avenue consultants met with the group at Festival Hall. They laid out maps for the group to study. Members were able to sit around the tables to mark them up and discuss areas and concerns. Discussed the future public involvement



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process. Rob noted that the public meetings will be March 30th and 31st. One will be in Cedar and the other will be in Enoch. Enoch's will be at the elementary and Cedar is trying to reserve the Heritage Center. Avenue will also be providing information that each city can use to approach other associations, for example the Home Builders, to get input. Reed noted that the Chamber was interested in some type of presentation on the 11th. Maybe that would work. Reed noted a take-away from the meeting may be that the public process could focus on project priorities. Rob also noted that his office is having a lot of interest in transportation as it relates to development. Dave asked Rob to inquire when new, revised project maps will be available.

Rob noted that the Access managements plans for SR130 and SR56 that were in the study are now being pulled out and UDOT will now be working individually with each city to accomplish. Jeff agreed and noted that focus will initially be on SR130. Dave indicated that UDOT is also committed to do the study on the south interchange to determine what improvements may be needed.

Note: Cleve Matheson joined the meeting.

V. MPO Discussion

Dave then discussed the MPO item. He noted that he had sent each member a copy of the study that was done by the Metropolitan-Micropolitan review committee. Dave said this issue has been looked at before. This committee is recommending that the population requirements for an MPO be increased from 50,000 to 100,000. This would have a significant effect on the RPO area. By next census we could possible reach 50,000 but a population of 100,000 would be much further out. This movement has been addressed in previous years and was opposed by AMPO and was eventually defeated. Dave does not know or understand why this group is proposing the change or what the motivation is. He is not sure that would be a good idea for the Iron County area; It would have to be looked at further. Jeff said this was the first time he had seen this idea. Jeff however noted that the Governors proposed budget is proposing \$1,000,000 for emerging area studies which Cedar area should qualify for.

VI. Coordination for annexation expansion areas – County Tier II

Reed led this discussion. He shared his screen with the group showing information on Tier II policies. He thought it would be a good to talk about the County's tiering system and how it works. In 1995 the county identified the tiering system made up of 4 different tiers. Tier I Urbanized Area, Tier II Urban Expansion Area, Tier III Urbanizing Area, and Tier IV Rural Area. Each of the areas were explained. This policy was put in place in order to have good communication amongst the cities and county. The County has identified the Tier II boundary for each city and shows it on a map. The map also shows other Tier areas. So, the purpose of this discussion is really focused on the Tier II Policies and how they can be used by the cities and the county. This policy is available on the County website.



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Reed explained that one policy is that the growth adjacent to a City should belong in the City. These policies are intended to work on expansion areas that are within the City's annexation areas. Guidelines are set forth concerning subdivision development in the Tier II areas and how they are to deal with annexation. Covers many things like water and sewer, and other services.

Reed then provided a presentation regarding what is being dealt with in this process. He had diagrams showing where the municipalities annexation boundaries are different than the County's Tier II boundary. It also identified an example where Enoch and Cedar show the same areas within their respective expansion areas. Where boundaries are not the same, potential problems with growth and development may occur.

He noted that the Tier II boundary will be changing due to the disincorporation of Cedar Highlands. Reed also noted that the County does not have Annexation/Declaration Areas for Brian Head, Paragonah, Parowan and Kanarrville and would like to ask for help in getting or developing them. He will be contacting each community to get their boundaries. Reed explained the importance of the Tier II boundary as a coordination tool for the county and the cities to work together in determine the outcome of developments. Reed then gave an example of a proposed development within the Tier II area but on the border of Cedar City and how it could not only affect services but transportation as well. In this situation the County requested the developer to talk to the city about annexation in accordance with the policy instead of just approving the use in the County.

One of the big takeaways is how this can affect the future transportation corridors. It is very important that these future corridors be coordinated between Cities and the County and this is one tool that can help.

It has been quite some time since this has been discussed and Reed felt it important to make everyone aware of these ordinances in case they are not. Rob had a question referring to property that may be in Tier II and Tier IV, how does this work. The county would treat it similar to what they do with zoning and go by where the majority of the property is located. It was noted in the discussion that the whole idea is to make sure the maps and the annexation declaration lines are very similar.

Rob suggested that it is good for all the cities to look at their boundaries and compare with the Tier II boundaries as it could be very helpful in these efforts.

Reed then apprised all about a website called HipCamp where people are renting out their property for camping. Encouraged members to look at this site.

Reed will also make a shortened version of the presentation in the next ICC meeting.

VII. Project Updates

a. Cedar Coal Creek Bridge Project

Jonathan provided a report. Indicating that UDOT will be bidding the project out soon. He does not have any dates yet but is waiting for UDOT

b. SR 130 Project



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Rob gave a brief report indicating that the project should begin sometime in April. Notices are being given to that affect. He wanted to show the final design of the inside of the roundabout, but he cannot get it yet. Sunroc has the construction contract.

VIII. UDOT Planning Discussion and updates

a. Active Trans. Discussion – SUU and UDOT

Jeff explained that the purpose is to look at some active transportation issues that surround SUU. There was one meeting held, but not much movement, so UDOT is in the process of putting together another meeting to get things started back up. They are looking to involve the student groups. UDOT is looking to repave the loop around SUU and these meetings are to see what Active Transportation improvements can be made while doing this. They are trying to organize a meeting in the next few weeks. Jeff will notify Jonathan when the next meeting happens. Kara Taylor and the Health Dept. has some interest here. Rob noted that the Active Transportation portion of the Cedar/Enoch Master plan study may be of some help here

IX. Other Discussion Items

Jonathan asked if Reed would be willing to come to a Planning Commission to make the expansion area presentation, Reed indicated that he would be glad to. Rob brought up the project priority list and the timing of the list. Projects can be added at any time although have tried to do on a yearly basis. Dave noted that we were waiting for the Master Planning process to produce future projects. Rob noted the Concept Report that is something those who are new to the RPO may not be familiar with. He indicated that it is a simple document that can be used to identify an area's project on the list. These get submitted to the RTAC for review and submittal to the RTEC. Rob requested that Dave send out to all the members. Rob and Dave discussed the importance of completing the Concept Reports.

A. Next Meeting – April 7, 2021:

- a. Location: May still be an electronic meeting; time will tell. Leif asked it would be the same link. Different link each meeting. Leif asked to be sent a copy of the agenda, he will email Dave so that Dave has his email address.

X. Adjourn

A motion was made by Reed Erickson and seconded by Jonathan Stathis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.