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MINUTES

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

April. 7, 2021, 1:38 pm

Electronic

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Jonathan Stathis
Mr. Rob Dotson
Mr. Jeff Sanders
Mr. Aldo Biasi
Mr. Rick Wilson

REPRESENTING:

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mr. Randy Williams
Mayor Todd Robinson
Mr. Cleve Matheson

REPRESENTING:

Kanarraville Town
Paragonah Town
Parowan City

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Dave Demas
Lief Condie

REPRESENTING:

Five County Association of Governments
Sunrise Engineering

- I. **Quorum Declaration** – Mr. Rob Dotson, declared there was a quorum present. All those in attendance introduced themselves.
- II. **Approve Minutes – Feb. 3, 2021**
Mr. Rob Dotson, Vice Chair, noted that the incorrect minutes were noted and sent out. Approval of the Feb. minutes will be rescheduled for next meeting.
No motion was made.
- III. **ICRPO FY 21-22 Funding Request** – It was noted that the funding was for the FY 2022 Dave Demas made the presentation. He reminded members that the RPO is funded with the corridor preservation funds. He explained that the budget was increased last year to help Iron County with some specific tasks. Due to the issues of last year, that work was not completed. The RPO is asking that the budget amount remain at \$44,000 for the coming year as well. He showed the request letter and explained what it contained and how it is used; noting that it is good for the RTAC to see this document. He noted that this group approves this action and recommends it to the RTEC, who then does the same and recommend to the COG. If COG approves it then moves to the Iron County Commission for final approval. Jeff Sanders suggested that we add the Brian Head study to the funded list as



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it this study is moving forward. Brain Head agreed with that action. Commissioner Bleak was added as the signature for the County.

A motion was made to approve the RPO Fiscal year 21-22 funding by Jonathan Stathis and seconded by Aldo Biasi. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Rob noted that even though there is a \$44,000 budget, the costs will be based on the use.

IV. Cedar/Enoch Transportation Study.

Rob gave the report and update. He discussed the open houses that were conducted the week prior. There were about 60 attendees in Cedar and 29 in Enoch. He indicated there was a lot of conversation and input given at these meeting. Informative maps were presented and were put to good use. Most people were seeking and giving information. Dave felt that both meetings went very well and noted that UDOT Commissioner Law attended the meeting in Cedar. Jeff Sanders noted that Cedar is doing a general plan update right now and asked about coordination between the two studies. Jonathan indicated that there is coordination and that the General Plan Study actually had a booth at the Cedar open house. Rob noted that the study may be done towards the end of May.

V. Project Priority List Discussion

Rob suggested that we discuss the Priority List at every meeting. He talked about the importance of the list and noted the connection with Agenda Item VI, corridor preservation funding. The group moved quickly through the list to see if there were any changes that need to be made. Rob discussed the North leg of the belt route, C14. He explained that this project is from the Summit Interchange, through the Hills section, and to SR130. Rob was wondering if it made sense to change the designation of the Belt Route projects to match the Belt Route Study. He noted that the segments in the study are different than those on the Priority List. The study breaks the route north of SR56 into several sections. They each have a different name. Dave indicated that he would look into the issue. He referred to the COG list where it is also identified similar to the Priority List. The intention would be to make the priority list changes to coincide with the COG list. Rob told the group that there may be some development in the Hills section very soon. Discussion with the County would be a good idea.

Dave noted that the RPO is waiting for the final project list from the Cedar-Enoch Master Plan study to use to update the Priority List. After significant discussion, several changes were suggested. Project C14 and C20 was suggested to match the projects with the recently completed Belt Route study. Dave will look into this suggestion and contact Reed to discuss. Dave indicated that Lisa, with Cedar, was going to look at those Cedar projects needing concept reports and try to provide them.

It was suggested to add in the Brian Head Study to the Study category; it is funded and will happen in the near future.



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Rob suggested that on ST 1 the name be changed to the Cedar City/ Enoch Master Transportation Plan. Another suggestion is adding Old Highway 91 improvements as a safety project reflecting the roughness and rugged surface of the existing chip seal. This would be from Cedar City to Summit interchange. The responsible entities would be County and Enoch.

Cedar City noted that the estimated cost of the Nichols Canyon Rd. Trail connection is \$438,000. Jonathan noted that Cedar will try to use the existing structure for the trail. This project is being submitted to UDOT for potential funding.

It was decided to take another look at the list when the Master Plan study is completed.

Dave asked that all members please review the document and send him anything that needs to be added to the list so that he can begin making changes. Jeff noted that when Brian Head's study is completed those projects identified may be added as well.

VI. COG Project Discussion

- A. Dave noted that this list can only be revised once per year. Any project that could require corridor preservation funds needs to be added at that time. He noted that the last time the list was approved was in September of 2020. Rob proposed that changes be made to the COG list in conjunction with the discussion on the Priority list and to add Enoch on the North section (the Hills section) of the belt route. Rob reminded the members that the number shown is not a priority number but just a reference number. Dave indicated that any significant road within the county can be on this list even if it is not on the RPO Priority List. We also need to have a discussion on the Cedar Highlands roads regarding status and what we should call these roads. Suggested conversation with Rich and Reed regarding this list. Change Projects #5 and #9

- B. Approval – Action Item. No action taken; we will hold until the next meeting.

VII. Project Updates

- A. Cedar Coal Creek Bridge Project
Jonathan provided a report. UDOT has awarded the project to Wadsworth Construction, Stanley Consultants will be the CM. Preconstruction meeting will be held soon. Power company has been moving their facilities. Clayton Wilson, UDOT, has been in contact with Cedar. Rob asked if Jonathan could have the project public information officer send information to Rob and he would push the information to the Enoch residents as this project will affect them as well. Also suggested this would be a good practice on other major projects as most of the Enoch residents travel to Cedar daily. Jonathan agreed.



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- B. SR 130 Project. Rob gave a brief report. He indicated that construction will start Monday on the south end at 3000 North and proceed northerly. Work on the roundabout should start around the first of May. They have had to deal with several utility issues as the project starts.

VIII. UDOT Planning Discussion and updates

Jeff provided information regarding projects noting that Cedar City submitted a funding application for Nichols Canyon Road Trail. He indicated that UDOT was given a large amount of money by the State Legislature for several projects throughout the state. One project will be the widening of I-15 northbound from MP 43 to MP 56. This project will move ahead quickly. It is adding an additional northbound lane. There will be an exit 57 study to look at current and future issues. Study is being done by Avenue consultants. Rob noted a significant volume of traffic on SR130 between the signals at the interchange. He has observed traffic backing up from the north signal at 3000 N through the interchange to the South signals.

Jeff also indicated that UDOT would be continuing with the Access Management Plan on SR 130. UDOT is funding that work and it should be moving forward within a month or two. Dave commented on the importance of controlling accesses along that route and how it will help reduce future congestion. Jeff indicated that UDOT will work closely with Enoch on the plan. Rob inquired about an access project occurring along SR130 and notes he has no knowledge of it and would like to know. It is in the area of the animal shelter. Jeff will follow up and get back to Rob.

IX. Other Discussion Items

A. Next Meeting – June 2, 2021:

- i. Location: Enoch; planning on in person and electronic.

X. Adjourn

A motion was made by Aldo to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended.