

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR AND ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2021**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Gil Almquist, Commissioner
Chris Hart, Ivins Mayor
Wayne Peterson, Leeds Mayor (via Zoom)
Dannielle Larkin, St. George City (via Zoom)
Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara Mayor
John Bramall, Hurricane City Mayor
Ken Nielson, Washington City Mayor
Jimmie Hughes, St George City
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner
Patty Wise for Richard Hirschi, La Verkin Mayor

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT / EXCUSED

Lynn Chamberlain, Toquerville Mayor
Michele Randall, St. George City Mayor

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

BUSINESS

a. **Consideration of June 16, 2021 DTEC Minutes**

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Ken Neilson to Approve the June 16, 2021 DTEC Minutes. Motion Seconded by UDOT Commissioner Naghi Zeenati and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

DISCUSSION

a. **Raise Grant Application Status Report**

Myron Lee reported that under the FY 2021 Appropriations Act, the maximum grant award is \$25 million, and no more than \$100 million can be awarded to a single State. This year's RAISE grant will be award in November 2021.

The grant writer working on the RAISE grants reported that the Ivins, Old Highway 91 project will not meet the congestion relief specifications needed to be considered for the RAISE grant. However, the Purgatory Road project will go before the committee for consideration.

b. St. George Airport Master Plan

Richard Lucas explained that the St. George airport has been working toward compiling a master plan. FAA requires public involvement in development in the airport master plan. The St. George Airport is considered an all-weather airport and can accommodate all flights domestically within the US excluding Hawaii.

The smaller aircraft has been the primary use, however, larger aircraft are slowly being introduced into the St. George market as well.

Some of the concerns with the airport include the encroachment of residential homes and compatible land use in the area. The increased flight training has also posed issues due to the lack of a control tower.

The terminal is currently experiencing deficiencies in regards to hold room, bag-check and lack of concessions for the growing needs of the airport.

c. Washington County / UDOT Litter Control Agreement

Commissioner Gil Almquist stated that the litter levels along the highway and side streets in Washington County has grown exponentially as a result of heavy tourism and lack of clean-up crews. The County has hired a two-man crew to help assist in the clean-up efforts for both UDOT and community areas. The Purgatory Correctional Facility has been able to again provide an inmate clean-up crew after the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the inmate work program for a significant amount of time in 2020.

Commissioner Almquist stated that if any municipalities have areas in need, to let the county know so that the crew can add it into their rotation.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

None presented.

b. UDOT Updates

Rick Torgerson stated that UDOT is working towards road improvements and permitting issues to prepare for the IRONMAN World Championship in September. Work is being done to prepare for the I-15 widening between mile posts 10 and 13.

c. Federal Updates

Senator Lee Office representative Jackson Last reported that the Senate would be holding a procedural vote in regards to an infrastructure package with additional details to follow.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC- August 4, 2021

DTEC – August 12, 2021

ADJOURN

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cheyenne Bentley