

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)  
REGULAR AND ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2021**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT / EXCUSED**

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 July 21, 2021 DTEC Minutes**

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor John Bramall to Approve the July 21, 2021 DTEC Minutes. Motion Seconded by Mayor Ken Neilson and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.**

**b. Appoint an MPO Representative to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC)**

Myron Lee explained the late Commissioner Cox was the representative on the JPAC. As a result of his passing, a new representative is needed on the Committee.

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor John Bramall to Appoint Commissioner Gil Almquist to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee. Motion Seconded by Mayor Rick Rosenberg and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.**

**c. Change Funding Recipient from LaVerkin to Washington County (\$25,000 for a Trail Environmental Study from La Verkin to Springdale)**

Myron Lee explained that in May of 2021, up to \$25,000 was granted for an environmental

study on a bike

trail from LaVerkin to Springdale. LaVerkin and UDOT have agreed to allow Washington County to take the lead on the project. The recipient now needs to be changed to Washington County from LaVerkin.

Kayde Roberts clarified that this project ranked highly with the UDOT Commission for statewide active transportation and is being recommended for funding. Washington County's matching fund portion is \$2.7 million. The MPO's portion of matching funding is \$25,000 toward the environmental study. The trail would run from LaVerkin to Springdale.

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor Ken Neilson to Change the Funding Recipient from LaVerkin to Washington County for \$25,000 for a Trail Environmental Study. Motion Seconded by Mayor John Bramall and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.**

**d. Review Public Comments on 2022-2025 Dixie Transportation Improvement Plan**

Mr. Lee explained that the public comments were distributed to the board prior to the meeting. There were some concerns from the Conserve Southwest Utah group regarding the Long Valley Road and Northern Corridor projects and the proximity to critical environmental habitat. Conserve Southwest Utah expressed frustrations with understanding some of the documentation received on the Transportation Improvement Plan.

Mr. Lee stated that in response to received concerns, in the future, there could be summarizing follow-up documentation sent to groups with questions upon request.

**e. Consideration 2022-2025 Dixie Transportation Improvement Plan**

**MOTION: Motion by Mayor John Bramall to Approve the 2022-2025 Dixie Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion Seconded by Mayor Richard Hirschi and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.**

**REGIONAL UPDATES**

**a. Local Government Updates**

Mayor Bramall reported that SR-7 has been a great addition for the Hurricane community.

St. George Public Works Director Cameron Cutler explained that River Road has been opened fully, however, there may be some additions to traffic signal

timing as traffic is measured with school being back in session. Other St. George projects include: the 3000 East widening project is in the design and bid process; and electric bus options are still being explored for use.

**b. UDOT Updates**

Kayde Roberts explained that the Exit 10-13 designer has been hired; and Exit 6-8 is undergoing the environmental study process. Shoulder widening on Highway 59 near Sheep's Bridge Road will begin shortly.

Improvements on SR-19 between Veyo and Central and a public input session will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the community center in Central.

**c. Federal Updates**

None presented.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

DTAC- September 1, 2021

DTEC – September 15, 2021

**ADJOURN**

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cheyenne Bentley