

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR AND ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2021**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Hart, Ivins Mayor (via Zoom)
Gil Almquist, Commissioner
Wayne Peterson, Leeds Mayor (via Zoom)
Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara Mayor
Nannette Billings, Hurricane City Council / Mayor elect
Ken Nielson, Washington City Mayor
Jimmie Hughes, St George City
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner
Dannielle Larkin, St. George City (Via Zoom)
Richard Hirschi, La Verkin Mayor

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT / EXCUSED

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chairman Jimmie Hughes determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. Consideration of October 20, 2021 DTEC Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Ken Nielsen to Approve the October 20, 2021 DTEC Minutes. Motion Seconded by Mayor Richard Hirschi and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

b. Consideration of Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2019-2050 Dixie Regional Transportation Plan and set a Public Comment Period (January 3- February 4, 2022): Adding Project #s 174 to 182 at the Request of Washington City

Myron Lee explained that Washington City has recently updated their long range plan and is requesting to add project numbers 174 to 182 to the 2019-2050 Dixie Regional Transportation Plan. A Comment period must be set in order to approve the project and is set to be from January 3 to February 4, 2022.

MOTION: Motion by UDOT Commissioner Naghi Zeenati to Approve Amendment #2 to the 2019-2050 Dixie Regional Transportation Plan and Set a Public Comment Period. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Gil Almquist and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

c. Consideration of 2022-2026 TIP Programming as recommended by DTAC

Mr. Lee explained that the Technical Advisory Committee (DTAC) met and determined programming for STP (Small Urban Transportation Plan) funds coming in fiscal year 2026 for two projects. The first project is an environmental study on the Western Corridor from Old Highway 91 to Gap Canyon Parkway in Santa Clara. The committee recommended \$1.4 million dollars be programmed for that project.

The second project is the Hidden Valley Drive extension to Desert Color Parkway. The Committee recommended programming \$1.49 million dollars for that project.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the 2022-2026 TIP Programming as Recommended by DTAC. Motion Seconded by Mayor Rick Rosenberg and Carried by Unanimous Vote.

DISCUSSION

a. UDOT's Rural Planning Process

Teri Newell of UDOT explained that UDOT is responsible for the long range plan in the rural areas.

b. Discussion of Unified Plan Performance Measures

Mr. Lee stated that the Unified Planning Transportation Committee has proposed adding an additional performance measure to analyze project eligibility for project. The new measure is 'Equity' and would be the sixth performance measure. The three measureable criteria of the Equity portion are: persons of color (40% or more zone population), zero car household (10% or more zone population), and low income (20% or more zone population).

There are some concerns with how the criteria would be collected and measured in the various areas. Mr. Lee explained that five (5) traffic analysis zones identified in Washington County meet some of the outlined criteria.

Danielle Larkin suggested the health department could assist in obtaining the data needed to determine which areas may qualify under the equity portion of the performance measures. Other committee members expressed a hesitancy in using the

measurement of “persons of color” to guide transportation decisions as that measure carries the potential for stereotyping and discrimination.

Mr. Lee clarified that he will take the input from this committee back to the Unified Planning Transportation Committee. If the Committee implements the new performance measure, further action will be need to be taken by the DTEC at a later time.

c. Discussion of 2022 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Lee stated that there have been some conflicts with scheduling the DTEC meeting on the 3rd Wednesday and suggested moving the meetings to the 3rd Tuesdays. The members agreed that the schedule change would work moving forward.

d. Outgoing Member Recognition

The outgoing members were recognized for their service on the DTEC. Those members are Mayor Richard Hirschi, Mayor Ken Neilson, Mayor Stan Smith, Mayor Wayne Peterson, Mayor John Bramall, and Mayor Lynn Chamberlain.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

Cameron Cutler mentioned the extension/widening along 3000 E in Washington.

b. UDOT Updates

Rick Torgerson explained that UDOT is working on the Exit 10-13 project as well at the 6-8 exit project.

SR-18, passing lane from Central to Baker. Partnership with the County to widen between Winchester Hills and Snow Canyon State Park.

Chris Hall explained the delays associated with the box culvert crossing on Main Street and Bluff Street. Materials needed have been back logged, therefore, the project will not begin until June or July.

Commissioner Zeenati mentioned that the 2022 UDOT Commission tour and Commission Meeting at Washington City hall will take place March 24-25, 2022.

c. Federal Updates

None Presented.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC – January 5, 2022
DTEC – January 19, 2022
Transportation Expo – February 8, 2022

ADJOURN

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cheyenne Bentley