

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

Conducting: Todd Edwards, Chairman – Mr. Todd Edwards called the DTAC meeting to order from an anchor location with an electronic meeting option over a GoToMeeting connection.

Mr. Edwards noted that each Committee member attending electronically will be asked if they are present and if they can hear clearly.

In addition, Mr. Edwards noted that he will take roll again at the end of the meeting wherein the Committee members attending electronically must declare for the record that they participated in the meeting from beginning to end and that they were able to hear and comprehend everything that occurred during the meeting.

Mr. Edwards conducted the roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE ANCHOR LOCATION:

- Todd Edwards, CHAIR, Washington County Engineer
- Jay Sandberg, St George City
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Kayde Roberts, UDOT Region Four
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Paul Mogle – representing Mike Shaw for Washington City

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Ty Bringhurst, Toquerville City Manager
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City (Excused)
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Bryan Thiriot, FCAOG
- Gary Zabriskie, FCAOG
- Nick Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Alyssa Gamble, FCAOG

- Ross Burton FCAOG
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Leslie Fonger, Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineer
- Tim O'Brien, St. George Citizen
- Tyler Turner, Civil Science
- Brandon Weight, Civil Science
- Taylor Ricks
- Kurt Ivie, Washington City
- Brett Jensen, Avenue Consultants
- Emilie Jordao, Avenue Consultants
- Thomas McMurtry Avenue Consultants
- Ed Andrechak, CSU
- Brady Shakespear, Jones & DeMille Engineering
- Bryan Dixon
- Rick Snyder
- Susan Crook
- Tom Butine
- Isabel Adler
- Shawn S.
- Zachary Renstrom, WCWCD
- Karny Rathje, WCWCD
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

Chairman Edwards noted that a quorum was present and called for the meeting to continue.

Chairman Edwards also welcomed visitors who were in attendance.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. COVID-19 Accommodations/Protocol – The COVID-19-Accommodations and Protocol were discussed prior to Item 1.A to comply with the roll call rules when holding an electronic meeting.
- B. Consider Minutes from November 3, 2021 – Chairman Edwards noted that (1) correction was requested: Local Project Status Update for Washington County...Grinding and cheap seal projects should be changed to grinding and chip seal projects. With no other additions or corrections mentioned, Chairman Edwards called for a motion to approve the minutes.

**Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction.
Cameron Cutler seconded the motion.**

The motion passed with all Committee members verbally voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Edwards noted that there were not any members attending the meeting electronically, so the review of the rules governing members attending the meeting electronically from an anchor location, were not reviewed. If a voting member does join the meeting, these rules will then be presented.

2. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

- A. Water in Washington County – Zach Renstrom presented a Power Point on the water supply in Washington County. Mr. Renstrom noted that Washington County's major population centers are 100% dependent on the Virgin River Basin which is closed to further appropriations.

When the Quail Reservoir and Sand Hollow Reservoir were first contemplated, the population of the County was approximately 40,000 – that population number has more than doubled since that time.

Mr. Renstrom discussed some of the information that the Kem C Gardner Policy Institute has provided. The report indicates that the County has land mass that could handle up to 800,000 people, but that we don't have water for that.

The Washington County's comprehensive water plan includes:

- Existing Sources
- Local Projects
- Lake Powell Pipeline
- Conservation and Reuse
- Ag Conversion
- LPP Reuse (Lake Powell Pipeline)

Because the Lake Powell Pipeline is going to be delayed for the current drought and different scenarios that are taking place, the reuse part of the plan is going to be an area that will receive more attention.

Mr. Renstrom then discussed the Local Project List with its anticipated costs and stages of development. The one project that is nearest to the construction stage is the Ash Creek Pipeline and Toquerville Reservoir Project. This is a 3600-acre-foot reservoir with a 17-mile pipeline. The anticipated construction start date is in 2022.

Mr. Renstrom then opened his presentation for questions and comments.

- B. Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #2 – Nicholas Gayer presented the Dixie MPO Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #2 for review. After considerable discussion, **Arthur LeBaron made a motion to recommend the 8 projects (Project 174, and 176 through 181) from Phase I and Project 175**

from Phase II) to the DTEC for their approval. Chuck Gillette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- C. Unified Plan Performance Measures - Myron Lee discussed the performance measures that we have approved as an MPO. These measures are required to follow the federal regulations for how we select projects. Mr. Lee stated that right now we have (4) performance measures.

Because we are now part of the Unified Planning Group, which is made up of UDOT, UTA, and the (4) MPO's throughout the State, there's been a suggestion made from the Unified Planning Group that we consider adding (1) more performance measure to our list. This additional performance measure is called an Equity Measure which would look at zones where persons of color make up 40% or more of the population, zero car zones where 10% or more of the population has zero cars, and low-income zones where 20% or more of the population is considered low income).

The question that this Committee will consider is:

- Does it make sense to have an Equity Measure in our Rating/Ranking performance measure, and
- If yes, what question (or questions) would we want included.

After considerable discussion, the board directed that transportation decisions **NOT** be made based on the "persons of color" metric. An equity performance measure should not include a measure of "persons of color".

Mr. Lee noted that the Committee feedback would be taken back to the Unified Planning Group.

Myron Lee agreed to send out the document from the Unified Planning Group to each Committee member for their review prior to the next time this item is up for discussion.

3. TIP:

- A. TIP Funding Review – Myron Lee presented the 2021 Rating and Ranking on the (2) projects selected for TIP 2022-2026 funds.
- B. Concept Report Rating / Project Selection for TIP 2022-2026 funds – Mr. Lee indicated that the (2) projects selected are:
- Western Corridor EA
 - Hidden Valley Drive Extension to Desert Color Parkway

Myron indicated that there were (9) evaluators for the Rating and Ranking with a dollar amount to be programmed of approximately \$2.9 million dollars. The discussion that followed was how to program the available money to one or both programs.

After considerable discussion, Cameron Cutler made a motion to program \$1.4 million to the Western Corridor (Old 91 to Plantation) and the balance of approximately \$1.5 to the Hidden Valley Drive Extension to Desert Color Parkway. Monty Thurber seconded the motion and voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. Hurricane – Working on a signal on SR9
- B. Ivins – Working on Highway 91 and hoping to have it out to bid in March. Still working on Right of Way issues and preparing for a COG meeting in January. Working on Crack/Seal projects.
- C. LaVerkin – No report.
- D. Leeds – No report.
- E. St. George City – Continuing on the 3000 E Mall Drive widening. They have re-advertised the 1580 to 2000 N project. The signal lights at SunBrook and Dixie Drive and 2000 N to Snow Canyon Parkway have been bid out. They are also working on the Transportation EXPO which is scheduled for February 8, 2022.
- F. Santa Clara – No update.
- G. Toquerville – No report.
- H. Washington City – They have started construction on the Washington Dam Road project. The Green Springs and Buena Vista has been put out to bid but they will have to re-bid because they only received (1) bid.
- I. Washington County – Have a joint project with UDOT to put a passing lane in at Winchester Hills to the turn in to Snow Canyon. This is a rush project to get the additional lane in before the Iron Man competition in May.
- J. UDOT – Have the I-15 projects underway with the environmentals on the exits 6-8. The exits 10-13 are under design. Exit 11 has an interchange which is included in the design along with a third lane in each direction.

5. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. December 15, 2021 – DTEC meeting
- B. January 5, 2022 – DTAC meeting

6. Roll Call Vote:

- A. A Roll Call Vote was not done because all voting members attended the physical location.

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.