

# DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2022 – 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
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Mike Shaw, Washington City Public Works Director
- Afton Moore, Toquerville City Manager

### MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

None

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Representative for Leeds Town

### OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nick Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Scott Buys, FCAOG, Mobility Management
- Kurt Ivie, Washington City Council
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering

- Leslie Fonger, Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office
- Eldon Bingham, UDOT
- Patty Wise
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineer
- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Andy Stevens, Washington City
- Tim O'Brien, St. George Citizen
- Tyler Turner, Civil Science
- Brandon Weight, Civil Science
- Brett Jensen, Avenue Consultants
- Brady Shakespear, Jones & DeMille Engineering
- Bryan Dixon
- Rick Snyder
- Nanette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor
- 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. Consider Minutes from December 1, 2021 – Arthur LeBaron made a motion to table the minutes until next month so that the discussion regarding the suggestion from the Unified Planning Group to add an additional performance measure to our list is reflected in the minutes. Mike Shaw 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.**

- A. Nomination and election of Chair and Vice Chair (2-year term) – Chairman Todd Edwards called for nominations for Chair. Jay Sandberg and Arthur LeBaron were nominated. Chairman Todd Edwards conducted a roll call vote for the (2) members nominated to fill the role as Chair. Jay Sandberg was elected Chair with a majority of the committee voting in favor.

Chairman Todd Edwards then called for nominations for Vice Chair. Monty Thurber and Kyle Gubler were nominated. Chairman Todd Edwards conducted a roll call vote for the (2) members nominated to fill the role as Vice Chair. Kyle Gubler was elected Vice Chair with a majority of the committee voting in his favor.

**Chairman Todd Edwards then turned the balance of the meeting over to the newly elected Chair – Jay Sandberg.**

2. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

- A. Streetlight Data presentation – Nicholas Gayer – Nicholas reviewed several things that the MPO has learned so far from the Streetlight Data Program:
- We can receive an accurate traffic count of vehicles on the road – what routes they are taking, the peak driving hours, their demographics and more.
  - There is a potential in utilizing the data to assist in traffic impact analysis studies or travel patterns/trends over time.
  - As we run more analysis, we receive more data to work with.
  - We can continue to consider what the best use for the data can be as we run more analysis.

Most of the data that Streetlight uses comes from cell phone data that Streetlight collects. Mr. Gayer noted that we are splitting the cost for the Streetlight Data with the Wasatch Front Regional Council, Mountainland Association of Governments, UDOT, Cache MPO, UTA and some consultants. In this way, we are getting a huge benefit by participating in this as a smaller MPO.

- B. Mobility Management report and update – Scott Buys – Scott presented a power point on what Mobility Management is:
- To improve access and mobility in the FCAOG area by,
  - Advocating and instigating projects that will increase access to individuals with limited mobility which include,
  - Seniors, people with disabilities, and those with low income.

The purpose is to apply a coordinated effort to identify the needs of a target population and then identify strategies to meet those needs.

The Mobility Manager works with elected officials, transportation providers and planners, employers and businesses, seniors, people with disabilities and low-income services, and workforce development and educational agencies. The goal is to assure that strategies are implemented.

3. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. Hurricane – They have a project (2800 W) that has been advertised which is an extension northward from where the Southern Parkway intersects SR9. Will also be doing pavement management in the next several months.

- B. Ivins – Working on Highway 91 and hoping to have it out to bid in March. They went to COG last month and got approved for right of way purchases.
- C. LaVerkin – Will be starting their road maintenance projects. The County has the Regional Trail that will start in LaVerkin and go to Springdale. This project should be starting soon.
- D. Leeds – No report.
- E. St. George City – Started paving on the Mall Drive widening They have re-advertised the 1580 to 2000 N project. Just started the signal lights at SunBrook and Dixie Drive and will open the bids on the signal at Riverbend drive by the new medical center facility. The new signal at 2000 N Snow Canyon Park should be starting soon. They have adopted their Active Transportation Plan and will be implementing that plan going forward.
- F. Santa Clara – Getting ready to start some crack seal projects
- G. Toquerville – Reported that a developer just bought all the land around the cemetery so they will be needing a conceptual on that and will be looking at UDOT for some help. They are looking forward to getting approvals on the Westfield Road connector and the Toquerville parkway.
- H. Washington City – They have started construction on the Washington Dam Road project. They have a signal out for bid on the 39<sup>th</sup> S and the Fields Road and are designing another signal at 3650 S and Fields Road. They are also working on the scope of work for the 3650 extension to the parkway.
- I. Washington County – Have received a bid for a pedestrian bridge down at Confluence Park which will cross the Virgin River. They are working on a project with UDOT along Highway 18 to add a lane between Winchester Hills and the Snow Canyon turn off. They hope to get this project out for bid soon and completed prior to the Ironman.
- J. UDOT – Have the I-15 projects underway with the environmentals out on the exits 6-8. The exits 10-13 are under design. This project will add a third lane in each direction as well as an interchange at Exit 11. They are also looking at what the environmentals will be on exit 6 to 8 and milepost 7 – then looking at an interchange or some type of improvements to the interchanges on that section (possibly adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> lane in each direction). This is the 700 South section of St. George which is looking like a good option for reducing impacts to the interstate. This project would put a lot of pressure on St. George City to make improvements on 700 south. This project is not on the docket now. A project that is outside the MPO will add a trail and wider shoulders on the road from Veyo to Central. Another project just outside the MPO is on highway 59 just outside Hurricane where they are doing some shoulder work and widening.

Chairman Jay Sandberg discussed the upcoming Transportation Expo and asked committee members if they could provide some content for the Expo website.

- 4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
  - A. January 18, 2022 – DTEC meeting
  - B. February 2, 2022 – DTAC meeting
  - C. February 8, 2022 – Transportation Expo

5. 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.