

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

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

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

In addition, Mr. Sandberg 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. Sandberg conducted the roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE ANCHOR LOCATION:

- Jay Sandberg, CHAIR, 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
- Paul Mogle for Washington City
- Afton Moore, Toquerville City Manager
- Todd Edwards, Washington County Engineer
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

Bill Hoster, Leeds

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nick Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Dave Demas, Dixie MPO
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Ryan Anderson, UDOT
- Leslie Fonger, Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office
- Judy Stowers, Ironman Race Director

- David Holmes, Executive Director for the Race Event
- Kevin Lewis, Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineer
- Brandon Weight, Civil Science
- Rick Snyder
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

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

Chairman Sandberg 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 December 1, 2021, and January 5, 2022. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes presented. **Chairman Sandberg called for an approval of the minutes as presented.**

The minutes were approved with all Committee members verbally voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Sandberg noted that there was (1) voting member attending the meeting electronically, so the rules governing members attending the meeting electronically from an anchor location, were reviewed.

2. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

- A. Washington County populations projections - Myron Lee presented a handout from the Kem C. Gardner Institute regarding population projections for Washington County. The following links were emailed to the committee members prior to the meeting:

<https://gardner.utah.edu/demographics/population-projections/>

<https://gardner.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/LongTermProj-Jan2022.pdf?x71849>

Mr. Lee led a discussion on specific population projections from the report starting on page 14. The report indicates that Washington County has a population of 182,111 people according to the 2020 CENSUS. The report then projects population numbers every 10 years through 2060. This report indicates that Washington County is projected to be the fastest growing County in the State of Utah.

By the end of this week, we should have some data on our County and then later in the month, we should have the sub county population projects which breaks the numbers down by city and their incorporated areas.

Myron indicated that the MPO will be using these numbers in their demand model and in their planning efforts. Mr. Lee also asked members of the committee to review the report and let him know of any irregularities so that they can go over them with the Kem C. Gardner Institute.

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

- A. 2022 Transportation Expo (February 8, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.) – Mr. Myron Lee reported that the Expo will be held next Tuesday and that it will be open to the public and are encouraging all attendees to be COVID safe. A discussion was held regarding the booths and displays that will be available.

4. SHORT RANGE PLANNING:

- A. Report of IronMan race route 2022 – Judy Stowers (race director for the event both now and in October) gave a presentation on the Race Route and discussed the following in detail:

- Swim Course
- Bike Course
- Run Course

Judy mentioned that the production team is quite extensive and will be along the course to assist with the traffic flow of the athletes.

The areas that will require a Pilot Car to handle one-direction traffic was also discussed. The section between the Ledges and Snow Canyon where a new lane is under construction was also discussed, hoping that it will be completed in time for the race.

The course has been designed to highlight the St. George 2022 IronMan as a World Championship event which is what it is.

A further discussion was held on pre-race traffic control for those athletes who will be in town prior to the race and want to run, ride, or drive the route. Judy indicated that they place the 4 x 4 pre-event notification signs at least 1 month in advance. They will also be using mailers and community boards for the neighborhoods in and around the race route so that anyone who might be affected will be notified.

They will be doing all they can to make sure everyone knows that there will be athletes here for the next 8 months preparing for these (2) races and to educate the community and the athletes about the courses and to be prepared for the additional traffic.

Another item discussed is the IronMan Village located downtown. There will be a soft opening on May 2nd, with the actual registration on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of May. Saturday is the race day, and the athletes will then be coming back to the park for the age group award portion of the event. Sunday night will be the banquet of champions at the Dixie Center.

Judy again emphasized the unique position that St. George has in sponsoring this race. This upcoming race in St. George is the first time ever to have an IronMan championship off the island.

Kyle Gubler left and was excused from the balance of the meeting.

- B. Vote share review / discussion – Myron Lee reported that our vote share has been \$5000 per vote share. The MPO has been able to maintain the vote share amount and reserve account balance at around \$330,000 for the past 5 years. With the new infrastructure bill and the associated Federal funds (which are anticipated to increase by about 17%), we will need to come up with more local match money. We would like to maintain the Reserve balance where it has been over the last 5 years and if we were able to increase the vote share to \$5500, we should be able to come up with the additional monies.

Mr. Lee is planning on making this presentation to the DTEC committee in a couple of weeks and request the increased vote share amount of \$5,500. If the DTEC approves the recommendation, the increase would take effect in the fiscal year that starts July 1, 2022. Typically, the invoices are sent out in September or October of that year.

Following the discussion, Chairman Sandberg called for a motion for a recommendation to the DTEC for an increase to the vote share to \$5,500.

Arthur LeBaron made a motion to recommend the increased vote share of \$5,500 to the Executive Committee. Cameron Cutler seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with all Committee members verbally voting in favor of the motion.

5. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. Hurricane – They advertised and got bids back on the 2800 W project which is an extension northward from where the Southern Parkway intersects SR9. Have also advertised the pavement management and plan to open bids next week.
- B. Ivins – Working on Highway 91 and hoping to have it out to bid in March. They are still working on right of way issues. Looking to get their pavement management contracts out soon
- Chuck Gillett was excused from the balance of the meeting.**
- C. LaVerkin – No report.
- D. Leeds – No update for this meeting.

- E. St. George City – Half finished with striping 3000 W – should have the street opened on Monday morning. Started paving on the Mall Drive widening They have awarded the 1580 S to 2000 S project. Making progress on the signal lights at SunBrook and Dixie Drive. Have issued the notice of award 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 are ready to advertise on the Canyon View/Dixie Drive signal. 3000 E they continue to work on and hope to finish in the next fiscal year. They continue work on the crack seal projects.
- F. Santa Clara – Doing a lot of maintenance and upgrades on their traffic signals and are looking at a traffic light at Red Mountain and Pioneer.
- G. Toquerville – Have started construction on the Toquerville Parkway project and (3) other roads: Westfield Road extension connector to the Toquerville parkway, also the Pond Hill Road, and the Old Church Road to the Toquerville parkway. These are in engineering. With all the activity going on they have asked Matt Rhodes from UDOT to come to their GEC meetings for the next little bit to help get the road finished and turned over to UDOT.
- H. Washington City – They have opened bids for their pavement management projects. Started construction on the Washington Dam Road project. The Buena Vista project from Green Springs to Cactus Lane went out to bid and they received (3) bids on that project which should start the 1st of May. They have a signal out for bid on the 3090 S in the Washington Fields and are designing another signal at 3650 S and Fields Road.
- I. Washington County – 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 completed prior to the Ironman.

Todd Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cameron Cutler and the meeting was adjourned.

- J. UDOT – Because the meeting was adjourned, no update was given by UDOT.
4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
- A. February 8, 2022 – Transportation EXPO
 - B. February 15, 2022 – DTEC meeting
 - C. March 2, 2022 – DTAC meeting

5. Roll Call Vote:

- A. A Roll Call Vote was completed because (1) voting member attended the meeting electronically.

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCT

ED, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

