

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 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
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Mike Shaw, Washington City Public Works Director
- Todd Edwards, Washington County Engineer

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Kayde Roberts, UDOT Region Four
- Afton Moore, Toquerville City Manager
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Representative for Leeds Town

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nick Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Andy Stevens, Washington City
- Nanette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Leslie Fonger, Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office

- Susan Crook, Conserve SWU
- Elden Bingham, UDOT
- Taylor Ricks
- Brady Shakespeare, Jones and DeMille Engineering
- Max Backlund, Kem C. Gardner Institute
- Mallory Bateman, Kem C. Gardner Institute
- 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. Consider Minutes from February 2, 2022. Arthur LeBaron noted a correction for the minutes; paragraph E reference to 3000 W should be 3000 E.

Chairman Sandberg called for an approval of the minutes as corrected. Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted. Kyle Gubler seconded the motion.

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. Presentation by Kem Gardner Institute on population projections – Myron Lee introduced Mallory Bateman and Max Backlund from the Kem C. Gardner Institute who were invited to address some the questions that were brought up last month on the population projections recently published. One of the questions was about the average growth rates over the decades. The demographic assumptions are based on:
- Fertility (Birth Rates) – lower fertility rates based on more recent data resulting in fewer births, lower household sizes, aging of population, and larger role of net migration.
 - Mortality – similar life expectancy trends as in v2017 with minor COVID-19 adjustment included in 2021, but not long-term.
 - Net Migration – driven by economic projections. Age-specific migration rates are like v2017.

The question from last month was why the projected growth in the 2020 to 2030 decade was approximately 4.5% whereas in the years 2050 to 2060 was approximately 1.1%.

Using a slide presentation, Mallory discussed the growth rate projections vs population growth rate projections. A discussion was held about each of areas in the County and the projections for growth. Mallory indicated that the projections are based on resident populations and does not include second home/vacation home numbers.

- B. Discussion of COG Transportation Priority List – The COG 2021 annual master priority corridor preservation projects list was reviewed and discussed.

Todd Edwards reported that the COG meeting has been tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**. One of the agenda items will be to update and approve a 2022 Master Priority Corridor Preservation Projects List.

Todd Edwards mentioned that if anyone would like to either add or delete any roadways from the current list to please submit their requests to himself (Todd Edwards) at todd.edwards@washco.utah.gov by **Tuesday, March 8th**. He asked that any submissions include the name of the roadway and a sketch showing its location. Mr. Edwards noted – that there is approximately \$350,000 in immediate needs, about \$600,000 in Grant funding, and about \$470,000 in preservation funds.

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

- A. 2022 Transportation Expo recap – the overall perception is that it was very successful. It appears that is the 2nd most attended expo with 879 visitors and that the demographics were a little younger this year than in the past. The comments received from those attending the expo were presented and discussed.

4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. Hurricane – The 2800 W project has been awarded and should start in June with a completion around Thanksgiving. They will be doing Chip seal and Slurry seal this year.

Arthur mentioned that Hurricane City participated in the Love Where you Live clean-up project and noted that Hurricane City had a particularly good response from the city staff. In response to comments about having more volunteers, Chris Hall (UDOT) reported that they would prefer not to have volunteers just because of the safety issues and the risk of how dangerous the traffic can be. They would prefer to have just the cities and the other employees that are aware of the risk - and had a safety briefing before they were out there.

Mr. LeBaron reported that it was a positive event and expressed appreciation for those that participated.

- 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
- C. LaVerkin – The 100 South project has been approved and are working on road maintenance projects.
- D. Leeds – No update for this meeting.
- E. St. George City – Much the same as has been going on the last couple of months. 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. They have been using the micro grind process on (2) test sections and have had good success so far.
- F. Santa Clara – Are doing a lot of crack seal and pavement maintenance.
- G. Toquerville – No update for this meeting. Myron Lee reported that Toquerville held a ground-breaking ceremony last week on the Toquerville bypass road and hope to be done later in the year.
- H. Washington City – Started construction on the Washington Dam Road project which should be finished in May. The Buena Vista project from Green Springs to Cactus Lane went out to bid and they received (1) bid and had to rebid it. They got (3) bids the next time. They have also bid out their slurry project.
- I. Washington County – No additional updates.
- J. UDOT – No update for this meeting. Eldon Bingham was recognized as attending the meeting electronically. No additional information from Mr. Bingham.

4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. March 15, 2022 – DTEC Meeting
- B. March 15, 2022 – COG Meeting
- C. April 6, 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 CONDUCTED, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.