

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 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
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Mike Shaw, Washington City Public Works Director
- Todd Edwards, Washington County Engineer
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Kayde Roberts, UDOT Region Four
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Danielle Stirling, Leeds City Council (representing the Town of Leeds)
- Tom Jorgensen (representing Chuck Gillette, Ivins City)

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

- Afton Moore, Toquerville City Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- None

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineers
- Chris Hall
- Rick L. Lucas
- Brady Shakespeare
- Nick Gayer, Dixie MPO

- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Leslie Fonger, Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office
- Nanette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor
- Brandon Weight, Civil Science
- Andy Stevens, Washington City
- Nathaniel Martinez, FCAOG
- Bryan Thiriot, FCAOG
- Ross Burton, FCAOG
- 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 April 6, 2022. Chairman Sandberg noted that no additions or corrections were mentioned and called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the minutes. Todd Edwards 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.

1. SHORT-RANGE PLANNING:

- A. TOC Operations – Monty Thurber – Mr. Thurber discussed the Dixie Traffic Control Center. The TOC is located in the St. George City Hall where there is a monitor that allows them to visualize the CCTV cameras throughout St. George.

Monty mentioned that this is a satellite office that runs through UDOT's central command. As of January 2022, St. George City is up to 69 traffic signals – with a total number of signals for the state at 2202. Mr. Thurber discussed how the traffic signals are connected and how they are monitored and how incidents are responded to. It was reported that the City has 2 cameras that they are testing with the intent of upgrading to more cameras as funds are available. Funding through the MPO was also discussed.

2. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

- A. Report – Streetlight Data Use – Nick Gayer reported that the 1st year subscription for the Streetlight Date has lapsed and we are now in our 2nd year. Nick shared a web application showing the 34 zones that have been created so far:
<https://fcaog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=41e75a42291647f29d6e9fbb47f1673a>

Within this new subscription year, we have an additional 24 zones to work with. Mr. Gayer mentioned that they want to be able to work with anyone who has a project they would like to have analyzed through Streetlight.

- B. Report – Airport Master Plan – Mr. Rick L. Lucas led a discussion on the St. George Regional Airport Master Plan. This presentation was given to the MPO last year, so much of this discussion is a recap of the last presentation. Mr. Lucas discussed the progress on some of the Master Plan Processes such as:
- Inventory, Forecast, and Environmental
 - Facility Requirements
 - Alternatives
 - Implementation Plan
 - Final Report, ALP, and Dynamic Analysis Tool

Mr. Lucas reported that the FAA requires public involvement in the development of the Airport Master Plan and that the transportation expo recently held was a significant help in obtaining public involvement. They were able to talk with more than 1,000 people at the expo. They have also had some good discussion with both St. George City and Washington City with regards to promoting compatible land use in the vicinity around the airport.

One of the areas they are working on is the market and service area. Mr. Lucas reported that about 80% of the people go to the Las Vegas or Salt Lake City and they would like to recapture more of that market. The Draft Recommended Plan was also discussed.

Mr. Lucas also mentioned that his team is getting ready to do a draft and final submittal to the FAA as soon as they incorporate any final comments. They hope to have this in by late spring or summer of this year.

- C. Report – Socio Economic Data Review – Nick Gayer reported that the socio-economic review process has concluded. UDOT and Horrocks Engineering will now be taking the comments we gave them in the web application and make the necessary changes to the TAZ data. Mr. Gayer thanked everyone who participated in the review process and made a special thank you to Aron Baker and Mike Heaps from Horrocks Engineering for leading the charge in explaining how to operate the web application. Washington County had the most comments in the State with over 450 comments. The finalized data will be provided at a later date.

3. SERVICES:

- A. Ironman Traffic Control – Monty Thurber reported that he has been working with UDOT in putting together a traffic control in downtown St. George because that will probably be the most affected area along with Hurricane. Mr. Thurber described the accommodations that they will be making to deal with the extra traffic along the route.

Cameron Cutler asked to be excused from the balance of the meeting and left at 2:00 pm. – A quorum was still present.

- B. CRP Funding Availability – Nick Gayer reviewed the handout (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law FACT SHEETS) on the CRP (Carbon Reduction Program). Mr. Gayer explained that the CRP provides funding for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon, dioxide emissions from a non-road highway source.

The MPO now has funding up to \$250,000 for eligible projects. Mr. Gayer led a discussion on how best to utilize these funds and whether we want to use those funds now or in October were we can potentially get 2 years' worth of those funds (\$500,000).

After considerable discussion, the committee decided to come back next month with ideas and proposals for this funding.

4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. Hurricane – Doing pavement management with slurry seal and chip seal on a few roads. Next month they will be starting the 2800 W project. They are also doing a complete pavement rehabilitation on Old Highway 91 which is nearing completion.
- B. Ivins – Still working on Highway 91 rights of way.
- C. LaVerkin – The 100 S project was put out to bid and has been awarded. The slurry seal project is just about to start.
- D. Leeds – Almost ready to complete their UDOT Main Street project, hopefully to mitigate the flooding that occurs south of town. They are also completing the easements to facilitate the water drainage. They are looking into the possibility of a secondary access from Hidden Valley up into Silver Reef so that they both have secondary accesses. The only drawback is that it is in the County as well as UDOT has a 30 foot right of way through it. They will be meeting to try and facilitate a work around option.

Afton Moore, Toquerville City Manager (who had been attending the meeting electronically, joined the meeting in person at 2:20 pm.

- E. St. George City – Getting close to finishing the 3000 E project. They have the 2000 N Snow Canyon Parkway signal under design. They also have several chip seal projects to finish before the end of the fiscal year.
- F. Santa Clara – Doing slurry and chip seal this month.

- G. Toquerville – Still have the bypass road ongoing. The Westfield Road extension is under review. Still reviewing the Old Church bridge and the Westfield bridge. The Pond Hill is under review as a utility corridor because of the Westfield bridge. They are going to do a general plan update. They have (3) contractors coming in to help come up with a maintenance plan for their roads.
- H. Washington City – Construction is under way on the Washington Dam Road. The Buena Vista project from Green Springs to Cactus Lane is underway. They did the selection (Horrocks) for the interchange on the 3650 Southern Parkway.
- I. Washington County – Finished up the SR 18 project in time for the Ironman. Met with UDOT on the Bonnie Reader Bridge (bridge going up to Kolob).
- J. UDOT – There was some extra funding in the State (\$720 million). On that list, some of that money is for South Bluff. They are going to look at doing some right turn pockets at some of the intersections plus improve all the drainage. They are looking at the possibility of funding for the trail at the Southern Parkway as well as the 600 N Hurricane. Still have the exit 10-13 project under design and still on track for a finish design by the end of this year. Exit 6-8 are in the scoping phase of the environmental. They will be having a public meeting today on what they want it to look like or what they don't want it to look like. Exit 7 is a really good solution although not very popular. Between 6 and 8 there will be a widening of the road – this project has been approved.

4. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. May 17, 2022 – DTEC Meeting
- B. June 1, 2022 – DTAC Meeting

5. Roll Call Vote:

- A. A Roll Call Vote was not completed because the (1) voting member was able to join the meeting at 2:20pm.

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.