



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON • ICRTAC CHAIR—TOM STRATTON • PLANNING MANAGER—CURT HUTCHINGS

MINUTES

Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

September 4, 2013 2:00 pm

(Began at conclusion of ICC Meeting)

Enterprise City Office

375 S. 200 E., Enterprise, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor H.C. "Dutch" Deutschlander
Mayor Robert Rasmussen
Commissioner Alma Adams
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Commissioner David Miller
Mayor Keith Williams
Mayor Donald Landes

REPRESENTING:

Brian Head Town
Enoch City
Iron County
Iron County
Iron County
Kanarraville
Parowan City

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Joe Burgess
Mayor Constance Robinson

REPRESENTING:

Cedar City
Paragonah Town

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Reed Erickson
Mr. Bret Howser
Mr. Rob Dotson
Mr. Shayne Scott
Mr. Monte Aldridge
Mr. Dave Demas

REPRESENTING:

Iron County Planner
Brian Head Town Manager
ICRTAC, Enoch City Manager
ICRTAC, Parowan City Manager
ICRTAC, Utah Dept. of Transportation
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I. Quorum Declaration

The meeting was chaired by Mayor H.C. “Dutch” Deutschlander in the absence of Ms. Connie Robinson. Mayor Deutschlander welcomed all present and declared there was a quorum.

II. Approve Minutes for July 3, 2013

A motion was made by Mayor Dan Landes, seconded by Mayor Keith Williams, to approve the Minutes dated July 3, 2013 of the Iron County Rural Transportation Executive Council.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

A. Review

Mr. Demas presented the final draft of the Iron County Rural Planning Organization’s Regional Transportation Plan – Final Draft.

Mr. Demas handed out copies of the Final Draft to all Council members. He explained that the RPO Advisory Committee has reviewed the document, made comments and changes, then voted unanimously by motion to recommend this final draft.

Mr. Demas inquired how the Council would like to review the Draft and discuss their ideas.

One Council member asked regarding Section 3, Page 6, where the organizations’ bylaws state that “The Executive Board... is comprised of ... a single member of the Iron County Commission.” Mr. Demas explained that this is how the bylaws are set up and approved however we do enjoy having the Commissioners at the meetings.

There are Appendices which will include the Bylaws, Build-Out Study, Project Prioritizations from FY2013, and other informational documents. The Appendices will also include a list of local bridges and UDOT bridges.

One member asked what process is required to amend or revise this RTP. Mr. Demas pointed out that this type of document should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Mr. Demas explained that the document should grow with the area and that it was prepared in a way that it should be rather easy to update.



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On Page 10, major east-west corridors are mentioned and Commissioner Adams asked why SR-143 was not included as a major east-west corridor. It was also suggested that the Scenic Byway that connects I-15 and Hwy 89 should be included. These corridors could be added to the current Plan now, or the Council could wait until the next update. The frequency of updates depends on the speed of growth in the area, the introduction of new significant projects, or other changes in the area that effect the local transportation system.

Mr. Demas pointed out a graphic on page 14 which gives population totals. He clarified that the numbers are limited by the Cedar Urban Cluster boundary. This number is naturally going to be much smaller than the total population of the Cedar area.

There was also a question regarding the projected population of Parowan which seems to indicate a higher growth rate than other communities in the Cedar Valley area. It was pointed out that the Parowan population projection is based on the dates of 2120-2130. This is their projected build-out.

It was mentioned that the bicycle/pedestrian facilities listed on page 22 outline what facilities currently exist. The question was asked, who should be contacted to help develop trail projects? Mr. Demas pointed out one of the recommendations of the Regional Transportation Plan (Page 35, Section 2 "Recommendations, #2) is" to form a regional bicycle/trail committee to provide coordination between RPO entities on these projects." It was suggested that the committee could be formed with one representative from each municipality.

B. Approval - MOTION

A motion was made by Mayor Donald Landes, seconded by Commissioner David Miller, to approve the Iron County Rural Planning Organization Regional Transportation Plan with minor changes based on above mentioned comments, and other corrections or additions to be included in the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



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IV. Utah Department of Transportation

A. Update

The Executive Director of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Mr. John Njord, recently retired and was replaced by Mr. Carlos Braceros, with Mr. Shane Marshall, past Region Three Director becoming Deputy Director.

Most of the principles and functions of UDOT will remain the same, but there will be an increased focus on integrated transportation systems. This means more emphasis toward pedestrian, bicycle, and freight transportation facilities.

Mr. Aba Jabar, past Director of Region has retired and moved to the Middle East. Mr. Nathan Lee from Region Four has been transferred to the Salt Lake City Region Two office. The new Region Four Director is Mr. Rick Torgerson.

The Zero Fatalities program is very important to Mr. Aldridge and Region Four. A bicyclist was recently killed on the Southern Parkway in Washington County, which brings the yearly total to 44. This is a higher number than at this point last year. Mr. Aldridge encouraged all present to participate in support of this program within their own families and zones of influence. Presentations can be given at schools and other civic groups.

The Zero Fatalities campaign has contributed to the decrease of road fatalities. From the year 2000 to the year 2013 there has been a decrease of 1,198 deaths despite an increase in vehicle miles driven. Zero Fatalities is listed as the number one priority in the ICRPO Regional Transportation Plan under Goals and Objectives.

Mr. Demas said he will prepare paper and digital copies of the Regional Transportation Plan for each member.

V. Functional Class Roads

A. Update

Mr. Demas has been working with Mr. Abdul Wakil of UDOT. UDOT has made some changes in order to balance out the number of different categories of roads. The UDOT Functional Class Map-Draft dated 28 August, 2013 indicates the changes of some major collectors to minor collectors (in yellow). The changes have now been submitted to the Federal Highways. Westview Drive in Cedar City was successfully



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retained as a major collector. A portion of north Bulldog Road had been removed but has since been restored as a minor collector.

One Council member inquired regarding a proposed delete around 5300 West. That was a simple correction of an error as the correct street is 5700 West.

VI. Other Discussion Items

A. Miscellaneous Items

UDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) workshops will begin around September 19th and Mr. Demas will be following the discussions.

B. Next Meeting: November 6, 2013
Location: Kanarrville

VII. Adjournment by unanimous motion.