

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR AND ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Hart, Ivins Mayor – Chair
Jimmie Hughes, St George City – Vice Chair
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner
Kress Staheli, Washington City Mayor
Gil Almquist, Commissioner – Washington County
Rick Rosenberg, Santa Clara Mayor
Patty Wise, La Verkin City Council via Zoom
Nannette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT / EXCUSED

Bill Hoster, Leeds Mayor
Dannielle Larkin, St. George City
Gary Chaves, Toquerville City Council
Michele Randall, St. George City Mayor

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Chris Hart determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

a. Consideration of April 19, 2022 DTEC Minutes

MOTION: Motion by UDOT Commissioner Naghi Zeenati to Approve the April 19, 2022 DTEC Minutes. Motion Seconded by Councilman Jimmie Hughes and Carried by a Unanimous Vote.

DISCUSSION

a. Report on the St. George Airport Master Plan

Rick Lucas reported on the current and future needs of the St. George Regional Airport. Future growth is being planned for in order to accommodate needs generated by ongoing growth of the community. Plans include terminal and runway expansion, the addition of concessions, and an expanded parking area.

b. Report of the Congressionally Directed Spending

LaRene Cox explained that there were several project submissions from several municipalities, SSD's and the County. The appropriations committee will evaluate each

application to determine which projects are eligible and will receive funding. Projects deemed ineligible will be worked through with Congressman Stewart's staff to determine how to improve future applications.

c. Presentation – Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance

Marc Mortenson introduced the members in attendance of the Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance (SUBA) and thanked the community leaders for their collaborative efforts in increasing bicycle safety.

Brett Burgess presented Mayor Kress Staheli a Community Achievement Award for Transportation and thanked him for all of the contributions he has made to the community.

Patty Wise suggested a collaborative meeting with SUBA and all of the municipalities at a later date to discuss ongoing efforts in safety and transit for cyclists.

d. State T-TIF Funds (Long-Range Transit Planning)

Dave Demas reported on the Transit Transportation Investment Fund (T-TIF). Distribution of funds is being examined. Previously, annual unlinked trips have been used to determine funding distribution, however, population is now being examined as a determining factor on how funds are distributed to various areas. Only one percent (1%) of funding has been awarded based on unlinked funds, however, if population is used the potential funding received could be up to eight percent (8%).

A sub-committee is suggested in order to develop an identified project need in the various communities, if the funding distribution is changed to population by transit district. The subcommittee would likely be comprised of the communities involved in transit which are Springdale, Hurricane, Washington, St. George, Ivins, Santa Clara, and Washington County.

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

Cameron Cutler gave an update on the 3000 East project in St. George City/Washington City.

b. UDOT Updates

Naghi Zeenati stated that UDOT Commission meeting will take place on May 26, 2022 in Heber at 8:30AM.

c. Federal Updates

Heath Hansen from Senator Lee's Office reported on infrastructure funding wherein Senator Lee was successful in incrementally refining the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for major federal highway projects. He also reported that the Biden administration is getting pushback from some Democratic congressmen with regard to the Northern Corridor.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC – June 1, 2022

DTEC – June 21, 2022

ADJOURN

Having no other business, Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Cheyenne Bentley