

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2022 – 1:08 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
- Paul Mogle, representing Washington City for Mike Shaw
- Todd Edwards, Washington County Engineer
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Kayde Roberts, UDOT Region Four
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
- Afton Moore, Toquerville City Manager
- Bill Hoster, Leeds Town Mayor

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

- None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- None

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Mike Shaw, Washington City Public Works Director
- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nicholas Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Ross Burton, FCAOG
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineers

- Eldon Bingham, UDOT
- Eric, UDOT
- Brandon Weight, Civil Science
- Leslie Fonger, Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office
- Andy Stevens, Washington City
- Kathy Tolleson
- 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 May 4, 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. Paul Mogle seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Sandberg noted that there were no voting members attending the meeting electronically, so the rules governing members attending the meeting electronically from an anchor location, were not reviewed.

- B. Annual Self Certification - Myron Lee presented the handout – Resolution FY2023-01, Urban Transportation Planning Process Certification.

This certification is required because the Dixie MPO, together with UDOT are responsible for carrying out the Urban Transportation Planning Process for the St. George Urbanized Area.

This certification is required annually to certify that the Urban Transportation Planning Process for the St. George Urbanized Area meets the requirements of the United States Code of Federal Regulations (as listed in the Resolution).

After discussion, Arthur LeBaron made a motion to recommend this certification to the DTEC for their approval. Cameron Cutler seconded the motion and the motion passed with all Committee members voting in favor of the motion

2. SHORT-RANGE PLANNING:

- A. Air Quality Task Force Presentation – Kathy Tolleson, District Manager for the Associated General Contractors of Utah presented a slide show on the Air Quality Southern Utah Task Force. Some of the key points discussed were:
- The Task Force was set up by St George City Mayor McArthur to monitor and report on fugitive dust as it relates to construction activity.
 - The task force is made up of contractors, city officials and concerned citizens.
 - The task force is to consistently collect data and then use that data to inform and help keep construction companies in compliance.

The task force reviews “Purple Air Monitor Data” monthly, reviews complaints about construction activity, and increases public awareness of industry efforts to monitor Air Quality as it pertains to construction activity.

The slide show ended with a discussion on the use of the purple air monitors and an invitation from the Air Quality Task Force to:

- Purchase Purple Air Monitor(s) for key locations – Purple Air Monitors can be purchased at purpleair.com
- Distribute the pamphlet
- Display Air Quality video on social media/websites
- Serve on the Air Quality Task Force
- Offer feedback

- B. Discussion on Programming CRP Funds – Nicholas Gayer led a discussion on the Carbon Reduction Program Funding that was discussed in last month’s meeting. Mr. Gayer reminded the committee that if we decide to take advantage of the funds now, we have approximately \$254,000 in funding. If we wait until next year’s allocation (October 2022), the amount will be approximately \$250,000 more for a total of \$508,000.

Mr. Gayer also discussed the possibility of forming a sub-committee that could be used to develop a weighting and ranking process on eligible projects (based on specific CRP criteria) to be used in allocating the CRP funds.

Arthur LeBaron made a motion to continue this discussion in the August DTAC meeting. Paul Mogle seconded the motion and the motion passed with all Committee members voting in favor of the motion.

- C. Request for Planning Assistance Funds – Washington County Master Transportation Plan – Myron Lee reported that he had received a request from Washington County to help them with their master transportation plan.

Todd Edwards discussed the need for assistance and the request for \$25,000 from the MPO in order to start work immediately rather than having to wait until next year to get it on the budget.

After discussion, Kyle Gubler made a motion to recommend the funding of \$25,000 for the Washington County Master Transportation Plan with an additional \$25,000 from next years allocation to go toward the Washington County Active Transportation Plan and present this recommendation to the DTEC for their approval. Cameron Cutler seconded the motion and the motion passed with all Committee members voting in favor of the motion.

3. TIP:

A. Review 2023 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Myron Lee presented the 2022-26 Dixie MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Mr. Lee asked the Committee members to review this list to make sure it includes State projects, regional projects as well as City projects that have something to do with our regional transportation plan. If there are any projects missing, please include the project and the expected funding amount. With these edits, we would then need to set up a public comment period for the TIP.

B. Set 2023 – 2027 TIP Public Comment Period June 25 – July 29

Following the discussion regarding the TIP and Mr. Lee's request for edits prior to the Public Comment Period, **Bill Hoster made a motion to recommend to the DTEC committee that the Public Comment Period be set for June 25, 2022, to June 29, 2022. Kyle Gubler seconded the motion and the motion passed with all Committee members voting in favor of the motion.**

Myron Lee emphasized the importance of getting any edits to the TIP prior to the next DTEC meeting.

4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

A. Hurricane – Arthur LeBaron reported on the Ironman event (which he participated in), noting that this is the first time the World Ironman Championship has been held outside of Hawaii.

They are continuing work on Highway 59 with UDOT.

B. Ivins – Still working on Highway 91 rights of way. Finished up pavement management.

C. LaVerkin – No change.

D. Leeds – They are working on the possibility of a secondary access from Hidden Valley and Silver Valley so that they both have secondary accesses.

E. St. George City – Getting close to finishing the 3000 E project. The 1450 S re-alignment is ready to pave. They have some storm drainpipe down on 1580 S or 3650 S that they have been waiting on. Just finished the micro-grinding of the Riverside Drive project. Just opened bids on Canyon View Drive and Dixie Drive.

F. Santa Clara – Just finished their pavement management

G. Toquerville – Still have the bypass road ongoing. The Westfield Road extension is waiting for final signatures. They have received a general plan grant from UDOT and plan to request a match from the MPO. Also working on their Master

Plan update. Also working on the water lines at the Anderson Junction and working with the Water Conservancy District at Ash Creek to possibly do that project at the same time.

- H. Washington City – Construction almost complete on the Washington Dam Road. The Buena Vista project from Green Springs to Cactus Lane is underway. They are working on the signals at 3090 S and 3650 S – trying to get the 3090 S signal finished before school starts. Also, the UDOT project at exits 11, 15. Also a design team has been selected for the 3650 So – Southern Parkway project.
- I. Washington County – Prepping for chip seal.
- J. UDOT – They will be closing a portion of Bluff Street for 2 weeks to complete the work on the tunnel project. 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. The Active Transportation Plan on SR7 from I-15 to the airport has been approved. Also approved was the Hurricane Green Rivers Trail.

5. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. June 21, 2022 – DTEC Meeting
- B. August 3, 2022 – DTAC Meeting (no DTAC meeting in July)

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.