

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

Conducting: Jay Sandberg, Chairman – Mr. 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
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Blake Foncesbeck, Washington City Public Works Director
- Afton Moore, Toquerville City Manager
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Todd Edwards, Washington County Engineer

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

- Cameron Gay, UDOT Region Four

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Representative from Leeds

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nicholas Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Nathan Wiberg, Dixie MPO
- Ross Burton, FCAOG
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineers
- Kayde Roberts

- Randy Smith, Sunrise Engineering
- Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering
- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Tim O'Brien
- Susan Crook, CSU
- Lloyd Sutton, St. George City Active Transportation Coordinator
- 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 September 7, 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. Kyle Gubler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all Committee members verbally voting in favor of the motion.

B. Consider Minutes from October 5, 2022.

Chairman Sandberg noted that no additions or corrections were mentioned and called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Monty Thurber made a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Gillette 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. MPO – Myron Lee stated that the purpose of this agenda item is to introduce the projects and answer any questions that might come up. He would like to give the Committee a couple of weeks to rate and rank them, then come back next month for the actual selection of the projects.

In addition, Mr. Lee discussed the following requests for Letters of Interest:

- St. George City: Regional Trail Standards. **The purpose** is to create a regional standards document, implement signage and wayfinding

recommendations, and implement striping and other recommendations.
Cost estimate - \$50,000.

- St. George City: Trail Counters. **The purpose** is to establish an effective, efficient way to gauge use of the trails and compare them across different areas, time of year, type of infrastructure, etc. It is proposed that the CRP funds be used to obtain 15 counters for installation at fixed locations, with (2) mobile counters for shorter term studies. **Cost estimate - \$101,290.**
- Ivins: Shared Use Path Network Gap Fill Project. **The purpose** is to fill in the identified gaps in the Ivins City Shared Use Paths to create a contiguous trail network to connect to the new Old Highway 91 Trail with a purpose of encouraging more use of the trail network and to provide a complete connection of the trail system from Snow Canyon State Park to Santa Clara City and Fire Lake Park at Ivins Reservoir. **Cost estimate - \$1,260,500.**

These (3) are for CRP funding, and they just need a letter of interest. Mr. Lee has a spreadsheet that shows the funding sources. He stated that when we program the CRP monies, we can do it as a stand-alone project (or in conjunction with a road project if the Committee would like to go that way).

3. TIP:

- A. Presentation of Concept Reports
- **Washington City Foothill Drive:** Construct center 2 lanes of roadway from Washington City limits (SG 850 North) to 100 E. Cost estimate – 7,000,000.
 - **Hamblin Road: Also known as Western Corridor Old Hwy 91 to City Boundary Snow Canyon Parkway:** Environmental Assessment and 60% design. This is a joint application with Santa Clara City and Ivins City. Cost estimate - \$1,013,000.
 - **George Washington Blvd Extension:** Extend George Washington Boulevard from River Road to Dixie Drive (not including Bridge). Cost estimate - \$7,000,000.
 - **Santa Clara City: Western Corridor Old Highway 91 to Gap Canyon Phase 1.** This is to complete the remaining 50% of design and 10% environmental mitigation. \$1,000,400. Is available in 2026 for 50% design, environmental and corridor preservation. Cost estimate - \$1,100,000.
 - **Hurricane City: Purgatory to Pecan Valley Connector NEPA Study.** This request is for funding to provide NEPA for a master planned connection between Purgatory Road and Turf Sod Road. This connection includes a crossing of the Virgin River along with BLM land, and is definitely a Federal Undertaking, requiring NEPA compliance to go forward. The regional travel demand model shows this connection as a critical part of the roadway network. Cost estimate - \$250,000.

All Concept reports were discussed in detail. Myron Lee also presented the Funding Source Spreadsheet which was discussed in detail.

B. Assignment to complete rating and ranking activities by November 23, 2022. Mr. Lee stated that he would send out an email tomorrow that will have instructions on how to rate and rank.

4. Local Project Status Updates:

A. Hurricane – Arthur LeBaron discussed the Purgatory Road project and the need for additional funds. They have gone through the consultant selection process and are in the midst of scoping for the project. Right now, their funding is at approximately \$500,000 for the design and the current fee proposal is \$900,000.

Mr. LeBaron asked for input from the Committee and for any comments.

Myron Lee mentioned that he had been in contact with some of the County Commissioners and Purgatory Road came up in the discussion. Based on the discussion, Mr. Lee stated that he thought it would be wise for Washington City, Hurricane, and Washington County to have a discussion on how we can fund this project. This is a subject that will probably need to be addressed at a future meeting.

Other than that, our 2800 west project is moving along very well. That's basically an extension of the Southern Parkway north to 600 north.

B. Ivins – They had the bid opening on the Hwy 91 yesterday. They will now go through the process on how to go forward.

C. LaVerkin – No report this meeting.

D. Leeds – City council is meeting tonight to probably finalize an annexation to the north of our town boundary on the west side of freeway. It's a pretty large track and is expected to be residential and a big resort going in there eventually.

E. St. George City – We have been upgrading traffic signal controllers. We've had Pinetop in working this week putting in new traffic signal controllers, new cameras in Washington, Santa Clara.

F. Santa Clara – No report this meeting.

G. Toquerville – No report this meeting.

H. Washington City – No report this meeting

I. Washington County – No report this meeting

J. UDOT – Because of the departure of all but 8 of the Committee members, Chairman Sandberg suggested that we get a report from UDOT and then we defer the rest of the reports until the next meeting.

Cameron Gay gave a quick update. Our SR18 and SR8 preservation project is still on schedule, looking to advertise this winter. Our I-15, 10 to 13 and Interchange 11 is still scheduled for advertisement in early December. I-15 exits 6 to 8 - there's still an EA process there. We do have online and public open house meetings, and alternative review meetings this next week, so we'll be anxious to see how those turn out. The SR9 Zion corridor trail we've been working with the county there to get that pass through agreement completed. Also working on the SR7 active transportation path. The SR18 has been awarded and is headed toward construction.

Roll Call Vote:

A. A Roll Call Vote was completed because (1) voting member attended the meeting electronically.

5. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

A. November 16, 2022 – DTEC Meeting

B. December 7, 2022 – DTAC meeting with luncheon at no

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.