



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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MINUTES

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Dec. 7, 2022, 1:30 pm

Cedar City Offices

10 N. Main Street, Cedar City, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rob Dotson
Jonathan Stathis
Reed Erickson
Aldo Biasi
Dan Jessen
Richard Wilson

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mayor Todd Robinson
Chris Hall

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Demas
Nate Wiberg
Lief Condie
Paul Bittmenn
Sam Grimshaw
Tracy Munson

REPRESENTING:

Enoch City
Cedar City
Iron County Planning
Brian Head Town
Parowan City
Iron County Engineering

REPRESENTING:

Paragonah Town
UDOT

REPRESENTING:

Five County Association of Governments
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Sunrise Engineering
Cedar City
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- I. **Quorum Declaration** – Mr. Rob Dotson welcomed everyone to the meeting noting it to be 1:37 PM and declared there was a quorum present and started the meeting. All those in attendance were acknowledged, and a quorum convened for business.

- II. **Approve Minutes – Oct. 4, 2022**

Mr. Rob Dotson, Chair, referenced the meeting minutes of Oct. 4, 2022, for discussion and approval.

A motion was made by Reed Erickson, seconded by Aldo Biasi, to approve minutes of the Oct 4, 2022, meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- III. **Transportation Priority List (TPL)**

- A. **Priority List Revisions**

Dave referenced the Priority List and explained that the previous revisions to date have been included in the list and the list has been approved by the RTEC and signed. Dave noted a few minor changes that we could make to the list. One



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project in particular was the Parowan project for the airport access road at 750 N. This project did not get added to the list as it was discussed after the list was approved. However, looking at TPL project C18, the Realignment of the Intersection of SR-271 and SR- 274; it also includes the realignment of the airport road which appears to cover the project discussed.

A couple of other minor changes were suggested to help clean up the list. The group decided to wait for Dan Jensen to arrive to continue this discussion. *See discussion in item in IV. Continued discussion below:*

A discussion took place regarding the Parowan Bridge and whether the proposed location should move forward or should the project move back to the location of the existing bridge. Dan indicated that a final decision has not been made and there is still some discussion to be had on the subject.

After considerable discussion regarding the minor changes to the TPL, and since it was important to Cedar City to show that project C25 is a Phase 1 project, it was determined that the TPL list should be amended and sent to the RTEC for approval at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Jonathan Stathis, seconded by Dan Jensen, to approve the Transportation Priority List, with the minor changes that were noted today and specifically changing project C25 to Phase 1 and recommend approval to the RTEC. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dave indicated that he would make all the changes and send them out to the group to review the correctness. He asked the group to please review everything closely.

IV. ICCOG Project Priority List

- A. **Discussion-** Rob explained the change from the ICCC to the ICCOG noting that this change took place at the last ICCC meeting.

Dave then passed out copies of the COG Project List, including the work lists, and went through each of the projects that were changed, added, or removed. He used the TPL list to check against the COG Project List and explained how he accomplished that. The group reviewed the list in its entirety. Dave, and the group, reviewed those projects on the TPL that would not be put on the COG list; these projects would probably not need corridor preservation funds for right of way. There were also several projects along the same corridor that were



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combined into one project covering the entire corridor. Iron Springs Road, 2400 North and Cedar Highlands Access Road are examples of this. The understanding is that funds could be requested any where along the identified corridor similar to what has been happening on West View Drive in Cedar.

Several projects that have been completed were removed including Industrial Road and Nichols Canyon Road at I-15.

There was a brief discussion on how the County policy needs to be changed to reflect how the TPL projects are added to the COG list. Reed indicated that him and Rich are looking at this.

Dan Jessen had arrived at the meeting and the discussion moved back to the Parowan project aligning SR-271 and the airport road. The issue at hand is does project #5, on the COG list, cover the realignment of the airport road that Mr. Jessen has discussed. And does project C-18 cover the project in the TPL or should a new project be added. Mr. Jesson explained that Parowan has been working with UDOT and others to move the airport road connection from SR 271 and connect it to SR-274 near 850 North. After a lengthy discussion it was determined to not change the TPL and that project C-18 was sufficiently vague enough to cover what would be done. It was recommended that a concept report be prepared to clarify the work. For the COG list it was determined that even though project 5 is sufficient to cover the needs, a new project titled SR-274 Airport Access Road be added to the end of the list just to make sure. The status of the project should be reviewed next year, and any necessary adjustments made.

The group continued to review the proposed COG list. They went through each project and made any necessary adjustments to the list. Dave again reminded the group that a road does not have to be on the TPL list to be on the COG list.

Dave explained that if the group approved the list today that it would then be placed on the RTEC agenda to be approved. The list would then be approved by the COG. Reed would check to see if that approval was sufficient or if the County Commission would still need to approve.

The Chair, Mr. Dotson, then moved back to item III to finish that item before moving forward with the approval below.

B. Approval

A motion was made by Reed Erickson, seconded by Aldo Basai, to approve the ICCOG Project Priority List, with the noted changes that were made today and to redo the numbering as needed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.



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V. **Concept Report Discussion**

Dave passed out copies of the concept report (CR) form. He indicated that he would email the electronic copy of the CR to all. He displayed the CR on the screen and went over the necessary information. Indicated that it is mostly a click and add form. Overall, pretty simple. Dave has made a few modifications to make it a little easier. He went over the report with the group.

Rich asked if Dave could send the members a list of those CR's that have been completed. Dave said he has that information and will send it out. There was some discussion as whether the CR's could be put on the GIS map. Nate indicated that it would be possible but it would need to be in a google form. The group would like to look at updating the form a bit to make it better. Chris suggested that before a project is added to the list that we start requiring the CR. Dave will make some small revisions and send the CR out and then work on changing to a google form in the future.

VI. **Project / Studies Updates**

- A. **Cedar Belt Route Access Study:** Rich updated the group on the Study. He indicated that Kimley Horn had a meeting last week. They identified items that needed clarity and made a few adjustments in scope. Identified the connection location and then did some field review. The consultant may also give some consideration to roundabout intersections. County gave directions to make sure the study results follow UDOT standards so that it will be compatible in the future. Reed indicated that the end goal is to have concept designs prepared for each of the future intersections with the Belt Route. The study should be complete in late spring or early summer.
- B. **SR-130 SR-56 Access Study:** Chris clarified that the portion of SR-130 being studied is through Cedar City, not Enoch. He explained that they just had the kickoff study with a small group of stakeholders. The next meeting, on January 10th will be with a larger stakeholder group. Change the name to Cedar City Solutions Development Study.
- C. **Other Transportation Projects**
Chris indicated that he had heard that the Inland Port concept had just received \$500,000 for a study on rail here in Cedar area. The study is to determine what it would take to develop an inland port in this area. It is a federal grant. Economic Development received the grant.

Jonathan reported that Devin Squires was just assigned as the project manager for the Industrial Road project and that Donna Beagly is the project manager on



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the Fiddler’s Canyon trail extension. Also noted that UDOT is doing a redesign of the traffic signal at 600 S and Main Street.

Rich indicated that in the County Planning Commission will look at adopting a portion of the County Transportation Plan. The County is going to do this process in phases to help with public input.

VII. UDOT

- A. Cedar City Transit Study: Chris indicated the UDOT is providing the match funding. Ryan Marshal is applying for the FTA funds and is waiting to hear back. Paul indicated that SUU is a direct participant. Cedar is really interested in traffic around SUU and to the industrial areas. UDOT is also looking in the outlying areas. Study will be managed by Cedar City.
- B. Update: Tracy noted that Clayton Wilson is retiring and going to Stanley Eng. No other updates.

VIII. Other Discussion Items: Dave passed out next years meeting schedule. He noted that we still don’t have anyone coming from Kanarrville. Asked everyone to review the information.

A. Next Meeting – Feb. 1, 2023:

- i. Location UDOT (Chris to verify)

IX. Adjourn

A motion was made by agreement to adjourn the meeting; All voted in favor and the meeting ended.