Tooele Valley Rural Planning Organization (TVRPO)

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2024, 1:30 - 2:30 PM

In person: County Council Chambers, 47 South Main St, Tooele, UT 84074

Virtual: Please **CLICK HERE** to join the webinar

Start 1:32 PM

Introductions

1. <u>September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes</u>

Motion - Andy Welch, Tooele County

Second - Mayor Neil Critchlow, Grantsville

APPROVED

2. Utah Trail Network (UTN) Update

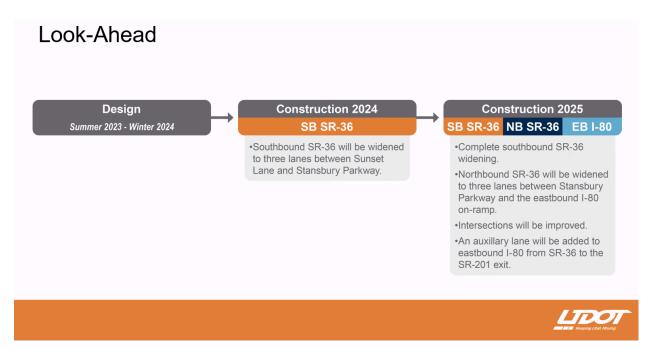
Wayne Bennion reported on the recent UTN workshop held at the Deseret Peak Complex. He noted that Stephanie Tomlin, UDOT Trails Division Director or a member of her team would be providing this update if they were not in Vernal leading another workshop today. The intent of the Utah Trail Network is to achieve a paved network of trails throughout the state that connect Utahns of all ages and abilities to their destinations and communities. The State Legislature approved \$45M per year for building this network.

The objectives of the workshop were to identify destinations and a network that meets guiding principles, and identify gaps in previous trail planning. Workshop participants identified the Benson Grist Mill, downtown Tooele, Deseret Peak, and Grantsville as key destinations. Two of the major connections discussed were Northeast Tooele Valley to Tooele and Tooele to Grantsville.

Next steps include the UTN team running information coming from the workshops through a data-driven process and to commit additional funding in 2026. The UTN team welcomes additional input.

3. Near-term Priorities

Becky Stromness of UDOT reported on progress on the SR-36 and I-80 projects. Work on SB SR-36 began in July, but has been halted for the winter. Work on completing the third lane will resume in the Summer of 2025.



The NB SR-36 lane addition/ I-80 EB auxiliary lane project, which is scheduled to begin early next summer, will include improvements to the Stansbury Pkwy intersection and a new intersection at Sunset Rd. Dual left turn lanes will be added to the Saddleback Blvd intersection.

Councilmember Kathleen VonHatten reported that Lake Point is working on producing a Transportation Master Plan.

Councilmember Terry Miner, Erda, discussed the need for a traffic signal at Sheep Lane and SR-112. Geoff Dupaix, UDOT Region 2, indicated that need is on UDOT's radar.

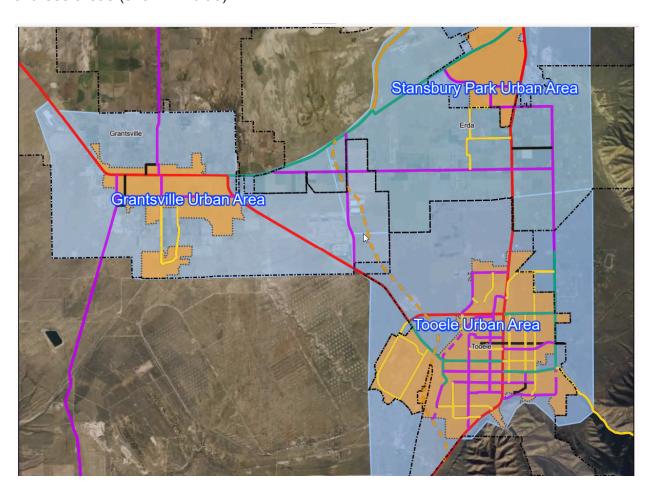
Christy Montierth, Grantsville, indicated their support for a signal at Sheep Lane and SR-112, and said that they are coordinating with UDOT for a study of Main Street. Tyler Laing, UDOT Region 2, said that UDOT is planning to move forward with installing a signal at Main and Hales, and is looking to hire a consultant to help develop a corridor plan for Main Street.

Mayor Debbie Winn, Tooele City, said that they are working with UDOT toward improvements at the intersection of 1000 North and 600 West, and the intersection of SR-36 and Skyline Drive.

Andy Welch, Tooele County, reported that they are working on Tom's Lane and expect to reconstruct of Ibapah Road and a portion of Mormon Trail Road soon. They have applied for funding to improve Droubay Road and are pursuing ROW for the extension of Village Blvd to Midvalley Highway.

4. Adjusting Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification

Population and distance criteria for defining Urban Areas have been modified by the Census Bureau. Stansbury Park, Grantsville, and Tooele City are identified as Urban Areas (shown in orange). UDOT is proposing to adjust the boundaries of these areas (shown in blue).



This will make minor collector roads (shown in yellow above) within the blue areas eligible for federal funding. Other roads shown in color within the blue area are already eligible for federal funding.

Wayne described the functional classification system and the varying trade-offs in purpose between movement and access. He invited the group to review the designated function of roads in the classification system for Tooele Valley to give input on whether the designations are still appropriate.

5. Funding Opportunities

Wayne reminded the group that a recent WFRC newsletter reported funding opportunities including the RAISE grants which are due January 20th. PROTECT is also available which has funds for preserving the integrity of existing transportation assets. Small Urban/Non-urban funds can also be applied for and applications are due to Chris Potter with UDOT by January 10th.

6. Other Business

The CMAQ discussion has been postponed.

7. Next Meeting - March 2025

In-Person Attendance

Wayne Bennion - WFRC

Mayor Neil Critchlow, Grantsville

Rachelle Custer, Tooele County

Councilmember Scott Droubay, Erda

Tyler Laing, UDOT Region 2

Brittany Lopez, Tooele County

Ben Maughan, UDOT

Councilmember Terry Miner, Erda

Christy Montierth, Grantsville

Buck Peck, North Tooele Fire District

Councilmember Kendall Thomas, Tooele County

Councilmember Kathleen VonHatten, Lake Point

Andy Welch, Tooele County

Virtual Attendance

