Dave Glenn, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and noted that Wally Ritchie would be representing Jack Taylor for Santa Clara City.

1. MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2010 MEETING

Dave Glenn noted that a quorum was present for conduct of business and presented minutes of the September 1, 2010 DTAC meeting for committee consideration.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMERON CUTLER, SECONDED BY WALLY RITCHIE, TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.
2. **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

   **A. RSG Report on Modeling Process - Review and Approve:** Chad Worthen reported that over the past few weeks meetings have been held with all of the jurisdictions in Washington County with the exception of Apple Valley. Information for Apple Valley was discussed with Washington County during the county meeting. RSG also met with Zion National Park to review numbers that would be incorporated into the CUBE model. A draft set of forecast numbers was presented to each of the communities and feedback was provided in terms of current adopted plans and any known future developments. RSG has since been incorporating the input provided from these meetings into the socioeconomic data.

   He reviewed the 2008 baseline socioeconomic data draft with DTAC members and asked for additional input in terms of whether cities are comfortable with the draft numbers. The majority of global statistics have been updated at this point. It was noted that city level projections include unincorporated areas contained in their current Annexation Policy Declaration boundaries. Population projections provided by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget provide a county number and it is up to the cities within the county to split out that population. With the high level of growth being projected by OPB, it is difficult to find room for the growth on the basis of city planning and anticipated future development. RSG first allocated population into cities based on their general plans and anticipated new in-fill development, but additional population still needed to be disbursed. Numbers were allocated over the next few years for in-fill in urbanized areas. The last level of population numbers expanded into areas of annexation around St. George City, Washington City and Hurricane City. This helped to smooth out some of the issues when growth hit that ceiling point. In some instances communities grow quite rapidly and then the growth tapers off. However, he reported that the model wants to push population down to small towns such as Santa Clara and Ivins and this reflects to some degree too much growth in smaller communities.

   A chart depicting households reflects that much of the growth is in the urbanized core (92-93%), with the balance in the county. The chart depicts county numbers in blue, MPO numbers in gold and RPO numbers in red. Population numbers also follow a similar trend. He noted that this is residential data on a global level which seems to be fairly reasonable.

   Mr. Worthern indicated that he would e-mail the draft socioeconomic forecast to committee members for further review. He asked that committee members review data for their communities to determine if the numbers seem reasonable. Numbers from 2000 to 2008 were obtained from the 2000 U.S. Census and parcel data to determine numbers for the base year. The 2009-2010 numbers were derived from projections. Dave Glenn commented that the household size for Ivins seems high. A chart outlining OPB 2008 population data for Washington County was completed prior to the current recession and most building activities have tapered off in Washington County. The red line on the chart depicts the latest OPB estimate for 2008-09. The blue line depicts the data that RSG proposes to use in the model. Even though it may be aggressive, this is the official data set. Data depicted by the red line could be utilized by deviating from the official data set for the model. This is a judgement call that needs to be made by DTAC and DTEC. The model could
utilize the official data set but also run the red line data which is more conservative to provide a range for use in planning. Myron Lee pointed out that elected officials have differing points of view in terms of OPB numbers being either high or low, but this is not based off any scientific data. Mr. Worthen explained that these numbers would be more sensitive to UDOT for use in their environmental reviews as opposed to community planning which would have more latitude. He asked that committee members provide any concerns and feedback in terms of the data to Myron Lee. He also noted that to dampen the numbers for Ivins would most likely push extra growth to St. George, Washington and Hurricane. The main reason for high numbers in Ivins results from the capacity of buildable areas and current zoning and annexation plans. There is still a lot of capacity for growth in the Ivins area. He noted that committee members need to realize that global economies still forecast a lot of growth in this area. Households depicted are not vacant housing stock.

Mr. Worthen mentioned that a table outlining population numbers may be a little easier for communities to review. Wally Ritchie commented that the population numbers for Santa Clara may be a little to the low end going into the future. Dave Glenn indicated that the current population numbers for Ivins City are pretty close at approximately 8,800 to 9,000. Arthur LeBaron also noted that the current population of 15,000 for Hurricane may be a little high and it is difficult to predict what will occur in the future. Chad Worthen explained that the higher numbers may be due to the amount of developable land that is available towards the Washington City and Hildale areas that are included in annexation areas. The current population numbers for St. George City are at approximately 92,000. It is projected that the MPO area will reach a population of 265,000 in the next 20 years and the RPO will reach a population of 113,000 in the next 20 years. This assumes no change in the MPO and RPO boundaries. Todd Edwards asked if the model has the capacity to anticipate when densities in Hurricane are at the point where designation as an MPO could occur. Chad Worthen responded that the model shows that Hurricane City would reach this point in 2020.

Ken Sizemore reminded committee members that the current economic downturn is a temporary bump and this area will again be the fastest growing metropolitan area.

Mr. Worthen reviewed employment data which shows similar trends with 95-96% of the employment in the MPO and RPO areas. He reviewed a chart with the employment to housing ratios and noted that he would like to see the RPO ratio trend upwards.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMERON CUTLER, SECONDED BY TODD EDWARDS, TO APPROVE THE DRAFT SOCIOECONOMIC DATA FORECASTS WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONSULTANT TO UTILIZE THE OFFICIAL AGGRESSIVE DATA SETS BUT TO INCORPORATE THE LESS AGGRESSIVE DATA INTO THE REPORT TO PROVIDE A RANGE FOR USE IN PLANNING AND UDOT STUDIES AND TO FORWARD THE FINAL REPORT TO DTEC FOR FORMAL APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

Arthur LeBaron questioned what the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget does in terms of their projections once the U.S. Census is released. Mr. Sizemore
explained that the Census becomes the touch point and OPB numbers will be adjusted at that time. Once the Census data is available in 2010, OPB will review that data and provide updated projections.

3. LOCAL PROJECTS UPDATE

A. **Ivins City**: Dave Glenn indicated that Ivins City will be opening bids on rebuilding of streets, curb, gutter and sidewalks in the old original township. This project is being undertaken with a special assessment and a bond secured by the city. Ivins has also asked Congressman Matheson and Senator Hatch to aid in the provision of federal funding. The engineering for this project has been completed. Ivins has also been in contact with Clayton Wilson to move forward with the roundabout project and will be selecting a consultant in the near future for the design portion.

B. **St. George City**: Cameron Cutler reported that several projects are in progress in St. George including the Dixie Drive Interchange, Redhills Parkway/Redhills Parkway Interchange, Bluff Street and I-15 environmental (currently on hold awaiting transfer to the CUBE model), etc. Package C was opened and awarded for the Dixie Drive Interchange project. Horrocks Engineering has been selected to provide design work for the East Dixie Drive project. A scope of work has been developed and a contract is anticipated soon. The Valley View Drive Bridge project is nearing completion and a ribbon cutting ceremony is anticipated sometime later this month.

C. **Santa Clara City**: Wally Ritchie reported that the safe route to school sidewalk project is out to bid and it is anticipated that this project will be completed by Christmas.

D. **Washington City**: None.

E. **Washington County**: Todd Edwards reported that Washington County is working on several projects including the resurface of Old Highway 91 between the Gunlock turnoff and the state line. The road is being rebuilt between Gunlock and Veyo and should be completed by Christmas. The county is also doing some chip seal projects in the Central area.

Cameron Cutler briefed committee members about a $75,000 Achieve Grant that has been awarded to the Southwest Utah Public Health Department. The grant required development of goals to better the health in our communities. A committee entitled “Healthy Dixie” has been established to assist in delivery of this grant. The three main goals outlined in the grant are as follows: 1) Increase connectivity with biking, walking and mass transit in the grant horizon of 2012; 2) Increase gardens within the school; and 3) Promote healthy work sites within the community. He reviewed several individuals currently serving on the sub-committee from Santa Clara, St. George, Intermountain Health Center, etc. and asked for volunteers from other communities to participate on the sub-committee for inter-connectivity. The group is currently working with cities in an effort to implement policies that would eventually result in the incorporation of design standards for bike lanes, walking paths, trails and even mass transit. The group is asking for a representative from the MPO and Hurricane City to serve on this sub-committee. Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City, indicated that he would be willing to serve in this capacity. Myron Lee, MPO Planning Manager, also volunteered his service. Monty Thurber is currently trying to gather data from all of the cities.
that may be pertinent to this effort. Sometime in November, two individuals from Florida will be in the area to conduct a site visit for three days and to assess information that has been assembled.

4. **STATE AND FEDERAL UPDATE**

A. **Program Development - UDOT**: Rick Torgerson reported that UDOT is undertaking safety improvements and an overlay on SR-59 from Apple Valley to the state line. UDOT is also installing cable barrier along I-15 and I-70 in various locations as a continuation of safety improvements. The I-15 Black Ridge Project contract was awarded to W.W. Clyde at a very good price. This projects consists of asphalt rehab, addition of a truck lane from milepost 34 to the dam, installation of a deer fence and extension of ramps. It is a tough section of the canyon, but improvements to this section are important.

Dana Meier reported that the Southern Parkway Phase 3 project is moving forward. UDOT is currently working with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers on some wash issues. An environmental re-evaluation of the Southern Parkway Segment 4 has been submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and it is anticipated that this section will be out for bid in April 2011. The Dixie Drive Interchange package C for the spui structure and ramps has been awarded. Work is continuing on package B on the mainline structures. The northbound lanes of traffic will be shifted to the southbound side but two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained. UDOT is in the process of selecting a consultant to accelerate design of the new welcome center that will be constructed at the northbound port of entry.

Rick Torgerson indicated that the Telegraph Road project is moving forward with selection of a consultant to handle the project. It is anticipated that this project will be under way next spring. UDOT has put a hold on environmental projects until the conversion to CUBE is completed.

Arthur LeBaron reported that the SR-9 project is ahead of schedule with all major work, including landscaping, slated for completion around Thanksgiving. The final overlay will be applied when the weather warms up next spring. The 600 North project has been completed which provides a great amenity for Hurricane City. The city is currently working to shift some highway funding to allow completion of 600 North to SR-9.

Ken Sizemore mentioned that the Five County Association of Governments is in the process of completing a Corridor Management Plan for the Zion corridor. Once the plan is finished, an application for national designation as a scenic byway will be submitted. It is anticipated that the final draft will be completed by Thanksgiving. All corridor management plans now have to be approved by the Utah State Legislature. Senator Stowell will be sponsoring a bill during the next legislative session to handle these plans.

Rick Torgerson mentioned that Concept Reports are due November 3, 2010. In the past, this group has provided seed money for various larger projects. Because UDOT’s main focus is safety improvements, he suggested that committee members may want to consider smaller projects that provide safety type improvements.
B. **FEDERAL OVERSIGHT:** None.

5. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (NOVEMBER 3, 2010)**

Call for concept reports. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at the Five County AOG office beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY TODD EDWARDS, SECONDED BY RICK TORGERSON, TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.