

**ARCHES HOTSPOT REGION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2020**

The Arches Hotspot Region Coordinating Committee held its Regular Meeting on the above date. Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 54-2-207(4), the Arches Hotspot Region Coordinating Committee Chair has issued written determinations supporting the decision to convene electronic meetings of the Committee without a physical anchor location. Due to the health and safety risks related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and considering public health orders limiting in-person gatherings, the Arches Hotspot Coordinating Committee will continue to hold meetings by electronic means. An anchor location was not provided. An audio recording of the meeting is archived at <http://www.utah.gov/pmnl/index.html>. A video recording is archived at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI00z0Zgdmz4y1FoI0l7CJA>.

Regular Meeting—Call to Order and Attendance: Committee Chair Curtis Wells called the Regular Meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Participating remotely were Committee Members Curtis Wells, Kalen Jones, Jaylyn Hawks, Karen Guzman-Newton, Wes Shannon, and Evan Clapper. Committee Member Mike Duncan was absent. City staff participating remotely were Assistant City Manager Carly Castle, City Engineer Chuck Williams, City Planner Nora Shepard, Communications and Engagement Manager Lisa Church, City Recorder Sommar Johnson, and Deputy Recorder Kerri Kirk. County Staff participating remotely was Planning & Zoning Director Mila Dunbar-Irwin. UDOT staff participating remotely were Region Planning Manager Jeff Sanders, District Engineer Jared Beard, Region 4 Traffic Operations Engineer Robert Dowell, and Region 4 Deputy Director Monte Aldridge.

02:58

Approval of Minutes: September 30, 2020, Regular Meeting, October 7, 2020, Regular Meeting, October 7, 2020, Public Engagement—Approved

Motion: Committee Member Guzman-Newton moved to approve the minutes from September 30 and October 7. Committee Member Jones seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion passed 6-0 with Committee Members Wells, Shannon, Guzman-Newton, Hawks, Clapper, and Jones voting aye. Committee Member Duncan was not present for the vote.

Citizens to be Heard:

There were no citizens to be heard.

5:05

Report and Discussion of Public Engagement Efforts and Survey Results

Communications and Engagement Manager Church reviewed the latest survey results and provided a communication and engagement update. Committee Member Guzman-Newton thanked City staff for putting the open house together. Committee Member Jones thanked City staff for putting the results of the engagement in a clear format. Committee Chair Wells thanked Communication and Engagement Manager Church for the presentation. He agreed that the town hall produced good discussion about the potential projects.

25:21

Discussion and Approval of Draft Concept Package, Including Dispersed Parking Projects, Spanish Valley Multi-Use Path, and Transit Shuttle Pilot Project—Approved

Discussion: Committee Chair Wells stated the purpose of this agenda item is to approve the projects; the prioritization will be discussed on the next agenda item. Committee Member

Hawks said there are two corridors that need consideration in Moab valley: Highway 191 and Spanish Valley Drive. She said to consider congestion only on Highway 191 would be a mistake.

There was a discussion regarding suggested edits by the Committee and the process of incorporation before the Joint City-County meeting on October 30. Committee Member Jones said he submitted a PDF with comments and suggested edits to Assistant City Manager Castle. He said the proposed projects address congestion across multiple modes of transportation in multiple areas. UDOT Region 4 Deputy Director Aldridge agreed with Committee Member Jones, and said the message is applicable to UDOT's goals and objectives. There was a discussion regarding the funding potential for aesthetics.

Assistant City Manager Castle said the Spanish Valley pathway project can be proposed as the entire pathway, or a particular segment for funding. There was a discussion about clarifying the pathway segments for funding. Aldridge said the engineer's estimates would be sufficient for the pathway segments.

Motion: Committee Member Jones moved to approve the draft concept package including dispersed parking project, Spanish Valley multi-use path and transit shuttle pilot project in substantially the form presented but with possible minor edits and word changes prior to presentation to Council and Commission. Committee Member Hawks seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion passed 6-0 with Committee Members Wells, Shannon, Guzman-Newton, Hawks, Clapper, and Jones voting aye. Committee Member Duncan was not present for the vote.

45:20

Prioritization of Approved Final Transportation Projects

Assistant City Manager Castle reviewed the prioritization worksheet for the Committee to vote on within the next couple of days. Committee Chair Wells requested the Committee email the completed prioritization worksheets to Assistant City Manager Castle. He said the results will be discussed and presented at the joint meeting to seek final approval by the City Council and County Commission. There was discussion regarding the ranking system, considering the two major corridors in Moab valley, and having the congestion criteria more weighted on the results. Aldridge said the survey results could assist in showing congestion relief for the Spanish Valley multi-use path project and the dispersed parking project. There was a discussion about the weighted percent used for congestion relief in the Decision Lens software.

Committee Member Guzman-Newton expressed concern regarding what the community is requesting versus the requirements for the funding. There was a discussion regarding communicating the limitations and complexities of the funding to citizens.

Committee Member Hawks requested clarification for the potential funding allocation. Committee Chair Wells proposed a meeting between City Manager Linares and Grand County Commission Administrator Baird. Assistant City Manager Castle suggested budgeting as if the funding is a grant that may be received.

Aldridge said the weighted percentage for congestion relief through Decision Lens was 54.5%. He said the information was emailed to Assistant City Manager Castle, along with the other criteria's rankings.

Adjournment: Committee Chair Wells adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.