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Director's Dialog



Bryan D. Thriot, Executive Director

The Five County Association of Governments area was designated as an Economic Development District (EDD) by the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA). That designation, incidently, occurred way back in April, 1979. The purpose of that designation was to promote a coordinated, region-wide, approach to the economic development efforts of local governments in southwestern

Utah. That stated purpose, originally established back in 1979, is as relevant today as it was then, if not even more so now.

One method used to encourage such a coordinated effort is the preparation of this Economic District's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Every functioning EDD is required to have a current CEDS Plan in place before any jurisdiction in the District is eligible for EDA-funded assistance programs. Every five years the Five County Association of Governments updates its comprehensive economic development strategy for the five county area. Starting in July 2018, we will be updating the existing Plan for the region; and we certainly want to include your input for housing, transportation, retail, commercial, education, workforce development, recreation, etc. Overall desired quality of life issues need to be reflected in the 2019 CEDS Plan which focuses on southwestern Utah over the next five years. The current 5 Year CEDS Plan document can be found on our website homepage at <http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov>

I believe forging a proper start of this update will require much active public engagement. Economic plans that Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Washington, and Iron counties will submit to the Governor with short-term economic goals addressing needs in their counties for the next 10 years will be reflected in the CEDS.

Those same counties recently completed new county natural resource plans, and we will incorporate those goals into our updated CEDS. The State of Utah has recently completed a State of Utah Resource Management Plan (RMP), drawing upon the objective data provided by the individual county plans from throughout the state. The State Resource Management Plan is the result of a year-long collaborative effort between the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO), the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands, State natural resource

agencies, and each county in Utah. You can read the state's RMP here: <http://publiclands.utah.gov/current-projects/rmp>

Last November, I, along with with Washington County commissioners and representatives of Libertygold (the owners of the Goldstrike mine on the west side of Washington County), toured that area of the county. Because our family owned land in



Visit to the site of a reverse circulation drilling rig.



Close-up of the drilling rig.

that area I became somewhat familiar with those general surroundings since back when I was a teenager. This was the first time I have heard from professional geologists that at one time the Goldstrike area looked like current day Yellowstone National Park. The ground today certainly has changed, and of course we don't have the water that flows in Yellowstone today.

I share this with you because I have always had the attitude that I can always learn more from other people, and I love it. Through this tour I was able to connect the geology students attending Southern Utah University with Libertygold and this spring those students will be able to conduct economic geology research while earning school credit and will contribute in a small way to the continued exploration by Libertygold in the area, and the overall economy of the county.



Examining chip samples.

My hope from this example is that we can work together to make our CEDS update a beneficial economic plan in shaping this region. For more information on the CEDS or any other issues, please contact me at bthriot@fivecounty.utah.gov

**CIB-101 Application Tutorial Workshop
Scheduled - Please Mark Your Calendar for
April 18th in St. George**



If your entity intends to apply for grant and/or loan funding from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for infrastructure or facilities in the coming 12 months, you need to have a local official and/or administrative staff person from your entity attend the upcoming "CIB-101" Application Tutorial Workshop.

The CIB-101 Application Workshop is held yearly in each region of Utah and is conducted by staff of the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (usually called just "the CIB").

Our region's **CIB-101 Application Workshop** for this year is scheduled on **Wednesday, April 18, 2017 beginning at 1:30 p.m.** sharp at the **Dixie Technical College (DixieTech)**, Building A, located at **610 South Tech Ridge Drive; St. George, Utah**. The workshop will be approximately 1½ to 2 hours in length. An informative tour of the brand new DixieTech educational facilities will take place at the conclusion of the workshop.

At the tutorial, the presenters will discuss 'who can apply?', 'when can you apply?', 'what are CIB Trimesters?', 'what are eligible projects?', 'how to apply?' and 'what comes next after being funded?', such as reimbursement procedures. Any new CIB policies and procedures will also be discussed.

The CIB is an important community development program of the state of Utah which provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state which are, or may be, socially or economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development on federal lands. CIB's source of funding is mineral lease payments and ongoing production royalties, as a portion of Utah's share from mineral extraction, on federally-controlled lands. The CIB will only fund applications submitted by an eligible applicant, for an eligible project.

Any town, city, county or special service district that plans to apply in the June 2018, October 2018 or February 2019 CIB trimester application cycles should have the person, or persons, from your jurisdiction who will prepare its CIB application(s), as well as manage the project once CIB funding is secured, attend this workshop.

In addition to a representative from your entity, it is strongly recommended that the engineering and/or architectural firms who will work directly with you in preparing your CIB application, by providing cost estimates and other technical assistance to your CIB funded project, attend this workshop. Jurisdictions with CIB application plans beyond these next three application cycles may also certainly attend, if desired.

Please RSVP your attendance at the CIB-101 Tutorial scheduled on **Wednesday, April 18th** to Gary Zabriskie, the CIB's Regional

Planning Program Planner in this region, via e-mail to: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov

While you are encouraged to attend in our own region, you may attend a session in another region, if you are unable to attend here. Please visit the state's CIB web page for the dates and locations of those other available CIB tutorials: <https://jobs.utah.gov/housing/cib/index.html>

Between November and February AOG staff solicited Capital Improvement Lists from our region's entities. Projects from those were placed into a combined 1-Year List (one for each of the five counties). The CIB Consolidated 1-Year list contains planned applications to the CIB within the next three trimester application cycles. A second list of Year 2-5 Projects (proposed applications in two to five years) was also prepared. The 1-Year list contains the following items: jurisdiction name, project summary description, anticipated trimester date of submission to the CIB, projected overall cost of project, all anticipated funding sources, the individual applicant's priority for their own projects, and finally the county area priority for each project. The county-area-prioritization of the 1 year list will be done at a meeting in each county during March. Prioritization is by consensus of representatives of the entities in that county who attend the prioritization meeting. A project not listed on the CIB 1-Year list cannot be applied to the CIB for funding, unless an unforeseen project addresses a bona-fide public safety or health emergency, or for another compelling reason.

The CIB reviews applications with the applicant at one of three scheduled review meetings and then authorizes funding assistance later at a formal funding meeting. The CIB operates its funding cycles on a trimester basis during the state fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th). Here is the trimester schedule:

CIB Trimester	Application Deadline	CIB Review Meeting(s) where the Applicant Presents their Request	Funding Meeting
First	June 1	July, August, or September	October
Second	October 1	November, December, or January	February
Third	February 1	March, April, or May	June

In February 2018, the CIB completed its 2nd Trimester funding, with projects in this region funded as shown:

Cedar City - New Animal Shelter	\$1,265,000
Escalante City - New Multipurpose Community Center	\$1,160,000
Beaver Fire District #2 - 2 New Wildland Fire Trucks	\$344,000
Rockville/Springdale FPD/Washington Co. - New Fire Pumper	\$405,000
Town of Rockville - Road Repairs	\$40,000
Panguitch City - New Culinary Water Well/System	\$1,479,078
La Verkin City - General Plan Update/Transportation Master Plan	\$50,000
Five County Regional Total CIB 2nd Trimester Funding:	\$4,743,078

These amounts only include the dollars provided by CIB as a grant and/or loan and does not include local financial participation of the applicant (their "skin in the game"), nor does it include any additional leveraged funding of their project provided by other funding sources.

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If you desire more information on what kind of public facilities, infrastructure, equipment, and other capital improvements have been funded in our region, or have questions about capital improvement planning or the PCIFB program, please contact Gary Zabriskie, CIB Rural Planning Program Planner and Director of Community & Economic Development at the Five County Association of Governments at (435) 673-3548 ext.126, or e-mail: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov

Virgin, Utah Addresses Urgent Safety Need



The town of Virgin, Utah, located along SR-9 in eastern Washington County, had a dilemma on its hands. Monsoonal rains in mid to late 2016 caused a torrent of mud and debris that completely clogged and rendered

useless a culvert pipe located just inside the town limits on the north edge of the town. This culvert was intended to pass water draining from several ephemeral channels (ones that flow only for hours or a few days following rainfall). The culvert goes under Kolob Terrace Road, which provides access to a very large area of Washington County, as well as the Lava Point portion of Zion National Park, and also is the access to Kolob Reservoir, a key water source in this arid county. Once the pipe was rendered useless, additional monsoonal storms overtopped the roadway and completely washed away the downstream shoulder of the roadway creating a real safety risk to motorists.



Five County AOG Community Development staff met with the Mayor of the town, toured the problem area, and strategized how to address the problem.

Shortly after that initial reconnaissance, a meeting with representatives of affected stakeholders was facilitated by AOG staff at the town office, including a tour at the problem site. It was determined, that while a number of the stakeholders had strong support for efforts to remediate the problem, and potential loss of access, they simply had no way to contribute financially. A few said they could possibly provide in-kind assistance. Washington County stepped up and assisted with a row of Jersey barriers along the sharp drop-off as a temporary measure. The town's contracted engineer designed a viable long-term fix that would have minimal ongoing maintenance expenses to the town. Simply clearing out the debris from the existing pipe would only be an expensive temporary fix that could be plugged again in the next rain event. The proper fix would replace the small pipe with a large precast concrete box culvert that would pass any anticipated storm flow and not clog as the pipe would. Unfortunately the town was financially unable to take on such

a large expense completely on its own. The town would contribute financially to the project, but knew it was well beyond their ability to do it all on its own.

The town of Virgin

approached the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, which understood the dilemma the town was in. The CIB

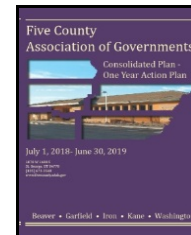


Board provided a grant to the town which enabled the town to get right into the replacement project and completed it before any additional damage to the road

occured. The channel now allows all stormwater flow to safely and efficiently pass under this important roadway and provides for safe, wide shoulders at this location. The town has expressed it appreciation to the CIB for their assistance in making this roadway safe and usable, and affordable to maintain, well into the future.

~ Gary Zabriskie, CIB RPP Planner

Consolidated Planning Process



The Five County AOG produces an annual One Year Consolidated Action Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Plan identifies implementation of HUD funded projects and activities, details the region's community development and housing needs and priorities, provides strategies to

meet those needs and priorities, and emphasizes the needs of low-to-moderate income and special-needs populations. AOG staff writes the plan, but receives input for it from elected officials, stakeholders, and citizens of southwestern Utah.

The planning process includes assistance from local jurisdictions and the public to identify, prioritize and quantify the cost of capital improvement needs in the region. AOG Staff works closely with public housing agencies identifying affordable housing gaps, looking for appropriate means to address the gaps. A Public Hearing was held in February by our governing Steering Committee to solicit public comment on the draft Plan.

We are always willing to hear comments and suggestions from anyone interested in providing input on housing and community development needs in our region. Comments received outside of the the officially advertised public comment period of January 29 to February 28, 2018 may be considered during the Plan update next year. You may provide those comments and suggestions at any time to Nate Wiberg, Associate Planner, at 435-673-3548 ext. 105 or e-mail: nwiberg@fivecounty.utah.gov

CIB One-Year Capital Improvement List Prioritization Meetings Scheduled



Five separate meetings take place in March, in each of the five counties, where that county, its cities and towns and special service districts gather to review a consolidated CIB One-Year Capital Improvement list of planned CIB projects from those entities. A formal meeting

notification and a draft list will be soon be mailed from AOG staff to entities which provided that entity's own project lists by a January 11th deadline.

The following are the dates of and locations of these meetings:

BEAVER COUNTY ENTITIES: Meeting at the County Administration Building during the County Commission meeting, March 13 at 1:15 p.m., Beaver, UT

GARFIELD COUNTY ENTITIES: Meeting at the County Courthouse, in the upstairs conference room, March 20 at 10:30 a.m.; Panguitch, UT

KANE COUNTY ENTITIES: Meeting at the Kanab City office, in the conference room; March 20 at 3:00 p.m.; Kanab, UT

IRON COUNTY ENTITIES: Meeting at the Cedar City - Brian Head Tourism Bureau bldg., in the east conf. room; March 21 at 9:30 a.m.; Cedar City, UT

WASHINGTON COUNTY ENTITIES: Meeting at the Five County AOG office building, in the conference room; March 21 at 2:00 p.m.; St. George, UT

For further details, call CIB Rural Planning Program Planner, Gary Zabriskie (435) 673-3548, ext. 126; or e-mail: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov

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