



# FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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## Director's Dialogue



Senator Marco Rubio, Bryan, Nathan and Bryce Thiriot

I had the opportunity to meet up with a childhood friend, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida at his book signing, "American Dreams" in Las Vegas on February 18, 2015. We lived directly across the street from him during my elementary years in Las Vegas and would walk to school together. I have great memories of playing in the neighborhood with him and my brothers. He comes from a very hardworking family.

We both had the same great teachers in school, and on occasion he would get in trouble for talking too much in class, and our fifth grade teacher would have him sit by her and pull out the Webster dictionary and have him write verbatim a column of words. There is no doubt in my mind that this helped to increase his vocabulary and helped him today as a U.S. Senator.

Of course now he is expected to debate, filibuster, and advocate for his constituent's interests on the floor of the United States Senate.

America truly is a land of opportunity, and I am grateful to associate with each of you, and the Five County staff in this area of southern Utah we call home. Please let us know how we may serve you. (Bryan Thiriot, Executive Director)

## Mark Your Calendar for the "CIB 101" Application Tutorial Workshop in March



If your entity intends to apply for funding from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for public infrastructure or facilities in the coming 12 months, you should have a representative from your entity attend the "CIB 101" **Application Tutorial Workshop**. This workshop is conducted by staff of the Utah Permanent Community Impact

Fund Board (known by most as simply the "CIB").

The workshop is scheduled on **Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.** at the **Winchester Hills Fire Station, 5300 North Winchester Drive in the Winchester Hills community**. Winchester Hills is located 9 miles north of St. George on SR-18. Please take the 'The Ledges' exit. The fire station is just north of the Ledges Exit on the east side of SR-18, near the LDS church building. The workshop will be approximately 1½ hours in length.

The tutorial will discuss 'who can apply?', 'when can you apply?', 'how to apply?' and 'what comes next?' after you are funded. CIB policies and procedures will also be addressed.

The CIB program provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of the state which are or may be socially or economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development on federal lands.

A town, city, county or special service district that plans to apply in the June 2015, October 2015 or February 2016 CIB application cycles should have the person, or persons, from your jurisdiction who will prepare a CIB application, as well as manage the project once CIB funding is secured, attend this workshop.

It is strongly recommended that staff of engineering or architectural firms who will be directly involved in preparing CIB applications, providing cost estimates, or providing technical assistance to CIB funded projects, attend this workshop. Jurisdictions with plans to apply to CIB beyond the next three application cycles may also attend, if desired.

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Please **RSVP** your attendance to Gary Zabriskie, CIB Regional Planning Program Planner, via e-mail: [gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov) or by phone (435) 673-3548, ext. 126. (Gary Zabriskie, CIB Regional Planner)

### **Five County Regional Consolidated Plan 30 Day Public Comment Period**

Every five years, the Five County Association of Governments produces a Consolidated Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Plan details this region's community development and housing needs and priorities, as well as strategies to meet those needs and priorities. It emphasizes serving the needs of low and moderate income and special-needs populations. The Plan suggests projects and actions which may be undertaken in the mid-term horizon. Between the five year plan rewrite, a One-Year Action Plan is required which identifies activities that should take place in the near future.

As the Association writes these plans, specific effort is made to hear from elected officials and citizens of Southwestern Utah. Information received is used to identify needs, as well as to prioritize and quantify the cost of capital improvement projects in each jurisdiction in the region. Staff works closely with public housing agencies to identify gaps in affordable housing in our region and look for appropriate means to address those gaps. A public hearing is held by our governing body (the Steering Committee) to solicit public involvement. Key questions asked in the planning process are:

- What are the key priorities for housing and community development for each jurisdiction in the region, and the region as a whole?
- What opportunities exist for integration and coordination of federal, state and/or local programs?
- How can the Five County Association of Governments and the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is administered through the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development help foster better coordination?
- What data or other information would help us in developing and improving the housing and community development decision-making process as it relates to rating and ranking of projects proposed for HUD funding?

The plan development process is heavily influenced by the input of local jurisdiction leaders, service providers, and other community stakeholders. We would like to hear from and hereby solicit comments and suggestions from the general public. Anyone interested in providing input on housing and community development needs in our region may do so at any time during the year. We will consider input received as we develop the next One Year Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Send any comments and/or suggestions to Diane Lamoreaux, Community Development Program Specialist, via e-mail: [dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov)

### **Iron County Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) Gala & Silent Auction**



The YVC of Iron County will hold their second annual YVC Gala on March 27th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Heritage Center in Cedar City. Tickets are \$35.00 per person or \$275.00 for a table of eight (8). A sit down meal will be served and the guest speaker is Michael Bahr from the Shakespeare Festival. The YVC will be on hand to help as needed and to talk about their program. The highlight of this event is a silent auction.

Our YVC is one of the two non-funded programs; all other 33 affiliates are funded. The gala provides an opportunity to raise funds that will cover snacks for our monthly meetings, provide lunches for our all day volunteering during the summer, supplies and materials needed for various projects and funds for the YVC Summit training in Ann Arbor, Michigan this year, where I hope to bring 6 to 8 youth along.

These YVC volunteers are between 11 to 18 years old and are amazing kids that love to make a difference in their community. Their combined volunteer hours for 2014 equal about \$50,000.00 that they gave back to Cedar City! Some projects include collecting food to feed 44 families in need a Thanksgiving dinner and donating well over 800 pounds of food to the local food bank, childcare at SUU Head Start for parent – teacher meetings, helping with after school programs, scavenger hunts for the hungry and homeless, numerous community events throughout the spring and summer months, helping at the City, County and National parks etc.

For ticket information, reservation, and/or questions, please call Cindy at (435) 867-8384 or email [crose@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:crose@fivecounty.utah.gov) (Cindy Rose)

### **Dixie MPO Draft Regional Transportation Plan**



The Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization will be looking for public comment on its draft Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan in April 2015. The plan outlines the need for additional roadway, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and highway projects over the next 25 years within Washington County.

The plan is currently under staff review, but will be posted on the internet at <http://www.dixiempo.org> by April 1, 2015 for public comment. MPO staff and leadership encourage anyone who travels in, through, or around the St. George Utah area to log into the site in April, review the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan, and to comment on the various projects, programs, and projections. Public participation in the planning process will assure complete consideration of the primary issues facing this community over the next 25 years. (Myron Lee, MPO Director)

## Senior Day at the Legislature Report



Rosie Fletcher, Caregiver Advisory Board member, Senator Evan Vickers, and Susan Swapp, Long Term Care Ombudsman

Seventeen seniors representing four counties from the Five County region attended Senior Day at the Legislature, February 19, 2015. We were able to take a tour of the Capitol building, attend sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate, and visit with our local elected officials in the Hall of Governors during lunch. The Utah Association of Area Agencies on Aging sponsored a break in the House and Senate and two of our seniors were able to represent Five County during this time. We were also honored to hear from the Key Note Speaker, former first lady, Norma Matheson.



Representative Brad Last, Christine Holliday, Washington County Aging Coordinator and Representative Don Ipson

We would like to express our appreciation to Senator Evan Vickers, Representative John Westwood, Representative Mike Noel, Representative Lowry Snow and Representative Don Ipson for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with seniors from the Five County Region. Senator Ralph Okerlund, Majority Leader, was unable to attend in person, but sent one of his staff. Ms. Sharon Ott and Ms. Christine Holliday were invited to sit by Representative Ipson and Representative Last on the floor of the House Chamber during Senator Orrin Hatch's address.

I would also like to personally thank the seniors and program staff who were able to attend from our Five County region. Everyone had a great time, and we are looking forward to attending again next year. (Carrie Schonlaw, Director of Aging & Human Services)

## The 13<sup>TH</sup> Annual Southern Utah Seniors Conference

The Five County Area Agency on Aging is presenting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Seniors Conference on May 1, 2015. The Keynote speaker this year is Dr. David Parker, who is the Fair Housing Education Outreach Specialist with the Fair Housing Division of the Utah Labor Commission. He will be addressing housing issues for seniors and disabled individuals. There are three energetic and fun break out sessions planned.

**Friday, May 1, 2015**  
**Festival Hall/Heritage Center, Upper Floor**  
**105 North 100 East, Cedar City**  
**Check-In - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Conference 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Admission Free (includes lunch)**

**To Register: Call the Volunteer Center of Iron County at 435-867-8384**

**Seating guaranteed only if you register by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

In addition to speakers, this event will feature door prizes and a resource fair!

Would you like to attend but don't know who will care for your loved one while you're at the conference? The Five County Caregiver Support Program can help! Call Carolyn Moss or Tracy HeavyRunner at 435-673-3548 by Friday, April 24, 2015 to inquire about respite care during the conference.

## Dixie MPO Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Draft- Available for Public Comment



The Dixie MPO is currently reviewing and taking comment for a Draft Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. The Dixie MPO Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan aims to enhance the existing bike and pedestrian corridors to allow a means for more

people to bike and walk to work, school and other destinations. The plan analyzes the area's current biking and walking activity as well as the needs of residents. Through this analysis, the Plan makes facility and program recommendations for improvement and then defines the costs and priorities for implementation.

Specific facility recommendations include, education and awareness campaigns, bike/walk focused community events, and development regulations.

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The Plan recommends an interconnected system of shared-use paths, bike lanes, and crossing improvements to improve the feasibility of walking or cycling for transportation.

A steering committee, consisting of representatives from area cities, Washington County School District, Dixie State University, Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance, and Southwest Utah Public Health

Department provided input throughout the formulation of the Plan. After the public and individual cities have the opportunity to review and comment on the Plan, it will be considered for Dixie MPO adoption as a resource for area cities.

To access the Draft MPO Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, please visit:

<https://fcaogtpo.wordpress.com/>

Please provide comments to the Plan by contacting Levi Roberts, Associate Planner at 435-673-3548 or: [lroberts@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:lroberts@fivecounty.utah.gov)

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail [dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550.

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