



# FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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## **Director's Dialogue**

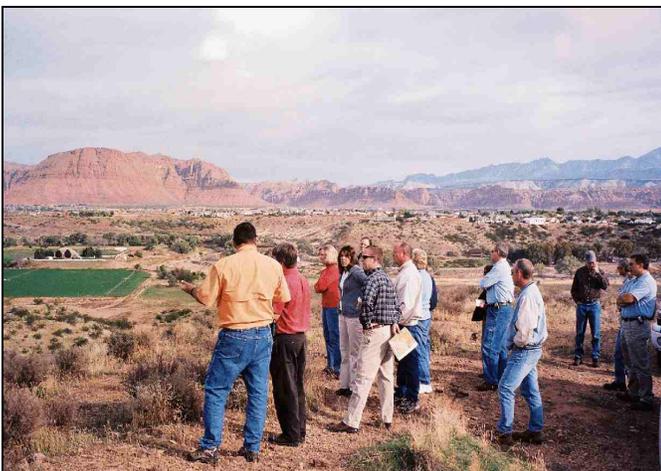
As we embark on a new year, I would like to express our appreciation to the elected officials in the Five County region for their continued support and willingness to assist the Association of Governments in various capacities. I would also like to welcome incumbent and newly-elected mayors in the region.

We express our gratitude for the time, expertise and resources local elected officials willingly contribute toward the success of our organization. We are looking forward to a new year and wish everyone a Happy Holiday season.  
(John S. Williams)

## **Western Corridor Field Trip**

On Monday, November 2, 2005, the Dixie Metropolitan Planning organization held a field trip to the general area where a potential "Western Corridor" roadway may be developed.

The field trip was organized for members of the Dixie Transportation Executive Council, the Dixie Technical Advisory Committee, staff of the Utah Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, local



*Group looking north towards cities of Santa Clara and Ivins and discussing possible roadway corridors in the area.*

BLM Field Office, State Trust Lands Administration, as well as InterPlan the consulting firm preparing the corridor study.



*Group looking north from the field trip destination in the desert area west of Bloomington in St. George City.*

Participants met early in the morning at Santa Clara City Hall to first travel to potential connections into the Santa Clara/Ivins area. Issues such as land ownership, potential engineering issues, etc. were discussed.

The group then traveled to the Bloomington area to begin the second part of the morning's field trip. The five four wheel drive vehicles carrying the entourage traveled out on the gravel road leading west from the end of Navajo Drive in Bloomington. This was to enable the group to get a perspective of the southern end of the potential Western Corridor.

The field trip was a good orientation activity and helpful to all of the participants in order to start identifying issues and concerns, and possible areas of agreement.

The "Western Corridor" will serve as a bypass for the residents and businesses in the western part of the county with a roadway between Santa Clara/Ivins area and the soon to be built new exit along I-15 near the Sun River development. (Gary Zabriskie)

## Highway 143 Corridor Management Plan

Utah State Highway 143, known as the Brian Head-Panguitch Lake Scenic Byway, traverses the Markagunt Plateau in south central Utah from Parowan City, the county seat of Iron County, to Panguitch City, the county seat of Garfield County. The Byway is a 55 mile long route that traverses a wide variety of terrain and



Highway 143 received Utah Scenic Byway designation in 1989 and National Forest Byway designation in 2000.

In 2002 local stakeholders decided to come together and plan for the future of

the byway and to consider pursuing additional federal designation as either a National Scenic Byway or as an All-American Road. Through the collaborative effort of local stakeholders, the Community & Economic Development Division staff of the Five County Association of Governments is currently in the process of developing a Corridor Management Plan for Scenic Byway 143.

A series of planning meetings were held in Parowan, Brian Head and Panguitch. The Scenic Byway 143 Steering Committee along with local citizens and members of the Paiute Indian Tribe have been actively involved in the identification of intrinsic values located along the byway corridor. Intrinsic values are those qualities along the roadway corridor that can be clearly identified, documented, interpreted and which relate to byway travelers. The intrinsic values identified include archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities. Currently text, photographs and mapping is being assembled into a draft document.

The final draft document will be presented to the public in a series of meetings scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at the Parowan City Library (16 South Main Street)

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at the Panguitch City Library (25 South 200 East)

Thursday, February 9, 2006 at the Brian Head Town Hall (56 North Highway 143)

We invite any and all interested individuals to attend.  
(Gary Zabriskie)



ecosystems.

Travelers on this occasionally steep and twisting roadway choose this particular byway because it beckons, and in many places demands, a driver to slow down and smell the wildflowers. While Scenic Byway 143 serves as a roadway to other distant places, it is foremost a scenic alternative to other more direct routes.



Traveling along this route one encounters archeological sites, cultural events and activities, historical sites and structures, natural and geologic wonders, recreational opportunities and much scenic beauty.



## Staff Spotlights:



Carrie Sigler started working with Child Care Resource and referral in August 2005 as a Quality Improvement Consultant. She and her family moved to St. George from Palmdale, California in May of this year. It was the best thing for her family. Her husband David is a manager at Ashley Furniture. They have been married 20 years and have 2 wonderful children. David is 15 and attends Pine View High School, Catherine is 10 and attends Bloomington Elementary School.

Her hobbies are scrap-booking, crocheting, sewing and being with her children as they excel in the many activities they are involved in. Her family also enjoys motorcycle riding, camping, and just hanging out together.

Carrie was born and raised in Southern California. She attended Brigham Young University and California State University at Northridge. Her degree is in Home Economics and Child Development. She has spent 21 years as a Child Care Center Director, 16 of those years with Children's World Learning Centers. She is also a Validator for the National Association for the Education for Young Children, which stresses high quality for Early Childhood Programs. Carrie has always had a desire to do what is best for young children, for they will be our future. Carrie is enjoying her new job with Child Care Resource and Referral, and is committed to assisting Child Care Providers in Southern Utah in providing quality programs for the children in their care. She is looking forward to working closely with everyone at Five County.



Sharon Johnson was born in California, but has lived most of her life in St. George. She is the youngest of 6 children. She attended Dixie Junior College, where she majored in Technical Theater Production. Sharon later attended Weber State College and graduated

with a BSW (Social Work). After graduation she moved to Las Vegas. She is the proud step-mother of Jack and Rosie, both in college at the present time.

Sharon moved back to St. George in July 2001 because she missed the red dirt. She bought a home in Dammeron Valley, where she keeps her menagerie of two dogs, three cats and a pygmy goat. Eventually she hopes to add horses to the mix. Her refrigerator is named Walter, and he currently holds over 350 magnets.

Sharon has worked her entire career with the aged population with an emphasis in Medical Social Work. She has worked in hospitals, hospices and nursing homes. She looks forward to helping our clients to remain independent as long as possible.

## 2006 Meeting Schedule

**NOTE: THE MEETING SCHEDULE BELOW HAS BEEN CORRECTED FROM THE NEWSLETTER THAT WAS MAILED OUT. THE MAILED OUT EDITION HAD ERRONEOUS MEETING DATES LISTED.**

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee will meet in regular session in 2006 on the following schedule:

Meeting Date	Location
Wednesday, January 11, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 W. 1600 S., Building B St. George, Utah
Wednesday, February 8, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Kane Co. Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, Utah
Wednesday, March 8, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Beaver County Admin. Building Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, Utah
Wednesday, April 12, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Parowan Public Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, Utah
Wednesday, May 10, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Panguitch City Library Council Chambers 25 South 200 East Panguitch, Utah
Wednesday, June 14, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Kane Co. Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, Utah
Wednesday, August 16, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Panguitch City Library Council Chambers 25 South 200 East Panguitch, Utah
Wednesday, September 13, 2006 1:00 p.m..	Beaver County Admin. Building Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, Utah
Wednesday, October 11, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Parowan Public Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, Utah
Wednesday, November 15, 2006 1:00 p.m.	Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 W. 1600 S., Building B St. George, Utah

The Steering Committee does not meet during July and December. The Executive Committee will meet in July and December and at any time, as called by the Chair of the Steering Committee.



### ***Capital Improvements Lists***

The Five County Association of Governments staff has been requested by the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (PCIFB) to assist in updating the Capital Improvements Lists for the Five County region. Lists are updated on an annual basis and submitted to the Utah State Division of Housing and Community Development for fund allocation use.

As a part of this project, a mailer will be sent in the first part of January to counties, municipalities, special service districts and school districts. In order for a project to receive PCIFB funding, it must be included on these lists. Please watch for the mailer and upcoming published notices for public meetings to discuss and prioritize project lists.

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail (dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550. For other information or services, please call (435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at: <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

### **Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2006, 1:00 p.m.**  
Five County Association of Governments,  
Conference Room  
1070 W. 1600 S., Building B; St. George, UT

**Wednesday, February 9, 2005, 1:00 p.m.**  
Kane County Courthouse, Commission  
Chambers  
76 North Main Street; Kanab, UT

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