

## MINUTES

### Urban System Advisory Committee Monday, March 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM

**Due to Covid-19 Pandemic no in-person meeting held. Meeting held via phone and Zoom meeting platform**

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Lord called the meeting 11:05 a.m.

Members Present: Joe Lord, Jayne Pearce, Matt Newman, Rob Fisher, Fred Schmechel, Julianne Monahan, Keith Kennedy, Jorey Unverzagt, Heber Richardson

Absent: Harold Colby, Tom Mattimore, Erin O'Doherty

Staff Present: Derek Teini (City), Eric Jaap(City), David Gertsch (Albany County), Brooks Webb (City of Laramie), Philipp Gabathuler (City of Laramie), Steve Cook (WYDOT), Ryan Shields (WYDOT), Mark Hazelett (City), Shane Johnson (City), Ralph Torango (WYDOT), Todd Feezer (City), Zeb Coulter (City)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.I. Changes and Approval of Agenda

**MOTION BY Richardson seconded by Schmechel, to approve the Agenda.**

Aye: 9

Nay: 0

Absent: 3

**Motion carried.**

2.II USAC Meeting Minutes

2.II.i June 10, 2021 USAC Minutes

**MOTION BY Schmechel seconded by Fisher, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021.**

Aye: 9

Nay: 0

Absent: 3

**Motion carried.**

3. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

4. DISCLOSURES – Ex-Parte Communications; Potential Conflicts of Interest

None

## 5. CURRENT PROJECTS

### 5.I. OLD BUSINESS

#### 5.I.i. None

### 5.II. NEW BUSINESS

#### 5.II.i USAC Priorities

Derek Teini presented the memorandum detailing our current Urban Systems Priority list and noted that no changes were recommended by the Committee.

Julianne Monahan provided an update related to current USAC funding, funds being received went down due to census numbers with Laramie funding percentage going down. In previous years funding was accrued at \$564,927 a year which has now dropped to \$541,276 a year.

Heber Richardson noted concerns with census and the count due to covid and how that affected funding and if it should be challenged. Todd Feezer responded noting that a count correction is hard to correct and with group quarters being pretty accurate and a high-level evaluation done by UW it would be even harder. It is possible that in a few years a recount could be paid for, but it would be costly.

Heber Richardson made comments regarding Bluebird Lane and the possibility of moving it up in the priority list as it is a smaller project and will need to be addressed in the near future due to safety and traffic. The County did include funding in the special purpose tax to build it. Rob Fisher responded noting that design was under way, including stormwater and that some funds available through SPT, but was not sure where the rest of the funds would come from.

Jayne Pearce noted that the way funding is right now it may be far out, and that we are deep into the process for priority number one. Brooks Webb concurred and noted we are really far into the design and process related to Bill Nye, including the use of funds for the project. Ralph Tarago also noted changing the priority would not be a good idea as priority number one would use all the current USAC money. Additionally, with funding down about \$20,000 a year he didn't see moving up bluebird as feasible.

Rob Fisher asked if the Grand Avenue and Bill Nye Intersection had been reviewed. Ryan Shields responded that it had not been looked at and mostly that the gas station was causing concerns and a traffic signal would not likely be needed based on traffic warrants if it was looked at.

Heber Richardson noted that once Priority one is done it will generate traffic. Priority two will need to be ready to go on heels of priority one. Heber Richardson then asked how the priorities are funded? Julianne Monahan responded that about 91% is USAC funded with a 9% match. Federal money can't be used to match other federal money. Rob Fisher asked for clarification on if can they can use county road funds. Julianne Monahan noted the Road is on the Major Street Plan and Functional Class Map but not sure if the funds can be used for the match.

Heber Richardson noted again that Bluebird Lane is going to be bad if it is not addressed soon.

Joe Lord asked if there are other funding mechanisms that could be considered by the County?  
Rob Fisher noted that funding was included in the 2018 SPT fund and there are different County road funds.

Heber Richardson noted again that Bluebird Lane just need to be considered and should have been priority number one but not now and is not recommending it for the time being.

Jayne Pearce noted that she does not support priority 5 since it is so far off in future plans and that it shouldn't be on the list.

**MOTION BY Richardson seconded by Kennedy**, to approve the priority list as presented

Aye: 8

Nay: 1

Absent: 3

**Motion carried.**

The Committee discussed the priority list and the existing priority list was affirmed as follows:

<b>2022 Urban System Project Priority List</b>			
<b>Priority</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Approximate Length (miles)</b>	<b>Required Urban Systems Funds (Estimated)</b>
1	Corthell Road from Whitman Street to future Bill Nye, and Bill Nye from the extension of Corthell Road to the extension of Boulder Drive; Bill Nye from Corthell Road to 15 <sup>th</sup> Street	0.85	4,200,000 (2016 dollars)
2	Bluebird Lane, between Vista Drive and Grand Avenue	0.37	2,500,000 (2020 dollars, County Estimate)
3	30 <sup>th</sup> Street, south to where it intersects with Bill Nye	0.84	5,600,000 (2016 dollars)
4	Pierce Street, Snowy Range Road north to Madison Street	0.59	?
5	45 <sup>th</sup> St, South from Crow Dr. to Grand Ave.	1.17	?

6. DISCUSSION

None

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be scheduled in upcoming months by recording secretary.

8. ADJOURN

**MOTION BY Lord**, to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 p.m.

**Aye: 9**

**Nay: 0**

**Absent: 3**

**Motion carried.**