

# City of Laramie

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 23, 2023  
**To:** Urban Systems Advisory Committee  
**From:** Derek T. Teini, AICP, Planning Manager, City of Laramie  
**Subject:** USAC Priorities Discussion

The Urban Systems Program requires that each participating community establish a priority list of projects to be funded by the Program. From time to time USAC adopts a priority list, which we have done annually in Albany County. This priority list was last reviewed by USAC on March 21, 2022 and established following:

2022 Urban System Project Priority List			
Priority	Description	Approximate Length (miles)	Required Urban Systems Funds (Estimated)
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	?

At this time one recommendation was provided to the Urban Systems Advisory Committee for consideration.

Request #1 - "Remove 45th Street, South from Crow Dr. to Grand Avenue as the #5 priority."

At the request of Bern Hinckley, Citizen of Laramie, this change was requested. The reasoning for the request is noted below;

"Through review of the proposed Growth Area Management Plan and updated Casper Aquifer Protection Plan - two ongoing City/County cooperative projects - it has come to my attention that the City's Comprehensive Plan includes a "Major Street Plan" that presents a small network of

streets in the area between 45th Street and Grand Ave. In the posted Laramie Comprehensive Plan, this "Map 8.1" shows a "parkway" (only one step below an "Interstate") running from the corner of 45th and Crow, south to join Grand Ave. at Vista Drive. In a subsequent, freestanding posting dated 2018, the map has downgraded the concept somewhat, showing "Future Collectors" joining 45th & Crow with the east end of Willett and with the north end of Boulder Drive.

In either case, the concept of major streets running through this area is contradictory to the guidance of the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan, which recommends minimal development in the Casper Aquifer Protection Area, and is inconsistent with the substantial and continuing investment of the city, county, state, and various community groups in the preservation and limited development of this general area for open space, recreation, and aquifer protection (e.g. Jacoby Ridge Trail, Schoolyard Section, Pilot Hill, Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone).

To faithfully reflect community plans and aspirations for the future of this area, I suggest you remove these street segments from the relevant maps and plans. Nobody reading your planning documents should be led to believe that the city is planning to build city streets through this area, nor should such streets be on any prioritization list for future funding.

Thank you for your consideration,  
- Bern Hinckley"

In general, as depicted in the reasoning above, the consideration of this change is related to ongoing planning processes occurring between the City and County as well as limited expected development in the area thus not warranting the need for these roads in the priority list. This consideration would only change the priority list and not modify these roads from being on the Major Street Plan (consideration of the roads will come as a later agenda item).

The City of Laramie would recommend that this change be considered, and that priority #5 be removed from the Priority List for 2023. Due to the likelihood that priority #5 construction time is so far into the future, the City sees no reason to have it remain in the priority list. If this connection is deemed a priority it could be re-added at a later date, closer to when it may actually be constructed based upon funding and timing.

Albany County Planning department supports the recommendation of the of City of Laramie.

A public comment related to this recommendation has been provided by the Albany County Clean Water Advocates and is attached to the report.

If USAC wishes to remove priority #5 from the Priority List the recommended motion would be:

*Move to recommend that priority #5 be removed from the 2023 Urban Systems Project Priority List.*

If USAC wishes to keep priority #5, no motion would be needed.

Fund Balance Update

In addition to the priority list discussion, WYDOT has provided the current Fund Balance related to the priority list, and the current Bill Nye Avenue project as of 3/7/2023. The current balance sits at \$4,332,525 (see attached).

**Recommended Motion:**

Because no other items were recommended for consideration, a motion to adopt the 2023 Urban Systems Project Priority List is needed.

If no amendments were made to the 2022 Urban Systems Project Priority List the recommended motion would be:

*Move to recommend the 2022 Urban Systems Project Priority List as the 2023 Urban Systems Project Priority List.*

If amendments were made to the 2022 Urban Systems Project Priority List, the recommended motion would be:

*Move to recommend the 2022 Urban Systems Project Priority List as earlier amended by USAC, be adopted as the 2023 Urban Systems Project Priority List.*

Attachments:

- 1 – Current Major Street Plan
- 2 – Map 8.1 Major Street Plan – Laramie Comprehensive Plan
- 3 – Crow to Grand Open Space and APO Map
- 4 – WYDOT Fund Balance
- 5 – Albany County Clean Water Advocates – March 23, 2023 letter

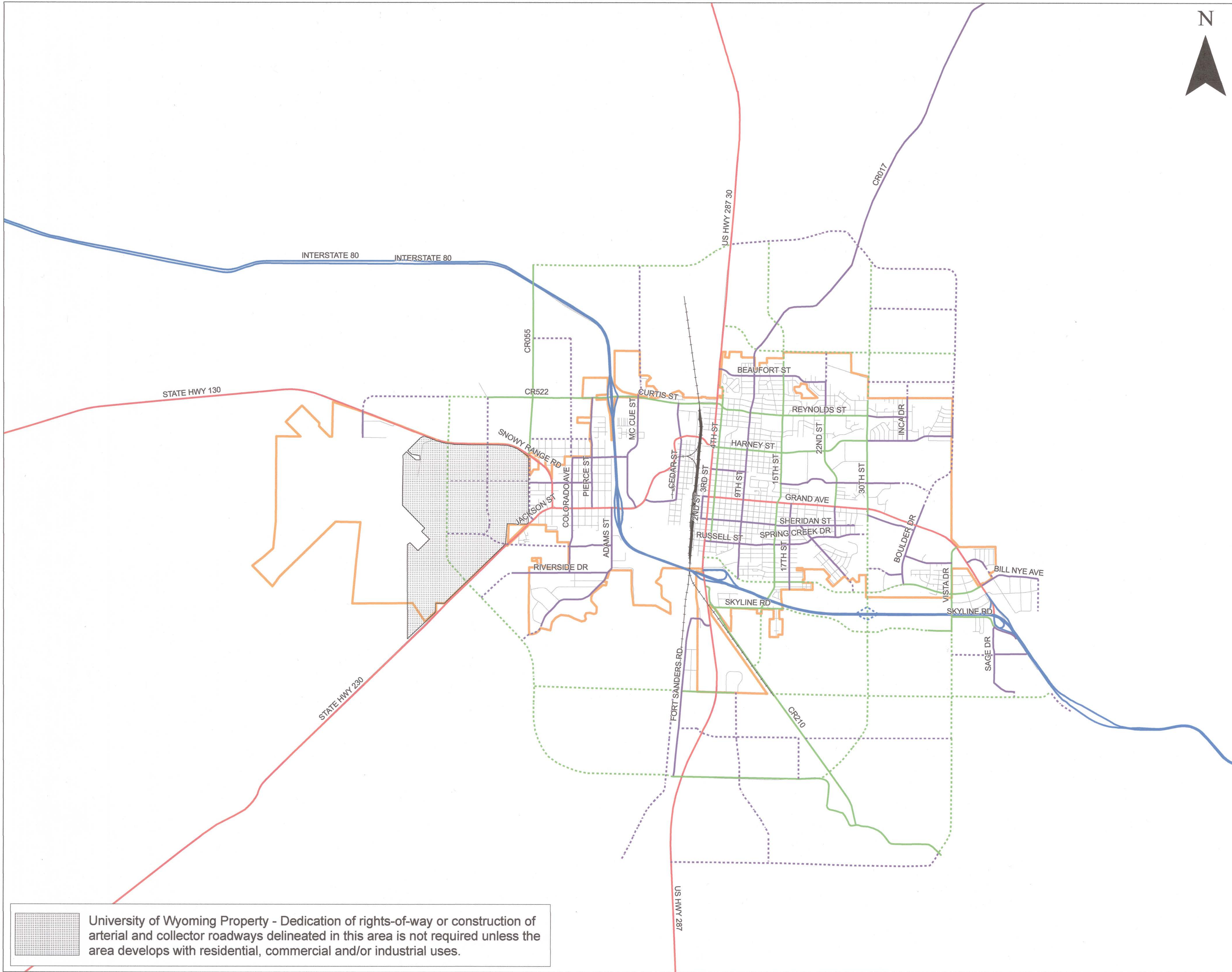


# Major Street Plan

## City of Laramie & Albany County, WY

### Legend

- Existing Principal Arterial
  - Existing Minor Arterial
  - Existing Collector
  - Existing Interstate
  - - - Future Principal Arterial
  - - - Future Minor Arterial
  - - - Future Collector
  - - - Future Interstate
  - Railroad
  - UW Property
  - City Boundary
  - Existing Streets
- 0 0.5 1 2  
Miles



University of Wyoming Property - Dedication of rights-of-way or construction of arterial and collector roadways delineated in this area is not required unless the area develops with residential, commercial and/or industrial uses.

Wyoming Department of Transportation,  
District I  
*Tom DeHoff* 11.14.2018  
District Engineer, Tom DeHoff, P.E. Date

### Approvals

City of Laramie Planning Commission  
*Jim McGrath* *Tom*  
Chairman, Jim McGrath Date

Albany County Planning & Zoning  
Commission  
*David Cunningham* 11.20.18  
Chairman, David Cunningham Date

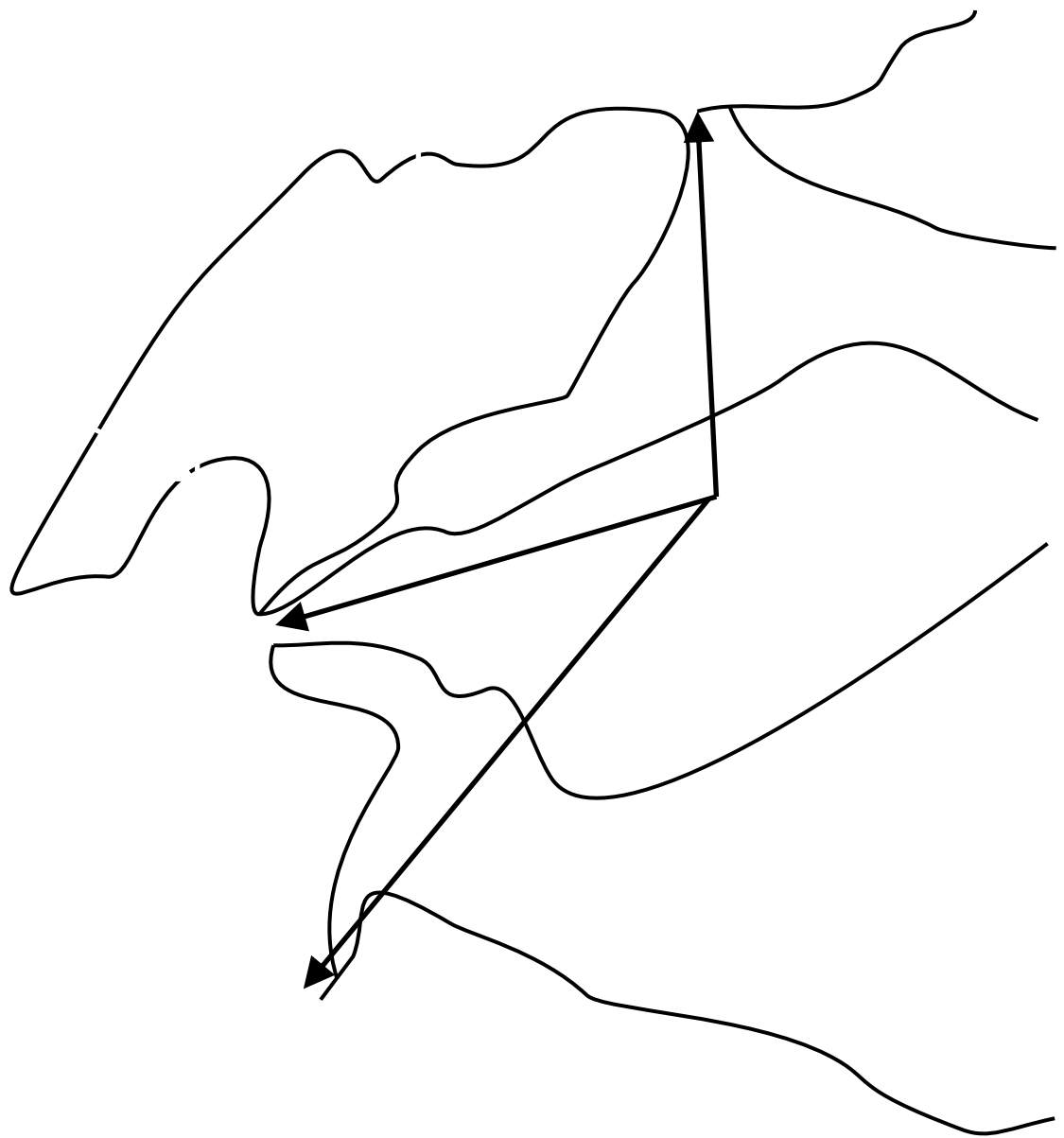
Laramie City Council  
*Andi Summerville* 9/4/2018  
Mayor, Andi Summerville Date

Attest  
*Nancy Bartholomew* 9/4/2018  
City Clerk, Nancy Bartholomew Date

Albany County Board of County  
Commissioners  
*Tim Chesnut* 11-20-18  
Chairman, Tim Chesnut Date

Attest  
*Jackie Gonzales* December 20, 2018  
County Clerk, Jackie Gonzales Date





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**LARAMIE**

Urban Area STP-U Fund Balance  
Federal Funds Only

Effective Date: 3/7/2023

Current Balance:

**\$4,332,525**

Fiscal Year	Date	Allocations/Credits	AFEs / Expenditures	Debit	Credit	Balance
<i>FY97 Ending Balance</i>						\$621,648
1998	10/1/1997	Annual STP-U Allocation			\$527,751	
<i>FY98 Ending Balance</i>						\$1,149,399
1999	10/1/1998	Annual STP-U Allocation			\$527,751	
<i>FY99 Ending Balance</i>						\$1,677,150
2000	10/1/1999	Annual STP-U Allocation			\$527,751	
	3/3/2000		STPU-LA-B001-00(061)	\$9,049		
	5/15/2000		STPU-LA-B001-00(061)	\$9,049		
<i>FY00 Ending Balance</i>						\$2,186,803
2001	10/1/2000	Annual STP-U Allocation			\$527,751	
	11/28/2000		STPU-LA-4229(1) TYPE B PE	\$171,931		
	4/13/2001		STPU-LA-4249-00(001) TYPE B PE	\$50,901		
	4/13/2001		STPU-LA-4250-00(001) TYPE B PE	\$144,558		
	4/13/2001		STPU-LA-4200-00(013) TYPE B PE	\$22,803		
<i>FY01 Ending Balance</i>						\$2,324,361
2002	10/1/2001	Annual STP-U Allocation			\$527,751	
	1/16/2002		STPU-LA-4229(1) PS&E	\$1,793,224		
	1/29/2002		STPU-LA-B001-00(061) FINAL	\$9,294		
	3/6/2002		STPU-LA-4229(1) MOD CTRCT		\$161,765	
	3/13/2002		STPU-LA-4200-00(013) PS&E	\$160,114		
	4/10/2002		STPU-LA-4249-00(001) PS&E	\$440,507		
	5/3/2002		STPU-LA-4200-00(013) MOD CTRCT	\$9,999		
	6/13/2002		STPU-LA-4249-00(001): MOD CONTRACT		\$41,238	
<i>FY02 Ending Balance</i>						\$641,977
2003	10/1/2002	Annual STP-U Allocation			\$527,751	
	3/12/2003		STPU-LA-4250-00(001) MOD PE OR	\$4,912		
	5/1/103		ACSTPU-LA-4250-00(001) MOD CTRCT	\$1,342,291		
	5/1/2003		STPU-LA-4250-00(001) MOD PE OR	\$28,833		
	5/6/2003		STPU-LA-4249-00(001) MOD CONST OR	\$9,037		
	6/23/2003		STPU-LA-4250-00(001) MOD PE OR	\$1,063		
	8/25/2003		ACSTPU-LA-4250-00(001) MOD CONST OR	\$5,830		
<b>9/31/03 End of TEA-21</b>						
<i>FY03 Ending Balance</i>						-\$222,238
2004	10/1/2003	Annual STP-U Allocation			\$527,751	
	5/24/2004		ACSTPU-LA-4250-00(001)	\$12,651		
	2/23/2005		STPU-LA-4229-00(001) FINAL		\$163,788	
	2/23/2005		STPU-LA-4249-00(001) FINAL		\$88,024	
	4/22/2005		STPU-LA-4229-00(001) FINAL		\$5,614	
	4/22/2005		STPU-LA-4250-00(001) MOD PE OR		\$6,614	
<i>FY04 Ending Balance</i>						\$556,902
2005	10/1/2004	Annual STP-U Allocation			\$527,751	

<b>FY05 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$1,084,653</b>
2006	10/1/2005	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$590,560
<b>FY06 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$1,675,213</b>
2007	10/1/2006	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$590,560
	1/23/2007	4200013 STPU-LA-4200-00(013) FINAL		\$5,625
	7/2/2007	4223001 VISTA DR PE21	\$9,049	
<b>FY07 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$2,262,349</b>
2008	10/1/2007	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$590,560
	1/14/2008	4223001 VISTA DR MOD PE11	\$6,334	
	6/5/2008	4223001 VISTA DR MOD PE11	\$38,911	
	8/18/2008	4223001 VISTA DR PE21	\$244,324	
	8/18/2008	4223001 VISTA DR MOD PE11	\$905	
<b>FY08 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$2,562,435</b>
2009	10/1/2008	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$590,560
	3/24/2009	ACSTPU-LA-4250-00(001)		\$88,435
<b>FY09 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$3,241,430</b>
2010	10/1/2009	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$590,560
	12/14/2009	4223001 VISTA DR MOD PE21	\$240,703	
<b>FY10 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$3,591,287</b>
2011	10/1/2010	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$590,560
	1/18/2011	4223001 VISTA DR RWE1	\$60,226	
	1/18/2011	4223001 VISTA DR ROW1	\$166,185	
	4/7/2011	4223001 VISTA DR UTL	\$127,985	
	6/13/2011	4223001 VISTA DR CON	\$1,782,749	
<b>FY11 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$2,044,702</b>
2012	10/1/2011	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$582,913
	10/24/2011	4223001 VISTA DR OTH1	\$158,659	
	8/6/2012	B151019 Bill Nye PE11	\$22,623	
<b>FY12 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$2,446,333</b>
2013	10/1/2012	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$582,913
	10/19/2012	B151019 Bill Nye PE21	\$45,245	
	10/12/2012	4223001 VISTA DR CE11, STR1	\$72,861	
	4/1/2013	B151019 Bill Nye PE21	\$20,270	
	5/20/2013	B151019 Bill Nye MOD PE21	\$92,843	
	9/16/2013	4223001 VISTA DR MOD CE11	\$13,574	
<b>FY13 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$2,784,453</b>
2014	10/1/2013	Annual STP-U Allocation		\$582,913
	10/21/2013	B151019 Bill Nye MOD PE21	\$22,623	
	1/13/2014	4223001 VISTA DR MOD ROW	\$6,904	
	1/13/2014	4223001 VISTA DR MOD CE11	\$13,574	
	1/28/2014	4223001 VISTA DR MOD ROW		\$9,576
	2/18/2014	4223001 VISTA DR MOD CE11	\$4,525	
	3/17/2014	B151019 Bill Nye MOD PE21	\$90,490	
	4/24/2014	4223001 VISTA DR MOD OTH		\$158,659
	8/11/2014	4223001 VISTA DR MOD ROW	\$10,382	
	9/15/2014	B151019 Bill Nye MOD PE21	\$50,652	
<b>FY14 Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$3,336,451</b>



2015	10/1/2014 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$582,913	
	12/1/2014	B151019 Bill Nye MOD PE, ROW	\$1,086		
	12/1/2014	B151019 Bill Nye MOD PE, ROW	\$741,860		
<b>FY15 Ending Balance</b>					\$3,176,418
2016	10/1/2015 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$582,913	
	2/11/2016	4223001 VISTA DR Final		\$12,315	
	2/11/2016	4223001 VISTA DR Final		\$13,574	
	5/9/2016	B151019 Bill Nye CE, CON, STR	\$2,618,315		
	5/9/2016	B151019 Bill Nye MOD PE		\$13,573	
	5/9/2016	B151019 Bill Nye CE MOD	\$165,870		
	5/9/2016	B151019 Bill Nye STR MOD	\$6,052		
<b>FY16 Ending Balance</b>					\$1,008,556
2017	10/1/2016 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$582,913	
	3/29/2017	4206001 Bill Nye PE	\$22,200		
	6/12/2017	B151019 Bill Nye MOD CE	\$63,343		
<b>FY17 Ending Balance</b>					\$1,505,926
2018	10/1/2017 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$564,927	*adjust due to Jackson
<b>FY18 Ending Balance</b>					\$2,070,853
2019	10/1/2018 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$564,927	
	11/5/2018	4206001 Bill Nye MOD PE	\$90,490.00		
	1/22/2019	4206001 Bill Nye MOD PE	\$135,735.00		
<b>FY19 Ending Balance</b>					\$2,409,555
2020	10/1/2019 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$564,927	
	10/14/2019	4206001 Bill Nye MOD PE - Z231	\$76,916		
	12/9/2019	4206001 Bill Nye MOD PE - Z231	\$27,147		
	4/1/2020	4206001 Bill Nye MOD PE - Z231	\$250,000		
<b>FY20 Ending Balance</b>					\$2,620,419
2021	10/1/2020 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$564,927	
<b>FY21 Ending Balance</b>					\$3,185,346
2022	10/1/2021 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$541,276	
	1/17/2022	B151019 Bill Nye L20E-FINAL		\$299,271.44	
	1/17/2022	B151019 Bill Nye M231-FINAL		\$22,382.85	
	1/17/2022	B151019 Bill Nye M2E1-FINAL		\$65,282.76	
	1/17/2022	B151019 Bill Nye Z231-FINAL		\$3,051.69	
	5/2/2022	4206001 Bill Nye Z231 Mod PE	\$325,362.00		
<b>FY22 Ending Balance</b>					\$3,791,249
2023	10/1/2022 Annual STP-U Allocation			\$541,276	
<b>FY23 Ending Balance</b>					\$4,332,525



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## **URBAN SYSTEMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

March 23, 2023

To the Members of USAC:

For nearly a year, Albany County Clean Water Advocates has been checking in with Laramie Planning Manager Derek Teini regarding our concern over the outdated Laramie Street Plan. This plan currently shows a proposed extension of the “collector” 45<sup>th</sup> Street to the end of Boulder Drive beside the Snowy Range Academy, along with a proposed extension of “collector” Willett Drive to meet the extension of 45<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Teini advised us that the place to start with our concern was with USAC, and that time finally has arrived.

This map originally was put together before there was much knowledge of the Casper Aquifer or the need to protect its recharge area from potential pollutants (the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone, or APOZ). The proposed collector extensions would generate street runoff and other impacts within the APOZ.

The city has taken fairly strong positions against new development within the APOZ and repeatedly has dismissed the idea of actually constructing these collector streets, which as currently mapped would cut through the Jacoby Ridge Trail development, bring traffic across the access points to the Pilot Hill Project (established in part for aquifer protection), and sit upgradient from the city’s Turner wellfield.

However, it remains on the USAC list and on the city street map, and has been picked up in other planning efforts, such as some versions of the Laramie Area Growth Plan.

The continued appearance of these proposed collectors on the city’s official street map contradicts its other ongoing efforts to promote aquifer protection, such as buying properties to maintain open space and requiring extra precautions from businesses operating within the APOZ.

We respectfully suggest that this contradiction be resolved by removing the proposed extensions of 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Willett Drive from the street map.

Sincerely,

Martin Greller, Secretary, for the Board of Directors  
Albany County Clean Water Advocates