



MINUTES OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
-May 6, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE

Gary Taylor, Chairman
Kurt McFarlane, Vice Chairman
Trapper Burdick
Oran Stainbrook

EXCUSED

Lisa Simmons
Jeff Peters
Scott Bruno
Paul Anderson

STAFF

Todd Thorne, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Doris Johnston, Administrative Assistant
Commissioner Larry Jensen

ABSENT

Bradley Marston

OTHERS ATTENDING

McClain Farmer
Daniel Luke

1 The meeting began at 4:30 pm

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3 1) **Call to Order and Roll Call**

4 Chairman Gary Taylor took a roll call and a quorum was present

5 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

6 3) **Meeting Minutes**

7 **Motion:**

8 Vice Chairman Kurt McFarlane made a motion to approve the minutes from April 1, 2025. Trapper

9 Burdick seconded. By unanimous decision, motion carries.

10 4) **Conflict of Interest on Agenda Items**

11 None

12 5) **Discussion of Carbon County Master Transportation Plan**

13 McClain Farmer with Jones and Demille spoke on the Master Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Farmer
14 explained the process of putting the plan together to be ready to present to the public for comments. Mr.
15 Farmer went through a power point presentation.

16 Mr. Farmer explained the first work completed was the data collection process that included traffic
17 counts. They then combined the data with the existing data from the County to see what updates are
18 needed. They worked with UDOT also and specifically on the Spring Glen intersection.

19 Mr. Farmer went through the website and interactive story maps for the MTP. This had links to:

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 - The Master Transportation Plan Report and specific sections

- 21 • The Carbon County website
- 22 • The Jones and Demille website
- 23 • Why we do a Master Transportation Plan, Goals, and effects on the citizens.

24 Trapper Burdick asked what the goal is. Mr. Farmer answered the goal is to provide a transportation
25 network providing flow of traffic from one end of County to the other. As development occurs to have
26 plans in place for free flow of traffic.

27 The scope of work for the MTP includes:

- 28 • Data Collection
- 29 • Future Growth and Improvement
- 30 • Transportation Guidelines and Policies
- 31 • Transportation Corridor Preservation

32 Mr. Farmer added the MTP will be added to the Carbon County website and for use with Planning and
33 Zoning meetings. Mr. Farmer continued with showing the maps including:

- 34 • Census data
- 35 • Future Roadway Map
 - 36 ○ This will help with development applications

37 Road Supervisor Daniel Luke commented they identified some roads that may need to change
38 classifications. Mr. Farmer said Ridge Road is currently classified as a major collector road. As things
39 develop there and traffic increases, they see that becoming an arterial or minor arterial. This is
40 important not only for development but also for funding of existing roads as well.

41 Mr. Farmer continued with more of the interactive maps

- 42 • Roadway Surface Type Map
 - 43 ○ There is funding for these certain types of roads; Asphalt, Gravel, Dirt
- 44 • Average Daily Traffic Map
- 45 • Crash Data Map
 - 46 ○ Shows hot spots for crashes
- 47 • Active Transportation Map
 - 48 ○ Each outline shows a path or a route that is desired in the County.

49 Daniel Luke explained UDOT is currently working on active transportation between Helper and Price.

- 50 • Bridges and Structures Map
- 51 • Transportation Improvement Plans Map
 - 52 ○ County projects needed in the next 10 years.

Trapper Burdick asked how these were prioritized. Mr. Farmer said these are not prioritized in order and is a ten year wish list.

Mr. Farmer showed the Master Transportation Plan Report with links to:

- General Plan
- County Website
- Development Code
- Planning and Zoning Department

Mr. Farmer showed the Definitions sheet for public that may not understand the terms.

Trapper Burdick suggested that on the Improvement Plan that we have good data to backup why we are making the decision.

There was discussion on reasons for reconstruction of roads. The reasons included damaged roads from truck traffic.

Oran Stainbrook asked how Carbon County compares to other counties on turn-lane fatalities. Mr. Farmer said there are multiple variables such as population and traffic increase. Oran Stainbrook asked if the MTP included any pedestrian and bicycle transportation safety. Mr. Farmer answered the public can recommend areas they believe needs better pedestrian access. Anything within the cities, the County does not have control over.

Daniel Luke commented that UDOT is working on a study for bicycle traffic. Vice Chairman Kurt McFarlane said Carbonville Road will be a big challenge for this. Daniel Luke commented that the Spring Glen intersection is a choke point in the County with all utilities, rail, roadway there.

Oran Stainbrook asked if this plan holds any recommendations for speeds on roads. Mr. Farmer replied the data we collect does go into this. There was more discussion on traffic control, speed limits, and enforcement mechanisms.

Mr. Farmer explained the public involvement process. They will advertise for two weeks for the public open house. The public will provide comments in person and also through a QR code to use online. Those comments will be reviewed and decide if anything needs to be addressed. The public comment period will be open for another two weeks. Then there will be public hearings and adoption.

Mr. Farmer commented that they will be presenting this same thing at the County Commission meeting tomorrow. Mr. Farmer added they are hoping for adoption by July 2025.

Mr. Farmer noted for the Planning Commission to focus on Section 7-Traffic Impact Studies and Section 9-Transportation Corridor Preservation.

6) Updates on Previous Items and Upcoming Projects - Todd Thorne

Todd Thorne commented he will be gone for the June Planning Commission meeting and suggested

86 moving it to the 2nd Tuesday of June. Todd Thorne added if we have items for the agenda, we can move
87 it; if nothing comes in, we will cancel it. The Planning Commission agreed to do this.
88 Todd Thorne went through the administrative subdivisions that have been approved and upcoming
89 projects.

90 • Liberty Estates Amendment

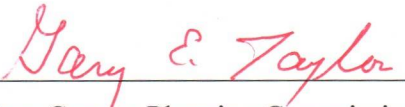
91 • Far Out Sub 2 lots

92 ▪ Ballpark Phase 5 is starting to get some preliminary drawings in.

93 7) **Adjourn**

94 **Motion:**

95 Vice Chairman Kurt McFarlane made a motion to adjourn at 5:12 pm. Trapper Burdick seconded. By
96 unanimous decision, motion carries.

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99 Carbon County Planning Commission Chairman/Vice-Chairman