

Strategic Initiatives Group

Update to Board of Trustees
January 22, 2026



Planning Team

Troy Herold, PLA – Planning Director

Complete:

- Hired and onboarded new Land Planning Staff Member
- Developed Utility & Access Corridor Plans for Oak City Block (similar to IPP Block Corridor Plans)
- Worked with Operations Team to add Planning Team approvals on all Right of Entry requests
- Have completed over 1/2 dozen "sketch plans" on various project inquiries
- Transitioned current large scale planning projects from RE Development back to Planning Team
- Planning Team has worked with Surface Mgrs to review Statewide Trail plans and respond to requests from Outdoor Rec and UDOT on Statewide Trail Plans
- Planning Team has become the default "initial contact" for large project inquiries and has coordinated the response to those inquiries with the appropriate individuals throughout the agency.
- Planning staff assisted Communications team with infographics for Annual Report
- OPs has approved Planning Team's use a dedicated Operations Team member (60-75%)
- Planning Director has been appointed to the State Planners Network and is the default contact for statewide planning coordination projects

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In process:

- Reworking the Easement Application, Review, and Approval Process & Rules
- Major Block Planning update for IPP and associated Millard County properties is kicking off.
This effort will establish a baseline for County Wide Plans to be developed across the state.
- Future Exchange Targets reviewed with new emphasis on potential short, medium, & long term development possibilities (Planning Team is lead in coordination of exchange target committee)
- Continuation and review of County Road approvals and process with Roads Specialist
(Wayne Co. & Garfield Co.)

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Future:

- Millard & Washington Counties – Countywide resource and long-range plans to be developed and used as models for the remainder of counties in the state.
- Continued work on individual sketch and detailed development plans to assist and advise RE Development and Land/Energy Resource Groups
- Continued work to streamline ESMT process and review of ESMTs obtained in exchanges and renewals coming due, (30yr old agency/ Numerous ESMT's are typically issued for 30yrs)
- Continued coordination and long-range planning of Exchange Targets for future Exchange opportunities.

Planning Team Members:

Josh Quigley, PLA – Land Planner

Bonnie McCallister, CFM – Easement & ROW Specialist

Nancy Strickland – Roadway Specialist

Analytics & Research

Elise Erler – Analytics Director

Projects

- Valuation (Legislative Mandate)
- Economic Impact Study
- Water Policy