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From: [Natalie Browning](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Southbench Drive
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:01:09 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in follow-up to the comments from Amy Mitchell during last week's City Council meeting regarding the removal of South Bench Drive from the various entities it was introduced to. I suggest our elected and appointed officials, as well as our paid employees, who introduced the idea of SBD to UDOT (now functionally classified and is on their website), the WFRC (2040 RTP), and Layton City, should now go back and have this road which was unanimously vetoed by the citizens removed from their plans. This major traffic corridor was proposed to these entities before there was any community involvement or approval. Per our State Ombudsman this act in itself is said to be considered "unethcial."

In the March 13th, 2018, meeting notes it states that Mayor Sjoblom, Barry Burton, and Brandon Jones attended the Wasatch Choice Workshop where they presented maps of the new position of South Bench Drive. It is important to note that this plan would only be added if the General Plan was amended to include it.

In the March 27th 2018 notes it states that Brandon Jones our city Engineer and Mayor Sjoblom attended a meeting with Layton's Mayor and City Engineer to memorialize a joint connection with South Weber and Layton.

Then again, in the July 10, 2019 minutes it states that Brandon Jones, Dave Larson, Mark Larson and Mayor Jo met with County Planner Jeff Oyler to discuss the best way to submit an application to the County for a Prop 1 grant to help pay for the city's portion of this road.

This is a small sampling of work that has been done on this major traffic corridor prior to citizen knowledge, involvement, or approval.

I feel the citizens of South Weber should be made aware of the continued progress of this removal process.

Thank you for your help with this work,

Natalie Browning

From: [Megan Mitchell](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
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Amy Mitchell
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Dear Mayor, City Council and Staff-

Thank you for allowing public comment and I appreciate the opportunity to address you today.

I think the comments that I made last week got lost in the lengthy meeting. So today I would like to share them again and in writing.

I would like to address the planning commission meeting from two weeks ago as they reviewed and are proposing changes to the general plan based on the latest survey. Watching that meeting was interesting and I encourage you all to watch it if you have time and haven't seen it already. I was glad to see that the opinions of the citizens were heard by most PC members and taken seriously. I am excited to see what the new general plan will look like and that as we have now had 2 surveys done with as much input as possible, I ask that you all do your best, especially the Mayor, in getting any roads connecting us to Layton off of the plans of both UDOT and WFRC, as well as any other interested party. The citizens have spoken and we would like to hold you to your word that you would represent our desires. Please do not argue that only 508 citizens completed the survey, because just like when we vote in an election, everyone has the same chance to be heard and yet some choose not to do it when it counts the most. So in part, they are saying that they are willing to go along with whatever the others decide. Please live up to your commitment that you have each made to listen and act on our behalf. However this needs to be done, I ask for it to be done quickly and permanently in writing and at meetings to ensure that we have it covered to the full extent.

In the PC meeting, they referred to a petition by residents that did not want to allow a certain "road" or "connection" to be built and those residents were indeed heard by the planning commission. I would like to know if the survey results will suffice for the Connection to Layton or if we also need to gather petition signatures to make our wants valid? Please let us know what will be done and what our part needs to be.

Sincerely,
Amy Mitchell