

Payson City
Planning Commission Meeting
Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Conducting: Kirk Beecher

Commissioners: Kirk Beecher, John Cowan, Ryan Frisby, Kathy Marzan, Tyler Moore, Kit Morgan, Blair Warner

Absent:

Staff: Robert Mills, Development Services Director
Jill Spencer, Senior Planner

Others Caden Baines, Shawn Elliot

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the Planning Commission of Payson City, Utah, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invocation/Inspirational Thought – Commissioner Morgan

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of minutes for the regular meeting of March 9, 2022.

All the commissioners weren't included in the notes. On Item 5.2 Commissioners Beecher and Morgan voted no.

MOTION: Commissioner Cowan - To approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Morgan Those voting yes – Kirk Beecher, John Cowan, Ryan Frisby, Kathy Marzan, Tyler Moore, Kit Morgan, Blair Warner. The motion carried.

4. Public Forum

None

5. Student Presentation Item

5.1 Regional Highway Grid Project for Mountainland Association of Governments

Student Presentation:

Presentation by Caden Baines from BYU and Shawn Elliot from MAG.

Mr. Baines showed an introductory video. There were some technical difficulties with the video.

Mr. Baines explained the different hierarchy of roads. He talked about the geographical constraints of Utah County that pose some problems with creating a grid system in the county.

The benefits of a grid system:

- Mobility
- More Transportation Choices

- Economic Benefits from more connectivity with customers
- Increases Safety

The team has created a new tool to explain the optimization. ConnectingUtahroads.com

There is further reading information on the website, a connectivity guide, a funding memo, and the 2050 master plan.

Questions from Commissioners:

If MAG and the Cities can't do this alone, how does it get done? Answer: by working together there is better opportunities. Mr. Elliot mentioned that the 800 South Study is a good example of how studies can be incorporated into the General Plan and Transportation Master Plan.

MAG programs about \$50m for improvements.

The BYU team is going to all the cities to share this information.

Mr. Elliot mentioned that he would like to come back to workshop with the Planning Commission to talk about connectivity and more opportunities to incorporate the grid system.

Commissioner Cowan mentioned the possible roads crossing Utah Lake. He is not supportive of that. He mentioned traffic on I-15 as well. He asked about the possibility of a second freeway on the west side of Utah lake.

Mr. Baines mentioned that there is one bridge across the lake in MAG's General Plan. There is a great deal of opposition to that plan.

Mr. Elliot confirmed the need for the bridge, especially since more than half of the growth in Utah County has occurred in Lehi, Saratoga Springs, and Eagle Mountain.

The west side of the freeway wouldn't really be that helpful because the traffic isn't as concentrated so as to bypass the main area of Utah County from Provo to Lehi.

The Planning Commission expressed appreciation and the desire to have a work session.

6. Commission and Staff Reports and Training
Condolences to Commissioner Warner.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Beecher – To adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frisby .
Those voting yes: Kirk Beecher, John Cowan, Ryan Frisby, Kathy Marzan, Tyler Moore, Kit Morgan.
The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

/s/Robert Mills

Robert Mills, Development Services Director