

Morgan County Rural Planning Organization

October 2023 Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 19, 2023
TIME: 4:00 pm
LOCATION: *This meeting was a hybrid meeting. The anchor location for this meeting was the Morgan City Office, 90 West Young Street, Morgan City, Utah. Electronic participation available via Zoom.*

ATTENDEES: Mayor Steve Gale, Morgan City
Ty Bailey, Morgan City
Lance Prescott, Morgan City
Commissioner Blaine Fackrell, Morgan County
Josh Cook, Morgan County
Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council

1 Introductions [00:00:01]

Julie Bjornstad from the Wasatch Front Regional Council opened the Morgan County Rural Planning Organization meeting.

2 **Action:** Approval of the July 2023 meeting minutes [00:00:22]

Commissioner Fackrell made a motion to approve the July 2023 minutes and Ty Bailey seconded. All were in favor, with none opposed, and the motion was passed.

3 Opportunity for Public Comment [00:01:034]

There no were no members of the public present.

4 **Information/Discussion:** Updating the RPO Long-Range Plan [00:02:00]

a. Review of 2019 RPO Long-Range Plan [00:02:00]

Julie Bjornstad began with an overview of the Long-Range Plan and its contents. Point projects were highlighted, with some mentioned as having been updated. The Plan contains a section addressing public comments and funding resources.

b. Vision and Goals Discussion [00:07:46]

Julie Bjornstad started the discussion with a review of the vision statement and six goals for consistency with current needs. In 2021, the joint RPO between Ogden Valley and Morgan City was dissolved, leading to the development of the Morgan County Rural Planning Organization. Coordinating gateways into the City from the County was discussed as a potential new goal. The second goal, "Ensure mobility efficiency," was recommended to change to "Ensure circulation pattern efficiency," but this was later reverted back to its original phrasing. There was a recommendation to add "aspects" after "fiscal," as well as "and improves public health, welfare, and safety of Morgan Valley" after "quality of life" in the vision statement.

c. Regional Map Project Discussion [00:38:45]

Julie Bjornstad presented the 2019 Long-Range Plan map. There was a conversation about spot improvements identified by blue dots from the 2019 plan. Green dots represented planned trails from the recent Trail Master Plan. One dot, in particular, explored the adjusted Reservoir Access Study project.

Lance Prescott brought up a project planned to connect the bridge to the end of Commercial Street, and there was discussion about the ADA accessibility of this project. Lance Prescott recommended improvements on State Street, including a striped center lane. Julie Bjornstad brought up a project at the interchange to add a concrete bridge with a possible underpass. There would be an improvement in visibility as well. There was an acknowledgment of the need for improvements to both interchanges. Lance Prescott mentioned that there are projected cost estimates for planning a trail running to the creek. Julie Bjornstad brought up the River Study, which was said to be currently ongoing. There was discussion around overlook areas. Discussion turned to transit, the need for a park-and-ride lot, and possible locations of potential park-and-ride lots. There is a need for some sort of transit service, including a bus to Snowbird. Snowbird owns a vacant lot in the area and would like to build a parking lot to assist with its transportation network.

d. Recommendations [01:35:11]

Julie Bjornstad will document this list of project recommendations, send back this digitized list of changes, and request that WFRC's GIS technician publish these changes online.

5 Related Studies: I-84 Interchange Study [00:29:34]

Julie Bjornstad discussed the transportation needs of the Mountain Green Interchange. She recommended getting the ramps as close to the interstate as possible to maximize development potential, with exit ramps having signals to slow down traffic and accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

6 Call for agenda items and meeting adjournment [01:37:49]

There was a call to adjourn the meeting, which was all agreed to by the meeting attendees.