

Bluff Town Council Work Session Minutes  
October 24, 2023  
Bluff Community Center at 10:00 a.m.  
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The meeting started at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Jim Sayers, Brant Murray, Linda Sosa  
Erin Nelson Town Manager

**1. Introduction and Discussion of the Active Transportation Plan and Utah  
Department of Transportation's Trail Program (Hook)**

The Council liked the plan and noted a great deal of work went into it. Hook explained the history of the plan. She reported on the UDOT Regional Trail meeting she attended in Moab on the 12<sup>th</sup> with Molly Schmidt. UDOT is looking for trail projects to design, survey, construct and maintain; this is a new division of UDOT that is looking to increase trails for biking and walking over the next two years and enhance safety, comfort and destination in UDOT right of ways. Schmidt presented the map and explained the highway trail, other trails and byways, and crosswalks. Leppanen asked if the plan is aspirational and visionary. Schmidt explained it is and the Council would approve the plan as a whole but, if awarded, the plan would be split into projects and each one would require approval from the Council. Other topics discussed include lowering the speed limit, reducing lane size, and focusing on the area of the Town, not including the regional area or future connections. The County is working on a county-wide trail system. Leppanen thanked the Active Transportation Committee for their hard work.

## **2. Discussion of EPA Grant**

Leppanen announced that Nelson and Drew Cooper did an amazing job on the EPA grant application and we have made the final cut for a million-dollar grant. They have been working on it for eight months. Nelson explained next is having long calls with the EPA representatives to go over detailed information and plans. An engineering service is needed as are a project manager, timelines, and meeting with UDB. The scope of the work is fire suppression, asbestos mitigation, HVAC and insulation.

## **3. Other**

None

Sayers motioned to close the meeting at 10:33 a.m., Murray seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Murray, Hook and Sayers voted in favor.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer

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