

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Summary

August 15, 2023

- **Present:** Marc Sakamoto, Jacqueline Danos, Loren Dickinson, Lance Bloch, Tod Davies, John Theilacker, Rick Sant, Interim City Manager, Katherine Guenther, City Planner, Kimmie Jackson, Deputy Recorder
- **Introduction to the meeting.** [0:00](#)
 - There is a published agenda for the meeting with materials published as part of the agenda.
- **Revising the agenda to follow citizen's concerns.** [1:30](#)
 - Revising the agenda to move forward with the city transportation system plan, grant-application discussion, and follow citizen's concerns.
 - Announcements and correspondence.
- **Presentation of the grant application.** [3:08](#)
 - A grant application has been submitted to the Planning Commission, City Planner and City Recorder for a grant to prepare a transportation systems plan.
 - Bobbi and Sue are in attendance.
- **Don's introduction.** [5:03](#)
 - First time presenting to a commission, Don was drafted to do this plan in conjunction with Rick McClung.
 - The plan was drafted.
- **The need for a transportation plan.** [6:35](#)
 - Transportation System Plan is a holistic approach to transportation within the city, including vehicle traffic, pedestrians, disabled people, bicyclists, and mass transit.
 - Public hearings are important; what does the community want.
- **Regional planning commission areas.** [9:21](#)
 - Lincoln County and the State at large are involved in transportation planning. All their input will be incorporated into the Transportation System Plan.
 - Working estimates of budgets are necessary to make improvements.
- **Transportation System plan and improving crosswalks.** [11:21](#)
 - The Transportation System Plan will discuss crosswalks and improving them. There is only one crosswalk in the city, and it is the only place where people can cross safely.
 - Crosswalks at the Farmers' Market.
- **The cost of flashing crosswalk systems.** [13:05](#)
 - The mayor was under the impression that every crosswalk with a flashing light system would cost \$150,000; that is not the case.
 - The emphasis on pedestrian safety is important.

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