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LARAMIE PLANNING COMMISSION January 12, 2026 STAFF REPORT

FILE: Reconnect West Laramie Plan

APPLICANT: City of Laramie

PURPOSE: Presenting the Reconnect West Laramie Plan for adoption and certification to the City Council for final adoption.

PREPARED BY: Philipp Gabathuler, AICP

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to recommend that the Planning Commission adopt Planning Commission Resolution 2026-01, which would adopt the **Reconnect West Laramie Plan** in its entirety, included as Attachment A of the Resolution, as a guiding planning document for transportation, land use coordination, connectivity, and public realm improvements in the West Laramie area, and certify it to the City Council for final adoption.

APPLICABLE CODE SECTION(S):

Wyoming Statutes § 15-1-502 authorizes cities to establish planning commissions and empowers such commissions to prepare, adopt, and recommend plans for the physical development of the city. The Reconnect West Laramie Plan is consistent with this statutory authority and supports the City's long-range planning and infrastructure coordination efforts.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The Reconnect West Laramie Plan is a City-led planning effort focused on improving connectivity, safety, and coordination between transportation infrastructure, land use, and public spaces in the West Laramie area. The plan evaluates existing conditions, identifies barriers to multimodal connectivity, and establishes a shared vision and implementation framework to guide future public investments and development decisions.

The plan is intended to inform City decision-making related to transportation planning, capital improvement programming, land use policy, development review, and interdepartmental coordination. While the plan does not amend zoning or development regulations directly, it provides policy guidance and strategic recommendations that may be used to support future projects, studies, and regulatory updates.

Ultimately, the Reconnect West Laramie Plan serves as a strategic framework to enhance mobility, neighborhood connectivity, economic vitality, and quality of life in West Laramie through coordinated, phased implementation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Reconnect West Laramie Plan was developed through a robust public engagement and technical analysis process outlined in a dedicated Engagement Chapter in the Final Reconnect West Laramie Plan. City staff and the project consultant conducted outreach activities including public meetings, workshops, stakeholder interviews, and coordination with community organizations and affected property owners.

Public input helped identify key challenges and priorities related to transportation barriers, access, safety, and future improvement opportunities. Feedback received throughout the process informed the plan's vision, guiding principles, recommended strategies, and implementation actions.

The Planning Commission considered public comments and staff analysis during duly noticed public hearings prior to making a recommendation on plan adoption.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Reconnect West Laramie Plan based on findings of fact and conclusions of law (Staff recommendation).
2. Approve the Reconnect West Laramie Plan with modifications recommended by the Planning Commission based on findings of fact and conclusions of law.
3. Deny the Reconnect West Laramie Plan based on findings of fact.
4. Postpone consideration of the Reconnect West Laramie Plan until issues identified during the meeting can be resolved.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to recommend that the Planning Commission adopt Planning Commission Resolution 2026-01, which would adopt the Reconnect West Laramie Plan in its entirety, included as Attachment A of the Resolution, and certify it to the City Council for final adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Reconnect West Laramie Plan and Appendices
2. Planning Commission Resolution NO: PC-2026-01