



LARAMIE PLANNING COMMISSION
January 12, 2026
STAFF REPORT

FILE: 10-Year Public Transportation Plan

APPLICANT: City of Laramie & Albany County Transportation Authority

PURPOSE: Presenting the 10-Year Public Transportation Plan, acknowledging receipt of the plan and certification to the City Council for final adoption.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to recommend that the Planning Commission **acknowledge receipt** of the 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan and **adopt** Planning Commission Resolution 2026-13 which would certify the 2025 City of Laramie and Albany County 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan in its entirety, included as Attachment A of the Resolution, based on the recommendations contained wherein, and certifies it to the City Council for final adoption.

APPLICABLE CODE SECTION(S):

Wyoming State Statute § 16-1-101 endorses joint planning efforts like the 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan with the following language: “In exercising, performing or carrying out any power, privilege, authority, duty or function legally vested in any one (1) or more of them by Wyoming law, the state of Wyoming, and any one (1) or more of its counties, municipal corporations, school districts, special districts, public institutions, agencies, boards, commissions and political subdivisions, and any officer or legal representative of any one (1) or more of them, may cooperate with and assist each other, and like entities or authorities of other states, the United States and the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation. Cooperation may be informal or subject to resolution, ordinance or other appropriate action, and may be embodied in a written agreement specifying purposes, duration, means of financing, methods of operations, termination, acquisition and disposition of property, employment of executive and subordinate agents, reciprocation of governmental immunity protections or other limitations of liability pursuant to W.S. 16-1-104(f) and other appropriate provisions.”

Wyoming State Statute § 18-14-101, et seq provides the authority and requirement for the board of county commissioners to establish a regional transportation authority by resolution.

The Albany County Transportation Authority (ACTA) is following the County’s approved process for adopting the 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan. This plan is being carried out congruently with the City’s process of adopting the 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE OR POLICY GOAL(S):

City of Laramie Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 8 – Public Transportation Goal 2 – Prepare a transit study to evaluate the current performance of the fixed route and establish service performance standards. Potential new routes, coordination opportunities, feasibility of commuter routes, fuel alternatives, vehicle types and specifications, infrastructure improvements, future funding, revenue options, and funding strategies should also be examined.

City of Laramie, Council Resolution 2023-22A, Goal 1, Milestone D – Ensure non-motorized and alternative transportation options are integrated comprehensively into municipal and regional transportation systems.

City of Laramie, Council Resolution 2024-10, Goal 1, Milestone D – Ensure non-motorized and alternative transportation options are integrated comprehensively into municipal and regional transportation systems.

City of Laramie, Council Resolution 2025-13, Public Transportation & Accessibility, Goal 1 – Evaluate feasibility, availability and accessibility of public transportation and multi-modal travel throughout the community by completing plans for (re)Connecting West Laramie and Public Transportation.

City of Laramie, Council Resolution 2025-13, Public Transportation & Accessibility, Goal 2 – Collaborate with Albany County Transportation Authority, UW and Eppson Center to expand services public transit services upon completion of the Public Transportation Plan. Improve mobility safety for persons of all ages and abilities through walkability and bikeability of sidewalks and bike lanes.

Background and Summary:

The City of Laramie applied for and was awarded a Transportation Planning Grant in 2023 through the Wyoming Department of Transportation for the purposes of conducting a study that evaluates existing transportation options, identifies gaps in public transportation services, provides strategies for filling those gaps in a non-duplicative manner, assesses financial sustainability, evaluates service options for low-income and disadvantaged populations, provides positive impacts towards the City’s environmental and economic development objectives, and community development goals related to low to moderate income, housing, livability, and age friendliness. In March of 2025, the City of Laramie, approved the consulting group of Mead & Hunt Inc to conduct a 10-Year Strategic Plan Transportation Plan.

The Public Transportation Plan (or “the Plan”) is a collaborative effort between Albany County through the Albany County Transportation Authority (ACTA) and the City of Laramie that recommends a phased approach towards public transportation routes, provides costs estimates, an operations plan, a governance plan, a funding plan, and an implementation plan. On December 3, 2025, ACTA held a public hearing on the plan and made recommendations. ACTA will act on the final plan early in 2026.

Public Comments:

The 2025 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan was developed based on input received through a series of public engagement activities and the deployment of an online mapping tool and StoryMap that was accessible to the public on both the city and county’s websites. Outreach included pop-up booths at local public events, distribution of information to city and county businesses and organizations, and through one-on-one meetings with representatives from a range of local and regional organizations. Engagement efforts were aimed at

identifying key transit markets, evaluating gaps in existing services, identifying unique mobility needs, and providing attention to unserved communities.

During the process, this study and the (re)Connect West Study worked together to share information. Information was also shared with the consultant for the update to the City of Laramie's Comprehensive Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan based on findings of fact and conclusions of law (**Staff Recommendation**).
2. Approve the 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan based on modifications recommended by the Planning Commission based on findings of fact and conclusions of law.
3. Deny the 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan based on findings of fact

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to recommend that the Planning Commission **acknowledge receipt** of the 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan and **adopt** Planning Commission Resolution 2026-13 which would certify the 2025 City of Laramie and Albany County 10-Yr Public Transportation Plan in its entirety, included as Attachment A of the Resolution, based on the recommendations contained wherein, and certifies it to the City Council for final adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City of Laramie Comprehensive Plan, Chapter – 8
2. City of Laramie Resolution 2023-22A
3. City of Laramie Resolution 2023-28
4. City of Laramie Resolution 2023-85
5. City of Laramie Resolution 2024-10
6. City of Laramie Resolution 2025-13
7. Planning Commission Resolution NO: PC-2026-13
8. 10-Year Public Transportation Plan (4 Chapters – Executive Summary, Existing Conditions, Public Engagement Summary, Recommendations)