

August 28, 2025

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The PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMISSION (PWAC) met in the Bell Building 2nd Floor Meeting Room at 215 “D” Street. Chair Laura Wright called the meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. Commissioner Gardee arrived at approximately 12:30 p.m.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:* Chair Laura Wright, Vice-Chair Ryan Rehder, Brent Bourassa, Lytonia "LT" Gardee

*COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:* Kayleigh Philippi

*CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT:* Councilor Matthew Wright and Councilor Kasee Forsmann

*STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:* Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor; Dustin Johnson, PE, Public Works Director; Luke Antonich, PE, City Engineer; Haley Kelley, Public Works Specialist

**II. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Wright explained that all items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these issue unless a Commissioner so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under “Items Moved From the Consent Agenda.”

Councilor Forsmann and Vice-Chair Rehder moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

**A. APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** - Action Item

**IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Johnson provided updates and answered questions on the Infrastructure Bond for the Main Street Reconstruction Project being included on the November 2025 ballot and the educational booth at the Nez Perce County Fair; Water Treatment Plant Intake project will slide into 2026 due to construction issues; Thain Road & Stewart Avenue Stormwater Pond Rehabilitation project is under construction; 12th Street Sidewalk Infill; Airway to Warner, 1/2 Block of Bryden Avenue project is ongoing; 5th Street Reconstruction, 2nd Avenue to 7th Avenue project will begin on September 2nd; Fiscal Year 2026 budget was adopted on Monday, August 25th; East Lewiston Network Analysis project is underway.

**V. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. PROGRESS UPDATE ON PWAC PROJECT #1 - CITY STANDARDS UPDATE:** - Action Item (Luke Antonich)

Luke Antonich, PE, City Engineer, thanked the commission for their feedback and

explained that some comments would be delayed to the next update, tentatively scheduled for 2026. Director Johnson asked if a public comment period was the next step which Mr. Antonich confirmed, pending the finalization of some items.

Chair Wright shared that her comments recommended updating the authority to the City Engineer which may result in a conflict with the disclaimer document that prefaces the standards. Councilor Wright suggested including a visual with the disclaimer clarifying roles and authority.

**B. EAST LEWISTON NETWORK ANALYSIS (ELNA) STEERING COMMITTEE:** - Action Item (Luke Antonich)

Luke Antonich, PE, City Engineer, introduced the East Lewiston Network Analysis (ELNA) project which intends to develop a recommended concept layout for the transportation network in East Lewiston. Director Johnson reminded the commission that there is a seat available for an interested member to join the project's steering committee. Mr. Johnson said that the project's consultant, Kittelson & Associates, Inc., have estimated a June 2026 completion date but he anticipates this will change due to steering committee member's interests.

Mr. Antonich said that the plan will come before City Council two times: once in draft form, once for consideration of acceptance.

Councilor Wright shared concerns about the safety of Warner Avenue when coming up Thain Road, specifically the sightlines at intersections. Mr. Antonich agreed and said that these concerns demonstrated the need for the "Thain Road Corridor and Access Study" adopted by City Council in December 2024 and the ELNA project. Mr. Wright said that stop lights might not be the solution, but they seem safer than stop signs. Director Johnson said that the projects included in the "Thain Road Corridor and Access Study" would be revisited in a future City Council Work Session.

Chair Wright asked if developers within the analysis area could be impacted by this project. Mr. Antonich said that there are developers on the steering committee but that an impetus for this project is to address the lack of plans for transportation with these large developments. Mr. Johnson shared that the first steering committee meeting was productive and positive, focused on future planning and proactive solutions. Mr. Antonich shared that three major landowners were also in attendance.

Ms. Wright asked when staff need an answer from a member of the commission interested in joining the steering committee. Mr. Antonich encouraged expressing interest as soon as possible but that the next meeting is planned for October/November and will be a working meeting with deliverables to review.

**VI. ITEMS MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** - Action Item

**VII. UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS**

**A. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: - Action Item**

Councilor Forsmann asked if staff continued to routinely meet with the Lewiston Police Department. Luke Antonich, PE, City Engineer confirmed this was still in effect but explained that lack of agenda items results in cancellations. He said that the departments are always in contact if something needs to be addressed. Director Johnson said that the Traffic crew had been verifying that signs and signals were functioning correctly for the school year.

Councilor Wright said that the 10th Street and Burrell Avenue roundabout is difficult, especially when operating a camper vehicle. Mr. Antonich said that the roundabout was designed for campers to drive over the top, through the middle, while still yielding. Ms. Forsmann asked why the neighborhood was in support of the project. Mr. Johnson explained that the former intersection design would back up traffic during the school year but now there's continuous traffic flow.

Ms. Wright asked what the next step on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) would be now that the budget had been adopted. Mr. Johnson said that the 5-year CIP remains on his list and shared the ongoing difficulties in engaging the public to participate.

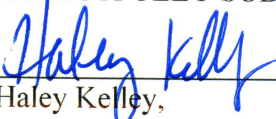
**B. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS: - Action Item**

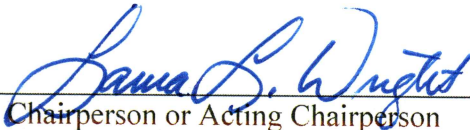
Public Works Specialist Kelley said that the date of the next quarterly meeting would be determined by polling the commission.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item**

There being no further business, Councilor Forsmann and Vice-Chair Rehder moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0 and the Public Works Advisory Commission adjourned at approximately 12:57 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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Haley Kelley,  
Recording Secretary

  
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Chairperson or Acting Chairperson  
Public Works Advisory Commission

Approved this 20 day of November, 2025