

San Juan County Commission Work Session
December 16, 2025
August Granath

Notes from the Work Session and resulting revisions are described below:

- Commissioner Stubbs had mentioned a need for public education regarding technology projects that advance broadband access or cell coverage. I added two sentences to the "Broadband and Cell Service Needs" section under Weaknesses to page 10 to address this comment:
 - "Commissioners sometimes receive pushback from the public when projects that can improve service, such as new signal towers, are proposed. Public education is needed to address these concerns and ensure that progress continues to be made on issues of equitable broadband and cell service access."
- Commissioner Stubbs mentioned that family businesses seem particularly successful in San Juan County. I modified the title of the "High Entrepreneurial" Strength to read "High Entrepreneurial Desire and Successful Family Businesses" and added an additional sentence on page 9:
 - "Additionally, family businesses in the county have proven to be resilient and strong components of the economic landscape, often able to find reliable workforce when others can't."
- Commissioner Harvey mentioned the value that cultural artisans provide to the local economy and a desire to see that supported in the plan. I modified the sentence in the "Support Economic Development Through Entrepreneurship" section under Opportunities on page 12 to read:
 - "Ensure that home-based businesses are able to thrive, indigenous cultural artisans are supported, and that light manufacturing has room to grow."
- Commissioner Harvey and Maughan both had concerns about implementation. Commissioner Harvey mentioned concerns with engagement and communication and requested that a summarized version of the plan be translated and made available in Diné Bizaad for distribution on the San Juan County portion of the Navajo Nation. Commissioner Maughan asked how the projects on the Blueprint would be acted upon and pushed forward.
 - August discussed the possibility of translation as a part of the implementation phase of the Blueprint after it is adopted and underscored that the implementation phase has been designed to ensure progress is made on targeted projects.