

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE  
TRAILS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY HALL 10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

**FINAL**

PRESENT: Brent Crowther, Chair  
Pedro Huebner  
Ryan Oakes, Vice Chair  
Kyle Poulter  
Peter Wirthlin  
Ted Knowlton, City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; TJ Riley, Parks Superintendent; Ali Avery, Long Range Planner.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Brent Crowther, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of July 8, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

**Committee Member Peter Wirthlin moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2025. Committee Member Brent Crowther seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Crowther, Oakes, and Wirthlin.** Committee Member Kyle Poulter was not present for the vote, and Committee Member Pedro Huebner abstained from voting since he was not present for the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4. DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE GOALS AND PROGRAMS

The Committee discussed and reviewed the following five goals discussed during the previous meeting for the year:

- Increase active transportation use
- Improve safety for all users

- Develop, enhance, and maintain a network that connects destinations, *such as parks and trailheads*
- Champion supportive policies
- Implement programs that support the mission

Ali Avery led the discussion, suggesting removal of specific examples as in number three “such as parks and trailheads” for broader applicability. Peter Wirthlin proposed adding "active transportation and outdoor recreation" for clarity, while Ted Knowlton emphasized balancing recreational and utility uses. The Committee agreed to remove the specific examples and adjust the fifth goal to "implement supportive programs."

Kyle Poulter joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**Committee Member Peter Wirthlin moved that the Committee adopt the goals and programs as:**

- 1) Increase active transportation use**
- 2) Improve safety for all users**
- 3) Develop, enhance, and maintain a network that connects destinations**
- 4) Champion supportive policies**
- 5) Implement supportive programs**

**Committee Member Ryan Oakes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Crowther, Huebner, Oakes, Poulter and Wirthlin.**

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

The Committee reviewed ongoing action items. Ali Avery noted no changes in Forest Service outreach and she continued use of email sign-ups for events. Brent Crowther mentioned seeing many new volunteers from JustServe. Ali Avery suggested contacting courts to enlist those that are required to complete court ordered service.

Ali Avery mentioned the possibility of donation options (creating a nonprofit organization) in coordination with other communities such as Bountiful and Farmington. Ted Knowlton supported a South Davis Greenway non-profit inclusion if that was an option.

## 6. STAFF UPDATES

Ali Avery reported delays in the Trails Master Plan request for proposals (RFP) but anticipated an October selection, with Brent Crowther, Peter Wirthlin, and Ryan Oakes (alternate) representatives to assist with consultant selection. She also announced Kimley-Horn as the South

Davis Greenway consultant and noted ongoing Forest Service outreach challenges. She also mentioned the status of the citywide safe routes to school plan.

Jon Rueckert reviewed the budget noting operating supplies had about \$1,700 left after the \$846.63 spent year to date. He indicated that most of the expenses were related to advertising with the large signage boards around the City.

Jon Rueckert indicated that \$1,200 was available for travel, education and training; \$2,500 for operating supplies; and, \$600 for Trails and Active Transportation Committee t-shirts, stickers, and swag. The Committee discussed the cost for sign advertising and perhaps a budget adjustment since that advertisement method had not been considered in the initial budget request.

Ali Avery suggested only major events be included in the City's sign board advertising around town such as Purge the Spurge and National Trails Day. The Committee was in agreement unless a budget adjustment could be approved, monthly events should not be advertised on signage to save costs. She acknowledged her request to the Communications Manager that the monthly trails events not be included on the signage and instead utilize JustServe to advertise and solicit volunteers to save costs.

Brent Crowther wondered if the City could purchase additional trash grabbers that could be used on trail cleanup days. Jon Rueckert and TJ Riley agreed that would be a good use of funds and they could be purchased and painted for easy identification as a City tool. The Committee recommended to get fifteen to twenty grabbers.

## 7. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Ted Knowlton provided updates on the resuming general plan and a nearing Highway 89 Corridor agreement with UDOT, which includes 12 feet for bike space aligning with Utah Trail Network standards, potentially linking to the South Davis Greenway. He also proposed building a list of trail enthusiasts and suggested including it as an agenda item to discuss at the next meeting how to help move that effort forward.

Ali Avery suggested a QR code on forms or sign in sheets. The Committee briefly brainstormed ideas such as using the newsletter and notify me on the City's website for project alerts, etc.

## 8. REVIEW OF PAST AND UPCOMING TRAILS EVENTS

The Committee reviewed the August 23 event, with Peter Wirthlin reporting 30 volunteers successfully realigned trails and removed vegetation, planning further work. Ryan Oakes noted trash removal on the 9-11 service day on September 6<sup>th</sup>, and positive trail awareness. The Committee discussed trail use, users, and data that could be useful to aid the goals and programs.

Ali Avery highlighted upcoming events included the Jordan River Paddle on September 13, Foxboro Wetlands ribbon-cutting on September 11, and a Youth City Council trail cleanup on September 30<sup>th</sup>, with members encouraged to assist.

Pedro Huebner mentioned having some concerns with the boardwalks and would like to discuss them in a future meeting if possible. Ali Avery indicated he could also share those concerns with staff.

Jon Rueckert wondered if Peter Wirthlin could help with the Halloween Fun Run at Tunnel Springs this year. Peter Wirthlin confirmed he could attend and help the Events Committee. He indicated he would reach out to Dallas Golden to confirm and offer assistance.

#### 9. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

The Committee planned the 2026 calendar, setting Purge the Spurge for April 11<sup>th</sup>, National Trails Day for June 6<sup>th</sup>, and monthly cleanups from May to October, skipping July. Ali Avery will confirm Golden Spoke and Get to the River dates (September 12), avoiding conflicts like the Kite Festival. Peter Wirthlin suggested a winter snowshoe day. Pedro wondered if Legacy Parkway trail maintenance was a County responsibility.

#### 10. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE AGENDA(S)

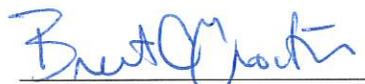
Ali Avery scheduled the annual report presentation at City Council meeting for January 20, 2026 at 7 p.m., with Brent Crowther presenting, requesting members prepare content for the report.

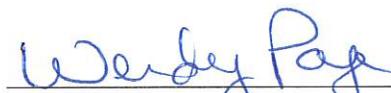
The Committee agreed to include Trails Master Plan updates, annual report drafting, and grant opportunities on future agendas. Pedro Huebner raised concerns about bike rack availability in public spaces, prompting a discussion on bike valet services for E bikes and Town Center standards, with Peter Wirthlin suggesting bike collective support.

#### 11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

*The foregoing was approved by the Trails and Active Transportation Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on October 14, 2025 by unanimous vote of all members present.*

  
Brent Crowther, Chair

  
Wendy Page, City Recorder

