

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
TRAILS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL 10 EAST CENTER STREET, NORTH SALT LAKE
MARCH 10, 2026

FINAL

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mason Bennett, Health and Wellness Committee.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ryan Oakes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brent Crowther noted he was not present for the motion made to table the item on SharePoint site updates and requested a correction to the minutes on line 195.

The Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of February 10, 2026 were reviewed and approved as amended.

Committee Member Crowther moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026 as amended. Committee Member Huebner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Crowther, Huebner, Oakes, Poulter, and Wirthlin.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROJECT

Mason Bennett, Health and Wellness Committee, mentioned partnering on continuing the Trails Series to promote recreation and the City trails. He said previous trail events included focusing on one trail a month, trail cleanup, hiking/biking, and tracking miles on the Strava app. He suggested highlighting four different trails with corresponding swag (stickers, water bottles) for those who participated. He spoke on involving local schools and having the students design the stickers.

The Committee discussed hosting the Trail Series during May, June, July, and August. They reviewed potential locations including Tunnel Springs, Wild Rose, Wetlands Trail, Legacy Trail, Springhill Geologic Park Trail, and Jordan River Trail.

Peter Wirthlin suggested a Tuesday or Wednesday night for the Trail Series and the option to provide guided hikes.

Councilmember Knowlton proposed one trail event on the west side and one of the Trail Series be held on a hard surface trail.

Ryan Oakes mentioned a hike with the Mayor. He asked if the Health and Wellness Committee wanted to collaborate on the Trail Series or hand it over to the Trails Committee. Mason Bennett replied that the Health and Wellness Committee was reducing the number of events they would sponsor. He asked if the Trails Committee would take over the Trail Series with support from the Health and Wellness Committee. He said the stickers and water bottles were part of the Health and Wellness Committee budget request for 2026.

Ali Avery spoke on the trail cleanup events including Purge the Spurge, National Trails Day, and the 9/11 Day of Service. She suggested scheduling before or after trail events to show either the maintenance that needed to be done or highlighting the work that had been completed.

Mason Bennett mentioned the Walk250 (America250) event (July deadline), coordinating with local schools on the sticker design (May 15 deadline), and ordering swag which would be ready by midsummer. He spoke on the Strava app with a dedicated QR code and transferring this info to the Trails Committee.

Ali Avery suggested National Trails Day in June as a good date to launch the Trails Series. She spoke on how the Trails Committee events were related to health and wellness and cross support between the two Committees.

Mason Bennett noted the Health and Wellness Committee would be sponsoring neighborhood block parties this year. He said this would include a packet with City information for each party and could include information or materials from the Trails Committee (volunteer, events, cleanup).

Ali Avery asked for an update on the school sticker design as well as the four locations and dates for Trail series events. Mason Bennett mentioned Legacy Trail, Wetlands Trail, Tunnel Springs, and Wild Rose.

The Committee discussed replacing Tunnel Springs with Springhill Geologic Park or Parkway Trail on Highway 89. They suggested highlighting the school closest to these two trails for the sticker design contest. Ali Avery mentioned that she would speak to the City Manager about his preferences for replacing the Tunnel Springs Trail with a trail in the midtown area and report back to Mason.

5. STAFF UPDATES

Ali Avery reported on the Trails Master Plan and whether the consultant, SE Group, should come in person to kick off the community engagement plan in April or to present the findings in June. She noted the two options were to have the consultant attend the Arbor Day event on April 25th and lead engagement at this event or to attend the National Trails Day event on June 6th to present the recommendations. She added that the consultant preferred to be in person for the Arbor Day event, participate in a site visit, and facilitate the stakeholder meeting in one trip.

Ms. Avery spoke on the potential for a trickling community engagement process versus an open house to allow feedback throughout the process with a survey and project website. She said the survey link would be shared at different points throughout the project including the Arbor Day and Purge the Spurge events, the Kite Festival, and trails cleanup day. She explained a second survey would then be opened to review the preferred recommendations for two weeks in June. She asked for feedback from the Committee on which option they preferred.

The Committee discussed the two options and were in favor of the option to have the consultant lead the community engagement at the Arbor Day event in April.

Ali Avery then spoke on determining the project study area and showed a map detailing the proposed area. She explained that the map included forest service property and area into Salt Lake City. She spoke on coordinating with Salt Lake City and Bountiful.

Pedro Huebner asked about the scope of the project and how the proposed area did not include the west side of the City. Ali Avery replied that the project only included soft or unpaved trails. She said the active transportation plan included bike lanes and paved trails. She said the Committee could also provide input related to Salt Lake City's hillside trail plan.

Councilmember Knowlton commented that the study area could be expanded if necessary. Ali Avery said the proposed map was for the desktop review followed by a field review. She mentioned coordinating with neighboring cities on the trails.

Ali Avery then requested trail photos from the Committee members to add to the plan. She said the steering committee (comprised of Peter Wirthlin, Ryan Oakes, and staff) met and prepared three to five goals for the Trails Master Plan. She continued that the goals would need to be revised and asked the Trails Committee for feedback on the following questions:

- What trails or areas should be prioritized
 - Wild Rose (lower, mid, upper)
 - Wood Briar/forest service unsanctioned
 - Connecting Wild Rose to Tunnel Springs
 - Connecting Springhill to lower Wild Rose
 - BST

- What are the problem areas/watchouts
 - Upper Wild Rose (user conflicts, maintenance, erosion, alignment)
 - Issues with connections to pond at lower Wild Rose
 - Springhill Geologic Park
 - All BST connections - Woodbriar, Wild Rose, Tunnel Springs

- Stakeholders
 - City
 - Davis County
 - Salt Lake City
 - Forest Service
 - City staff
 - Committees
 - Coordinate with Bountiful City
 - City Council

Ali Avery then provided an update on the Wild Rose to BST connector. She explained there had been some progress including applying for a grant. She continued that she was applying for a

grant for construction and engineered design of the trail. She was coordinating with the Forest Service who clarified that the City would only need a botany and archaeological field review and would not be reviewed as part of the Davis County decision. She mentioned next steps included maintenance agreements with Davis County and Salt Lake City for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

Ali Avery reported on the South Davis Greenway feasibility study and requested the Committee complete the survey at southdavisgreenway.org. She added there were sidewalk decals on the frontage road trail and a sign at the community garden with a link to the survey for public input. She noted that staff would report on this project to the City Council on April 7th.

Councilmember Knowlton noted that establishing the community wanted this trail would help this project. He said the objective of the City Council meeting on April 7th included reviewing points of potential controversy and weighing the issues versus the benefit.

Jon Rueckert reported on establishing a bike rack standard for installation in the parks. He shared an example of the proposed stainless steel inverted U design. He noted that the preferred installation would be in-ground mounted in concrete pads three to four feet apart from adjacent racks, parking areas, and walkways.

The Committee discussed security including bike lockers (bus rapid transit) and placing bike racks near the camera locations in parks.

Pedro Heubner shared his list of priority locations including City Hall, Legacy Park, Eaglewood Events Center, Porter's Landing Boat Takeout, and Fox Hollow Park. Ali Avery added Foxboro Wetlands Park and Legacy Trail.

Jon Rueckert noted that the proposed racks were \$230. The Committee suggested installing one or two racks per year.

Ali Avery mentioned the request for Committee member hats and said staff would bring the hats to the next meeting, as they had already been ordered and picked up.

6. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Councilmember Knowlton asked if there was any feedback for the City Council. Peter Wirthlin suggested reporting that the Trails Master Plan was underway, the BST and Wild Rose connector progress, and the South Davis Greenway Study. Ali Avery replied that the City Council approved funding for the BST/Wild Rose connection on March 3rd and approval of grant submittal.

The Committee thanked the City Council for their support.

Councilmember Knowlton mentioned that one of the needs was to meet with Davis County related to the South Davis Greenway project. Ali Avery commented that she would discuss this with the consultant.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Peter Wirthlin reported on the Adopt a Trail (trail boss program). He shared the goals from Tyler Fonarow with the Salt Lake City stewardship pilot program:

- 1) Create a sustainable volunteering and stewardship program for maintenance and care of the trail systems
- 2) Create a sustainable volunteering and youth leadership program model to develop riders and develop skillsets
- 3) Create a partnership between the trails and national lands and mountain bike teams for all City trails

He noted the goal was to give stewardship to a high school mountain bike team to care for the trails. He said the City could open it up to adopt a trail program sponsored by other groups (hiking, mountain bike groups) rather than assigning stewardship and creating a sense of ownership.

The Committee discussed establishing trail bosses who lived near the trails and would monitor and report any issues. They spoke on next steps for implementation in establishing trail bosses and creating a documentable and repeatable process. Ali Avery said the Trails Master Plan would address maintenance as well as adding and improving trails. She suggested the framework of the program could be discussed while the plan was being completed. She mentioned including senior residents for assistance in maintaining the trails.

Kyle Poulter volunteered to work with Peter Wirthlin to establish this process.

Pedro Huebner was excused at 7:19 p.m.

Ryan Oakes mentioned the potential to promote a Bike to Work Day on May 15th on social media, but to not create a specific event for it this year.

8. TRAINING ON SHAREPOINT SITE UPDATES

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Member Wirthlin moved to table the training on the SharePoint Site until the next meeting. Committee Member Poulter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Crowther, Oakes, Poulter, and Wirthlin. Committee Member Huebner was excused.

9. DISCUSSION AND COORDINATION OF 2026 EVENTS

Ali Avery reviewed 2026 events:

- Purge the Spurge
 - April 11th at 10 a.m. Springhill Geologic Park
- Arbor Day
 - April 25th at 9 a.m. Parkway Trail
 - Tabling by SE Group for Trails Master Plan
- Cleanup events
 - May 9th at 8 a.m. Wild Rose Parkway Drive
 - August
 - October
- Golden Spoke
 - May 16th Legacy Park
- National Trails Day
 - June 6th
- 9/11 Day of Service
 - September 5th
- Get to the River
 - September 12th 8:30 a.m. Riverview Boat Ramp

Peter Wirthlin was excused at 7:26 p.m.

The Committee discussed providing water for reusable water bottles, granola bars, garbage bags, and tools. They spoke on advertising for volunteers on JustServe and requesting volunteers bring their own gloves, shovels, and reusable water bottles.

10. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE AGENDA(S)

The Committee discussed April agenda items:

- Public comment
- Approval of minutes
- Staff updates
 - Update on Trails Master Plan
 - General Plan
 - State trail cleanup request
 - South Davis Greenway
- City Council Updates
- Committee Member Discussion Items
 - Two cleanup events (pick an area)
 - Trails Series swag
 - Review trail boss (Tyler w/SLC)
 - Social media content
- Discussion and Coordination of 2026 events
- Training on Sharepoint Site (trail work orders, inventory, events calendar)
- Discussion on Future Agenda

11. ADJOURN

Committee Member Poulter moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Crowther seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Crowther, Oakes, and Poulter. Committee Member Huebner and Wirthlin were excused.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Trails and Active Transportation Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on April 14, 2026 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Ryan Oakes, Chair



Wendy Page, City Recorder

