



## Transportation Planning

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Summit Bike Share, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Wils Foundation's "Summit Cares" helmet program. When Summit County took over operations of the Summit Bike Share in 2023, we recognized that lack of convenient helmet access as a significant barrier for many riders, particularly visitors, first-time users, and lower-income residents. Ensuring helmets at the point of use has remained a persistent challenge and this program offers an effective solution.

The "Summit Cares" initiative will deploy 150 helmets, 300 replacement padding sets, and 15 secure helmet depository boxes at strategically located stations. To maximize the impact of grant dollars, the helmets will be purchased through our existing partnership with Sweet Protection, which provides MIPS helmets at a 50% discount. Summit Bike Share will contribute \$2,000 in direct support and provide operational management, including installing depository boxes, replacing used helmets paid for sanitation, redistributing helmets between stations, and coordinating with host partners.

We anticipate that this program will directly increase helmet use, improve rider safety, and encourage more trips by bike instead of by car, supporting first- and last-mile connectivity, reducing traffic congestion, and minimizing environmental impacts in the Wasatch Back. By removing cost and access barriers, the program also supports equitable participation, allowing all riders—regardless of income or experience—to safely enjoy the Summit Bike Share system and the surrounding trails, parks, and recreational areas.

Summit Bike Share strongly endorses this application and is committed to working closely with the Wils Foundation to implement this program successfully. We believe "Summit Cares" represents a meaningful step forward in promoting safe, equitable, and sustainable active transportation.

Sincerely,

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