

UTAH RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL



MAY 26, 2022

RTP NON-MOTORIZED GRANT REVIEW

UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

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AGENDA

HOST: Division of Outdoor Recreation,
Department of Natural Resources
1594 W North Temple #112
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

ATTENDEES: *Division of Outdoor Recreation*
Rachel Toker, Patrick Morrison, Caroline Weiler, Pitt Grewe

Council Members Present

Mike McCandless (Chair), Beverley Heffernan, Sarah Bennett, Brandon Stocksdale, David Olsen, Cheryl Butler, Julie Geisler

10:00 a.m. INFORMATION	1. WELCOME	Mike McCandless, Chair
	1.1. Call to Order	
	1.2. Attendance and Introductions	
10:05 a.m. INFORMATION	2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	
10:15 a.m. INFORMATION	3. NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW	Mike McCandless, Chair
12:00 p.m.	4. BREAK FOR LUNCH	
12:30 p.m. INFORMATION	5. RESUME RTP GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW	Mike McCandless, Chair
2:00 p.m. ACTION	6. APPROVAL OF NON-MOTORIZED RTP GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS	Mike McCandless, Chair
2:30 p.m. ACTION	7. APPROVAL OF MAY 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES	Mike McCandless, Chair
2:35 p.m. INFORMATION	8. PROGRAM AND DIVISION UPDATE	Pitt Grewe, Director, Rachel Toker

3:00 p.m.

ACTION

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mike McCandless, Chair

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**UTAH RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE
DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION,
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Minutes Of The Meeting Held on May 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

In-person and Remote Meeting via Google Meet

Streamed Live on YouTube

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present:

Mike McCandless (Chair)
Beverley Heffernan
Sarah Bennett
Brandon Stocksdale
David Olsen
Cheryl Butler
Julie Geisler

Host:

The Department of
Natural Resources

Public Present:

Division of Outdoor

Recreation:

Pitt Grewe
Rachel Toker
Patrick Morrison
Caroline Weiler

Excused:

Audio/video recording of this meeting is located at: <https://youtu.be/MxdmqMLHbUk>

TIME AGENDA ITEM AND SUMMARY

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| 5:00 | <p>1. WELCOME</p> <p>1.1. Call to Order
Chair Mike McCandless called the meeting to order and presided. Grant Program Manager, Rachel Toker recorded the minutes. A quorum of council members being present, the meeting proceeded with business.</p> <p>1.2. Attendance and Introductions
Ms. Toker took attendance of the council members present. She acknowledged the members of the Division of Outdoor Recreation present, both as participants in the meeting and as members of the audience.</p> |
| 7: 40 | <p>2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Having no public comments, Chair McCandless proceeded to the next agenda item..</p> |
| 8:18 | <p>3. NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW
Chair McCandless asked the council members for their opinions and thoughts on the new software updates for reviewing and scoring grants. Discussion surrounding the benefit of the new software for the applicants and the ease for the evaluators as well. Ms. Toker explained to the committee how to work out the kinks of the new software. The council continued to have a discussion on how beneficial funding more room for maintenance and restoration as part of the funding. Ms. Toker brought to the attention of the council that part of the funding could be used to partially help fund NEPA.</p> |

As the discussion concluded, the council proceeded under the direction of Chair McCandles to review the following 15 applications. The following 13 were all approved for funding.

3:02 5. RESUME RTP GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW

#	FY22 NON-MOTORIZED RTP	Sponsor	Total Project Value	Requested RTP Funding	County
2	Whole Enchilada Trail Network Addition: Phase 2: This application requests funding for Phase 2 of improvements to the world-famous Whole Enchilada Non-Motorized Trail Network to enhance connectivity, access, and address current safety issues. Two new singletrack trails will extend the Raptor Route, which is necessary to diversify route options for users on the increasingly popular “Whole Enchilada” mountain biking route.	Grand County Active Transportation and Trails Division (GCATT)	\$139,610.00	\$67,000.00	Grand
3	2023 Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Non-Motorized Trail Restoration Project: The 2023 UWC Non-Motorized Trail Restoration project will complete heavy maintenance to restore high-priority trails located on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. These trails are some of the most highly visited in the Forest and provide recreation opportunities for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrian users. A combination of UCC crews, UCC staff, Forest Service Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) members, seasonal employees, permanent employees, and volunteers will be utilized to complete the work associated with this project.	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest	\$490,380.00	\$145,000.00	Cache, Juab, Salt Lake, Summit, Utah, & Weber
4	Indian Creek Climbing Conservation Initiative Ph2: The Access Fund’s Indian Creek Climbing Conservation Initiative will launch a multi-year effort to develop sustainable trail access and stabilize cliffside recreation areas throughout the Indian Creek Unit of Bears Ears National Monument. Community volunteers, AmeriCorp Conservation Crews, Access Fund Conservation Teams, and additional regional partners will collaborate to design and sustainably construct climbing access trails and cliffside staging areas, while restoring	Access Fund	\$145,000.00	\$60,000.00	San Juan

	<p>redundant and damaging historic corridors, throughout this treasured landscape. With UOR's support, this phase of Access Fund's multi-year initiative will complete the trail construction and create sustainable cliffside recreation areas at three historic cliffs in Indian Creek; 2nd Meat Wall & Optimator Wall. In addition, this phase will complete additional stabilization at cliffside sites as allowed.</p>				
5	<p>Iron Hills Trail System Extension - Breaks Trail Phase 1: The Cedar City Field Office plans to construct a 3.7-mile trail to be added to the Iron Hills Trail System that will take users to one of the best views in Cedar City. This trail will be multi-directional and optimized for hiking but will be built in a very biker-friendly way. The trail will be constructed using machines and hand crews, and it will extend the Iron Hills Trail System to almost 35 miles in length.</p>	<p>Bureau of Land Management Cedar City Field Office</p>	<p>\$304,816.00</p>	<p>\$150,000.00</p>	<p>Iron</p>
6	<p>G Hill Trail System Phase Four: Trail connection from River Walk & G Hill trail system. Phase four of the G Hill Trail System. The plan is to create connections of our Mountain Bike/Walking trail systems (in progress) to our River Walk trail system & our Highway 89 trail system. (complete) This includes two additional miles of connection trail from our Mountain Bike/Walking Trail (in progress). We will also be installing two Informational Kiosks in two different locations to show the trail system connected. We will build and install trail markers throughout both the 2 miles of a dirt trail and also on the asphalt portions of the trail system.</p>	<p>Gunnison City</p>	<p>\$280,000.00</p>	<p>\$120,000.00</p>	<p>Sanpete</p>
7	<p>Fixed Anchor Maintenance: Wasatch Rock Climbing Routes: The Wasatch has world-class rock climbing; the future of which depends on the maintenance of the vertical infrastructure necessary for ascent and descent of climbing routes, i.e. "vertical trails". There are thousands of climbing routes in and around the Wasatch in need of fixed anchor maintenance. The Salt Lake Climbers Alliance's goal is to replace and maintain antiquated fixed anchors with stainless steel hardware on highly trafficked climbing routes with professional work as height climbing technicians. This effort will ensure that the public will have access to high-quality and safe climbing areas for the</p>	<p>Salt Lake Climbers Alliance</p>	<p>\$111,900.00</p>	<p>\$45,000.00</p>	<p>Salt Lake, Sanpete, & Summit</p>

	<p>next 50+ years. If these anchors are not maintained, they will eventually fully corrode and fail under the human weight as many are upwards of 50 years old across the Wasatch.</p>				
8	<p>Weber County Trail Construction, Restoration, Maintenance, and Education (\$181,410 requested originally): Trails Foundation of Northern Utah's project collaborates with other County organizations to implement Weber County's Cooperative Pathways Master Plan by identifying which trails need repair and renovation; developing a work plan to reconstruct our current Weber County trails and construct new trails. Volunteers will assist with trimming back brush, repairing bridges, and completing much-needed path maintenance. TFNU's team will repair damaged trail surfaces, water drainage, and erosion issues, and construct new trails. TFNU will oversee volunteer and paid crews will and participate in training led by industry experts while continuing to work with community partners, including the Trails Alliance, to educate trail users on appropriate trail manners and trail etiquette through education campaigns, events, and publications.</p> <p>Partially an Education project.</p> <p>Funding for this project was reduced because the requested RTP had ineligible funding requests.</p>	<p>Trails Foundation of Northern Utah</p>	<p>\$367,280.00</p>	<p>\$150,000.00</p>	<p>Weber</p>
9	<p>Trailhead Avalanche Conditions Reporting Project: Through the Trailhead Avalanche Conditions Reporting Project (Project), the Utah Avalanche Center (UAC) offers free avalanche, and trail conditions reports to motorized and non-motorized backcountry users at trailheads in Utah's Uinta-Wasatch-Cache and Manti-La Sal National Forests. The non-motorized portion of the Project helps non-motorized backcountry users stay safe on the trails they are accessing from these trailheads by providing up-to-date conditions reports about current avalanche danger and additional safety resources. Completing this Project helps the UAC achieve our mission to save lives and help keep people on top of</p>	<p>Utah Avalanche Center</p>	<p>\$55,135.16</p>	<p>\$27,447.18</p>	<p>Cache, Grand, Morgan, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Weber, & Wasatch</p>

	<p>The Greatest Snow on Earth® by providing avalanche forecasting, awareness, and education throughout the state of Utah.</p> <p>Education project.</p>				
11	<p>Pine Valley Ranger District Spring Hollow Trailhead Adaptive MTB Accessible Restroom Facility: The Pine Valley Ranger District Spring Hollow Trailhead Adaptive MTB Accessible Restroom Facility provides restroom amenities at the primary system trailhead. This inclusive facility has been designed to accommodate all mountain bicyclists and their equipment.</p>	Dixie National Forest Pine Valley Ranger District	\$115,000.00	\$45,000.00	Washington
12	<p>Mt. Pleasant to Spring City Multi-Use Paved Trail Phase II: This project is Phase II construction of a regional multi-purpose connector trail from the south end of the community of Mt Pleasant to the north end of Spring City in Sanpete County. This project will open new region-wide recreational and economic opportunities that have not been captured up to this point. Plans include an improved trailhead at the Hwy 89 and Hwy 117 junction and eventually, an additional trail section connecting the community of Spring City to Ephraim.</p>	Mt. Pleasant City	\$2,317,000.00	\$250,000.00	Sanpete
13	<p>Spring Hollow Phase III--Grass Knoll Trails: Phase III of the Spring Hollow project consists of constructing two trails that total 4.2 miles in length at the higher reaches of the trail system. The Spring Hollow trail network is part of the larger Pine Valley Ranger District (PVRD) Mountain Bike Trail Systems project. The Spring Hollow Trail System will eventually offer approximately 40-miles of trails when complete and include a NICA racecourse and trails for adaptive users.</p>	Trails Utah	\$177,000.00	\$85,000.00	Washington
14	<p>Salem "Two Dragons" Trail (\$200,000 requested originally): The Two Dragons Trail project will serve to provide sustainable passage for trail users recreating within Salem City. Carrying out the project plan follows Salem's Master Trails Plan, and permits sensitivity to the natural environment. The goal of the project is to match the first two sections of the trail, one of which was built in the year 2000, and provide a smooth passable surface for trail users.</p>	Salem City	\$420,000.00	\$100,000.00	Utah

	Funding for this project was reduced because the requested RTP funding was for 'streets.' The \$100,000 was recommended by the Council with the consensus of a revised budget.				
15	LaVerkin City Rim to River Trail: The LaVerkin City Rim to River Trail is an effort to create a way for foot traffic to descend off of the canyon rim of the Virgin River course and access Confluence Park and the river itself below. While it is only a distance of approximately 350 feet from the start of the trail to the canyon bottom it will be an extremely challenging project given the precipitous drop and the need to engineer a set of stairs or a reinforced pathway that can descend along the canyon wall.	Trails Utah	\$144,500.00	\$60,000.00	Washington
			Project Value	Recommended Funding	# of Counties
Total of 13 recommended Non-motorized RTP applications:			\$ 5,067,781.16	\$1,340,447.18	13

			Project Value	Recommended for Funding	# of Counties
Total of 17 recommended Motorized & Non-motorized applications:			\$ 5,451,427.20	\$1,464,298.44	20

#	FY22 NON-MOTORIZED RTP - NOT FUNDED	Sponsor	Total Project Value	Requested RTP Funding	County
1	Green River Trail: ADA concrete trail to the Green River. This application was not recommended for funding because the applicant was only providing \$5,000 as an in-kind match and their remaining match was not secured. The total project entailed paving a 650' trail.	City of Green River	\$205,000.00	\$95,000.00	Emery
10	Center St Trail Connection (US-6) 2022: Spanish Fork City will pave a short segment of trail that connects existing city trails with other existing and future cities and regional trails. These master-planned trails connect to miles of paved trails throughout the city. This final piece of trail connects the Spanish	Spanish Fork City	\$116,160.00	\$57,950.00	Utah

Fork Center St. trail to a regional one that follows US-6. This application was not recommended because the required letters of support were not met and NEPA had not begun.				
		Project Value	Not Recommended for Funding	# of Counties
Total of all 2 applications:		\$ 321,160.00	\$152,950.00	2

3:56 6. APPROVAL OF NON-MOTORIZED RTP GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, UNDER CHAIR MCCANDLES, APPROVES 13 OF THE 15 RTP NON-MOTORIZED GRANTS. THE TWO NON-FUNDED GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE LISTED ABOVE.

7. APPROVAL OF MAY 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

N/A

3:57 8. PROGRAM AND DIVISION UPDATE

Ms. Toker explained to the council that with the merging with the Office of Outdoor Recreation, the Utah Recreational Trails Advisory Council will be dissolved as of July 1st, 2022. Mr. Patrick Morrison, the Program Specialist with the Office of Outdoor Recreation, explained the new seats for the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Ms. Sarah Bennet with Trails Utah and Ms. Julia Geilser with Salt Lake Climbers Alliance, brought up concerns about where the grants will go to be reviewed. Ultimately, the advisory council will be dissolved and new members will be appointed as of July 1st, 2022.

Ms. Toker informs the council that there will be the last combined RTP meeting on July 2nd.

4:22 9. ADJOURNED

CHAIR MCCANDLESS ADJOURNED THE MEETING