

April 30, 2024

Representative Blake Moore
Utah District 1, U.S. House of Representatives
1320 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C., 20515

Re: Indian Trailhead Connection Access Phase of the Ogden Canyon Shared Use Pathway

Dear Representative Moore,

On behalf of Weber County, I write to express support for the Indian Trailhead Connection Access Phase of the Ogden Canyon Shared Use Pathway. This pathway fits within the guidelines outlined by the Weber County Cooperative Pathways Master Plan. A pathway through Ogden Canyon will connect the Bonneville Shoreline trail to the Upper Ogden Valley trail system including the Indian Trail, Wheeler Creek, and the South Skyline Trail (Great Western Trail).

Weber County supports efforts to provide multi-use active transportation systems, especially in areas where there are safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists. Utah State Road 39 (SR-39) - the Ogden River Scenic Byway- is a State Scenic Byway and is a highly desirable route to provide an active transportation link between Ogden City/Wasatch Front and the Ogden Valley. However, SR-39 is a narrow, two-lane roadway, with limited shoulders and sight distance, and due to safety concerns, it is presently closed to bicycles, pedestrians, and non-motorized vehicles. Construction of a shared-use pathway along the Ogden River Scenic Byway will provide a safe transportation route for residents to travel via pedestrian or non-motorized means from Ogden to the Ogden Valley without the need to use the road.

Weber County participated in the Ogden Canyon Transportation Use Study performed by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and continues to participate in trail design coordination meetings. Weber County supports efforts promoting the Gateway Trail Access Phase of the Ogden Canyon Shared Pathway. The need for the Indian Trailhead Connection Access Phase of the Ogden Canyon Shared Use Pathway has never been greater as our citizens desire active transportation alternatives and value healthy transportation opportunities for residents of all abilities.

Sincerely,



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