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Governor Herbert opens longest multi-use trail network West of the Mississippi

Communities gather to bike, run and walk the Golden Spoke trail as part of Saturday's celebration

WHAT: Governor Gary R. Herbert, along with several local and regional leaders, will officially recognize the completion of the [Golden Spoke](#) network at a community celebration event this Saturday. The Golden Spoke network offers over 100 miles of safe, connected, paved trails from Ogden to Provo, becoming the longest continuous, multi-use urban trail network this side of the Mississippi, cementing Utah as a national leader in outdoor recreation and active transportation.

The Golden Spoke trail network was created through the cooperative efforts of numerous municipal, county and state agencies, as well as public, private and non-profit entities, over the past 30 years. Several "gaps" in the trail network were finalized in 2017, including the \$6.5 million bridge of the Jordan River Parkway Trail. Utah will continue to prioritize active transportation as federal, state and local leaders have committed over \$200 million in funding over the next five years toward expanding and enhancing this trail network.

Saturday's celebration event is free to the public, thanks to the sponsorship of Intermountain Live Well and SelectHealth. Prior to the Governor's remarks at 2:00 p.m., two group bike rides will leave Ogden and Provo early in the morning, with both meeting at Jordan River Bridge around 1:30 p.m. Additionally, there will be community events hosted along the way. Participants will enjoy family friendly activities in a festival atmosphere with food trucks, music, booths, and more. Though the event is free, it is requested that those interested in attending register at goldenspokenetah.org.

WHEN: Celebration Event held Saturday, June 2 at 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Golden Spoke Trail Network Completion Recognition Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Welcome Remarks by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek

2:05 p.m. Remarks by Governor Gary R. Herbert

2:15 p.m. Remarks by Mayor Ben McAdams, Salt Lake County

2:20 p.m. Remarks by Mayor Mike Caldwell, Ogden City, Wasatch Front Regional Council Chair

2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Media availability for one-on-one interviews

WHERE: Fisher Mansion, 1206 West 200 South, Salt Lake City

WHO:

- Governor Gary R. Herbert
- Mayor Ben McAdams, Salt Lake County
- Mayor Mike Caldwell, Ogden City
- Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek

VISUALS:

- Communities participating in Saturday celebratory activities/rides
- Photos, B-roll and drone footage of the Golden Spoke network
- Map of trail

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