



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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Utah Transportation Agencies Release 2020 Federal Reauthorization Principles

Utah's transportation agencies and partners have jointly developed a set of key principles for multi-year federal transportation reauthorization legislation that reflect Utah priorities, consider the reauthorization principles of key national associations (NARC, AASHTO, and APTA), and keep an eye toward Utah's unique needs. These statewide federal transportation reauthorization principles were developed by and through the Wasatch Front Regional Council and transportation partners including Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, Mountainland Association of Governments, and the state's metropolitan planning organizations. They have also been endorsed by the Utah Transportation Coalition spearheaded by Utah's largest Chamber of Commerce, the Salt Lake Chamber, along with other private sector members. This process is similar to the coordinated approach that agencies within Utah have taken together on legislation in the past.

UTAH'S 2020 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION PRINCIPLES



How is the Wasatch Front Doing? Measuring Centers and Open Space Progress

Last year WFRC produced its initial [State of the Centers](#) report, an effort to track the current status of centers in comparison to the region's shared Vision, [Wasatch Choice 2050](#). Communities can use the State of the Centers report to help determine the extent to which their centers have developed as they envisioned and to assess opportunity areas.

Growth within centers supports one of the key strategies of the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision -

"link economic development with transportation and housing decisions," or "#WhereMatters." Allowing growth in strategic areas of our region - places like metropolitan, urban, city, and neighborhood centers - can yield huge benefits. Expanding or creating new centers can ensure jobs and services are accessible to workforce housing. These centers should grow where they yield large benefits – in places with great multi-modal transportation access. Centered growth helps reduce development pressure on lower-density areas helping to preserve their existing character.

Open Space Analysis

Preserving open space is one of the four key strategies of the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision. Easily accessible parks, open spaces, and recreational opportunities are essential to our quality of life.

Utah is experiencing rapid population growth. How can we balance growth and open space needs? The open space analysis provides data about the current state of open space in Wasatch Front cities.

Communities that are interested in requesting a meeting to discuss the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision should contact Katie Gerard-Nelson, Community Outreach Coordinator, at kgerard@wfr.org, 801-363-4250 x1127.



WFRC is Hiring!

Do you have excellent interpersonal and team building skills? Are you organized and can you work effectively in a fast-paced environment? If so, this job may be what you're looking for! WFRC is hiring for an Administrative Assistant! The Administrative Assistant is an integral part of the WFRC Administrative Group. This position has primary responsibility for serving as the face of WFRC, greeting the public, and providing general administrative support to the staff.

If interested please submit a letter of interest and resume to Amber Gonzales at amber@wfr.org, or mail to Wasatch Front Regional Council, 41 N. Rio Grande Street, Suite 103, SLC, UT 84101, **by Noon, Thursday, March 12, 2020.**

[VIEW JOB DESCRIPTION](#)



Trails Foundation Northern Utah: New Name, New Logo, Same Great Organization!

Weber Pathways is now doing business as Trails Foundation of Northern Utah!

On February 5th, Weber Pathways began doing business as Trails Foundation of Northern Utah. February 5th also marks the 25th year since Weber Pathways was incorporated. Trails Foundation of Northern Utah will build on and expand the positive impact we've been making to the community for 25 years.

Why the new name? Trails Foundation of Northern Utah gives immediate explanation of what they do, the type of business they are and where they do their work.

"Trails" – The product of the business is front and center.

"Foundation" – The type of business is clear. A nonprofit, nongovernment organization.

"Northern Utah" – Where we do our work.

It's About the Trails. It's not about municipal boundaries. It's about connecting geographic areas and connecting communities. It's about connecting people to adventure, useful services and their natural environment.

Their focus will continue to be on projects in Weber County, but they will continue to assist and manage projects in nearby counties as they have been doing in recent years.

For example, they are in the beginning phases of a \$1.6 million project in northern Davis County that includes coordinated work with South Weber City. And, they are kicking off a \$1.1 million project to extend the Pineview Loop Pathway and connect it to Old Snowbasin Road.

Also, in 2020, another construction project will help restore aquatic habitat on the lower Weber River for a sensitive fish species, bluehead sucker. After that phase, a section of the Weber River Parkway trail will be constructed to connect to the Fisherman's Point trailhead in South Weber City. The total cost estimate of this project is \$1.6 million.

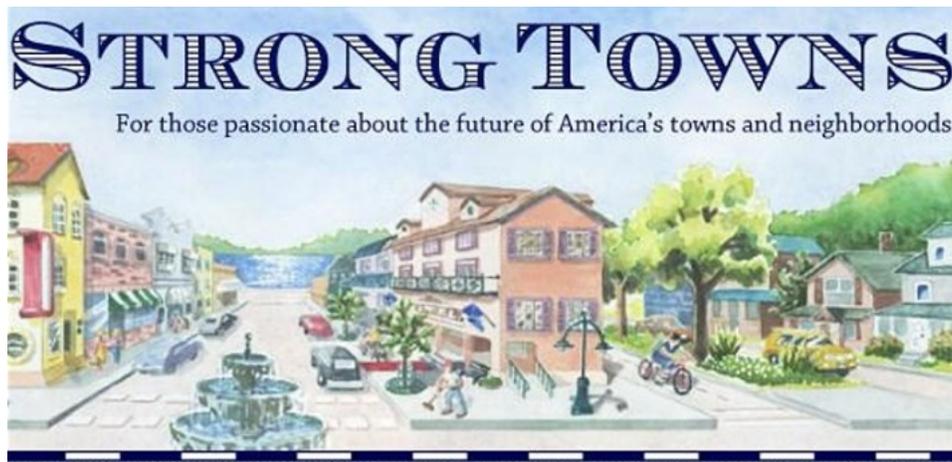
They would like to thank you for your continued support over the years and look forward to continuing their work to help connect communities, create community pride, protect public lands and encourage outdoor recreation and personal well-being.



Seeking Input: North Davis County Active Transportation Plan

North Davis County Active Transportation Plan, which encompasses the cities of Clearfield, Clinton, Sunset, Syracuse, and West Point is seeking public input. Please share your thoughts on walking and bicycling in North Davis County by using the link below to identify challenges and opportunities for active transportation. Thanks for your input!

[ONLINE INPUT MAP](#)



Register Now: Strong Towns Event

Strong Towns is an international movement that's dedicated to making communities across the United States and Canada financially strong and resilient.

Chuck Marohn, President of Strongtowns, will be visiting Provo, Utah for a special event to share his organization's principles on how to build strong, vibrant, and resilient communities.

This event will be of interest to elected officials, city and regional planners, engineers, developers, architects, safe streets advocates, historical preservationists, small business owners, tax and government policy nerds, and anyone else interested in helping make their community stronger.

[REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT HERE](#)

**THE ROAD TO
ZERO**

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Register Now: Pedestrian Summit

THE ROAD TO ZERO STARTS WITH ONE STEP
Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP)

The Pedestrian Summit is an opportunity for planners, engineers, health experts, educators, law enforcement officials and advocates to share experiences, opportunities and successes to improving the pedestrian experience in our communities.

This year's Summit will empower attendees with creative techniques to improve awareness about pedestrians and create a safer pedestrian environment in local communities. The Summit is designed to foster discussion and interaction between presenters and participants on a variety of topics, including safety education programs, engineering, design, health and enforcement. Together we can take a STEP to improve the pedestrian experience.

PEDESTRIAN SUMMIT
TUESDAY, MARCH 31
DAVIS CONFERENCE CENTER
1651 N. 700 W. Layton, UT 84041

Did you know that pedestrians make up 20 percent of all roadway fatalities? Join us for the Zero Fatalities Safety Summit and help bring pedestrian fatalities to ZERO! Select the appropriate ticket types on our registration website for the events you'd like to attend.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
BIKE AND PED SAFETY ADVOCATES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS
TRAFFIC SAFETY ENGINEERS
EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS
HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS
CITY, COUNTY, & STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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