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SALT LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL TRAILS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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Regional Trail Master Plan Update

Purpose

- Update the 1993 Regional Trails Master Plan
- Obtain participation and buy-in from Salt Lake County municipalities, and the various user groups
- Respond to tremendous population growth
- Identify possible north/south and east/west regional trail corridors
- Identify gaps in existing trail corridors and identify potential corridors to close those gaps



Salt Lake County's Responsibility for Trail Planning

The Parks & Recreation Division's mission is to enhance the quality of life for County residents by providing diverse recreational opportunities through its parks, facilities, and recreational programs. The Division is commissioned to provide parks, facilities, and leisure time activities to meet citizens needs for all ages, interests and abilities. The development of trails is consistent with and part of the overall mission and goals.

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Background

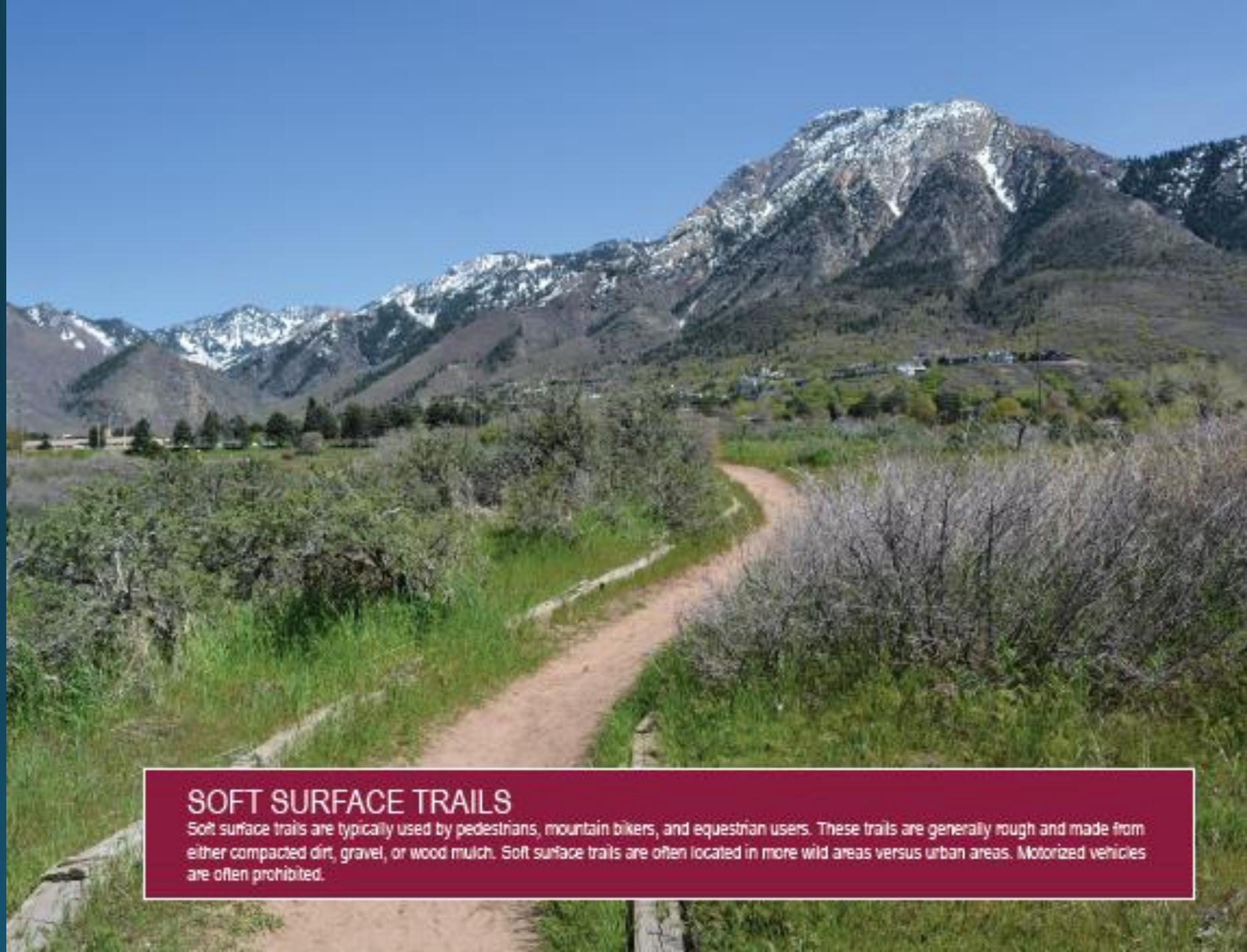
- First Salt Lake County Regional Trails Master Plan completed 1993
- Needs Assessment Surveys completed 2012 and 2017 indicated Salt Lake County residents number one desire was more trails.
- SLCo Parks & Recreation in keeping with its mission to provide regional recreation opportunities gets funding to update the 1993 plan
- **2021 Master Plan Update focus is the same as the 1993 plan, but it expands the number of regional trails and connectivity to local trails.**
- Trail location / selection criteria
 - Should be enjoyable to use
 - Have scenic opportunities, link to natural open spaces
 - Link communities & regional destinations
 - Serve as a non-vehicular transportation route
 - Quality of experience
 - Development feasibility
 - Connections and geographic orientation





MULTI-USE TRAILS

Multi-use trails are a form of infrastructure that support multiple recreation and transportation opportunities; such as walking, cycling, in-line skating, skateboarding and wheelchairs all at the same time. Multi-use paths are generally created out of a smooth hard surface, such as concrete or asphalt. Motorized vehicles are often prohibited.



SOFT SURFACE TRAILS

Soft surface trails are typically used by pedestrians, mountain bikers, and equestrian users. These trails are generally rough and made from either compacted dirt, gravel, or wood mulch. Soft surface trails are often located in more wild areas versus urban areas. Motorized vehicles are often prohibited.



WATER TRAILS

Water trails are marked routes on navigable waterways such as rivers, lakes, canals, and coastlines for recreational use. They allow access to waterways for non-motorized boats and sometimes motorized vessels, innertubes, and other water crafts.

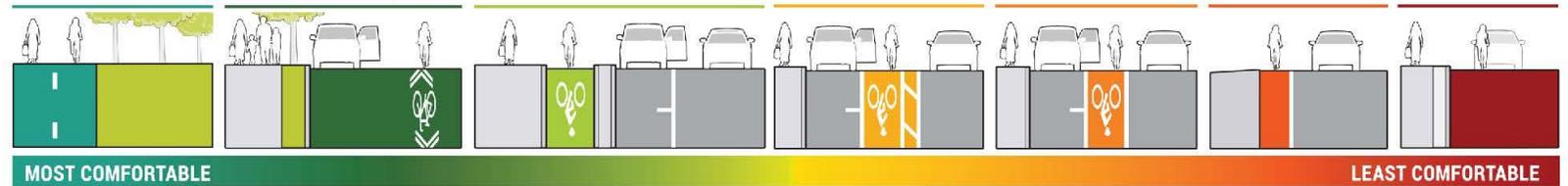
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Trail Types

- Eight trail types developed

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT TYPES

Continued development of the Salt Lake County Regional Trails Master Plan will need to include additional field work to identify the type of trails for all existing trails as well as desired types for proposed trail. Since this work will be part of a future effort, the general goal will be to develop trails with the highest level of comfort based on the Stress Continuum Graphic shown below. You can find more specific descriptions of the Multi-Use Trail types in the coming pages. Each trail will have the type determined by working with the County and/or appropriate jurisdiction to evaluate the existing trail condition if applicable and determine the most feasible and comfortable trail type that can be implemented at the time. In some cases, an intermediate type of trail may be installed before the final condition is feasible.



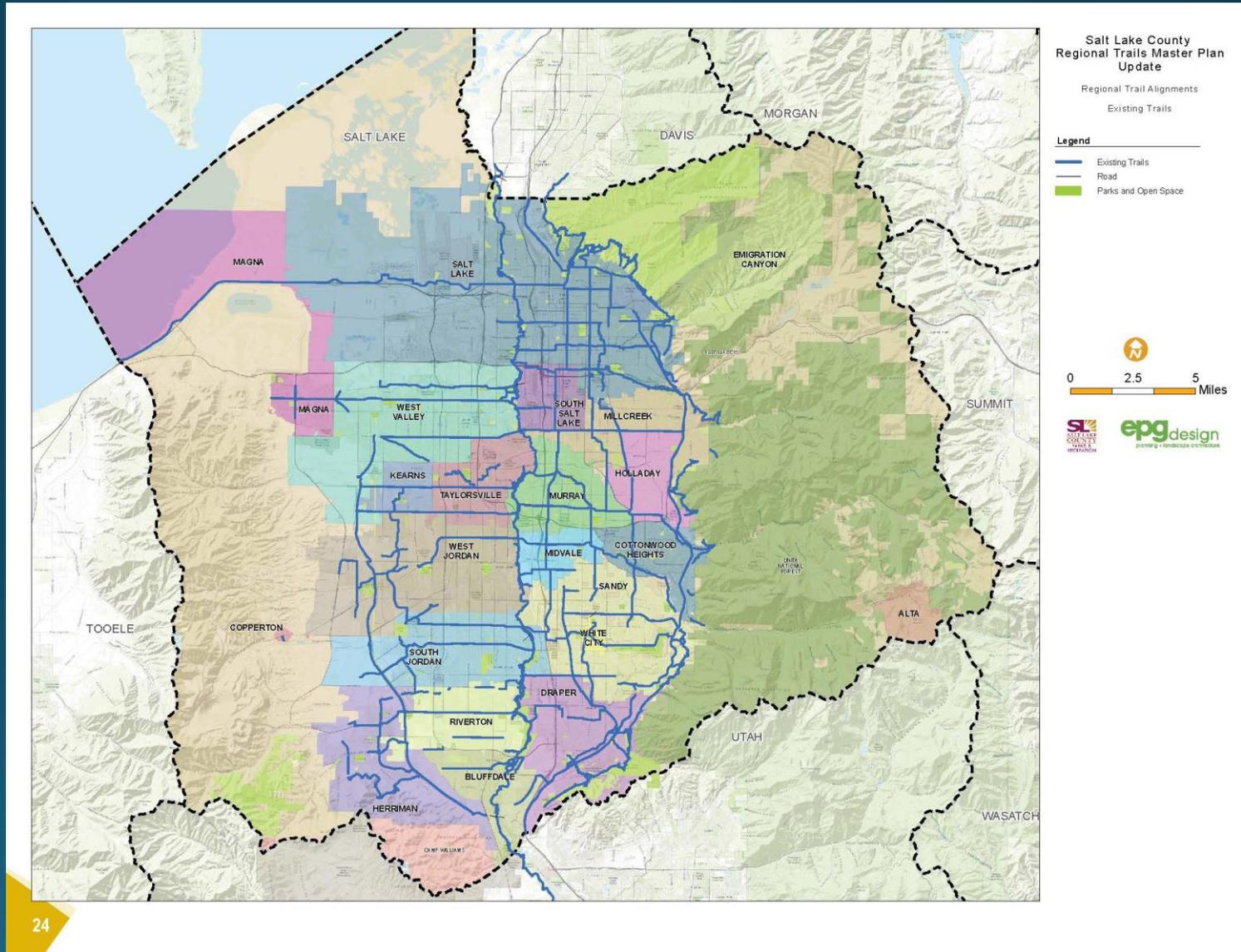
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- TYPE 1 – SEPARATED MULTI-USE PATH
- TYPE 2A – ROADWAY WITH PROTECTED BIKE LANE & SEPARATED MULTI-USE PATH
- TYPE 2B – ROADWAY WITH PROTECTED BIKE LANE & ATTACHED MULTI-USE PATH
- TYPE 3A – ROADWAY WITH BUFFERED BIKE LANE & SEPARATED MULTI-USE PATH
- TYPE 3B – ROADWAY WITH BUFFERED BIKE LANE & ATTACHED MULTI-USE PATH
- TYPE 4A – ROADWAY WITH BIKE LANE AND SEPARATED MULTI-USE PATH
- TYPE 4B – ROADWAY WITH BIKE LANE AND ATTACHED MULTI-USE PATH
- TYPE 5 – SHARED USE SHOULDER

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Existing Trails Map

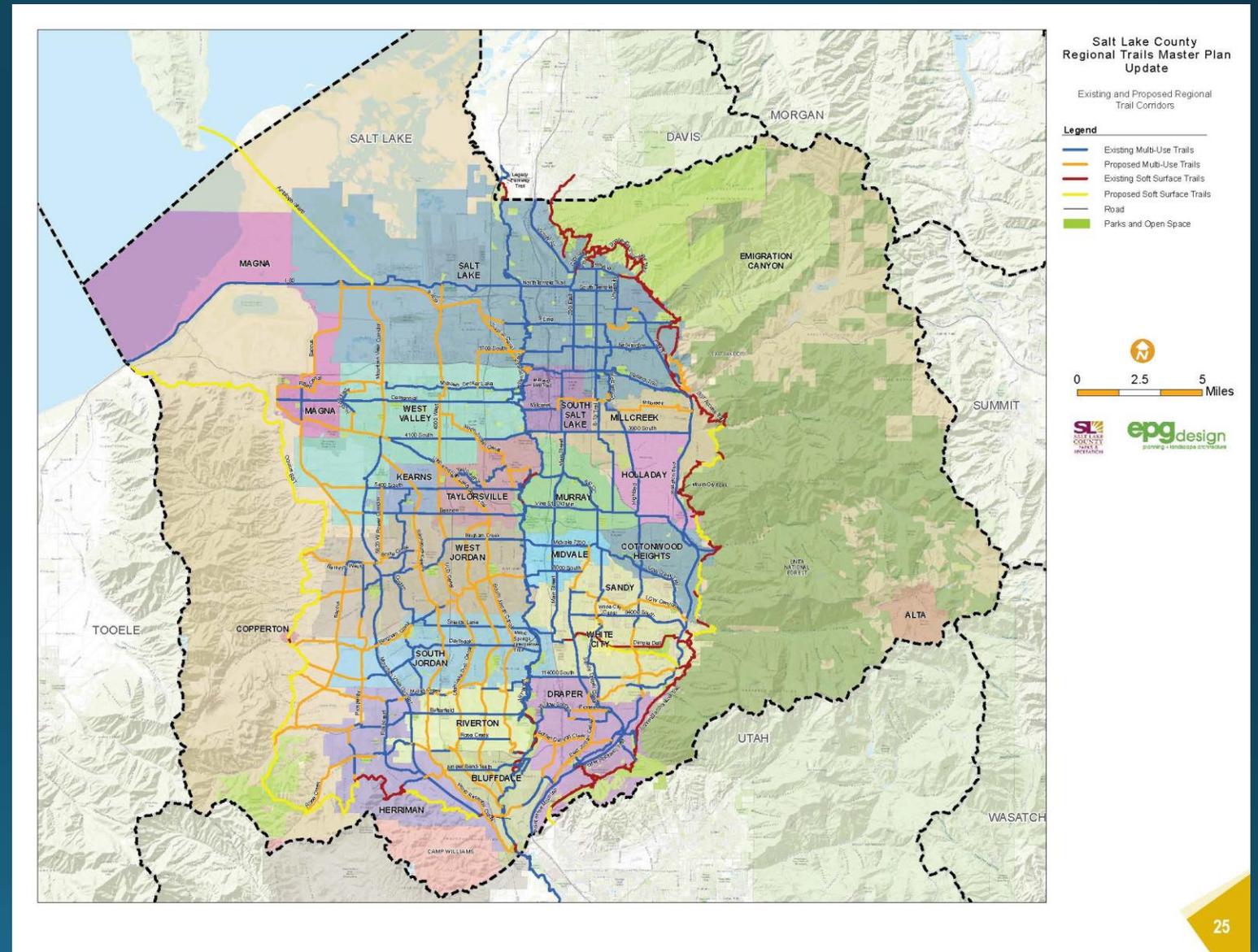
- Primarily north/south trail corridors



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Proposed Trail Map

- North / South Trail Corridors
- East / West Trail Corridors



Next Steps Phase II

- Presented Phase 1 to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Sept 8
- Secure funding for Phase II – 2022 Budget request
- Phase II – Focus on “Soft surface trails” – High Demand
- Foothills
- Forest Service Areas – Working with Forest Service to Update their plan
- Valley Soft Surface
- Incorporate ongoing Butterfield, Rose, Yellow Fork Work into Plan
- Develop Implementation Plan for Phase I & Phase II



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