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11/4/2021 13:59	Linley Baker	Hello Mayor Mendenhall and Councilman Wharton, It has come to my attention that the city is enforcing an ancient ordinance that does not help our community in the 2020's. My neighbors have gotten notice that they need plants in their park strip. The governor and others have encouraged us to reduce our use of water. Zero-scaping the park strip is an excellent way to permanently reduce water required by homeowners every year. I hope that you will stop enforcing the outdated ordinance #21A.48.060.E and replace it with something that actually encourages landscaping that will help our city's water supply going forward. Thanks for your consideration of this important matter. Linley Baker, FSA, MAAA, FLMI, ACS, AIRC, MM	Park strip vegetation
11/4/2021 20:35	Joni Wirts	Dear City Council Members, I was born a Salt Lake City resident and I have enjoyed the Central Wasatch my entire life. I am currently an avid mountain biker and hiker in the trails in and around the Salt Lake Valley. With that being said, I do not want MORE trails being built. Our ecosystems and urban wildlife interface are very sensitive, so careful management of access to our hills is necessary. I support the campaign Save Our Foothills, and I hope you will minimize or eliminate any plans to expand trails in the foothills above Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Your Constituent, Joni Wirts	Foothills Trail System Master Plan

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		I am a long time resident of Salt Lake City and walk the trails near the Popperton Park trails project everyday. I see at least a 6 fold increase in bikers and I am nervous about being hit. Bikes and hikers with animals are a dangerous mix. These bikes are heavy and coming down a trail at 15 miles an hour if they hit you can do a lot of damage to people or dogs walking on the same one lane trail. Please don't encourage any more sharing of trails with more bikes especially electric bike vehicles which are so popular now. Give us a set of trails with only hikers no bikers. Don't put people at risk trying to facilitate everyone on the same one lane trail. Building more of the same only makes the easiest trails over crowded. I ask that you reconsider the current plans to include hiker only trails. Brad Krassner RealVu Inc. Co-Founder I CEO	
11/5/2021 15:32	Brad Krassner	email	Master Plan

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		Hi, I'm a long time user of the foothill trails, using them for over sixty years. The primary problem I'm seeing now is that bicycle use on the trails negatively impacts them. Bicyclists generally use the middle of the trail which over time causes a narrow channel there. This makes it hard to walk on these trails and leads to excessive erosion when it rains or when the snow melts. As a result, hikers start using the side of the trails which of course causes a new trail, which also becomes easier for the biker who starts to use the new trail, and then the same thing starts happening over and over again. We then have wider and wider areas of "trail" which are not only unsightly but cause more erosion and bad feelings among user groups. This is especially true on steep trails where bicyclists go very fast which impacts the trails even more and is very unsafe for the hikers. The result of all this is fewer and fewer hikers and more bad feelings between the groups, and the whole area becoming more of an amusement park and less of a beautiful sanctuary away from the frenetic city. Also, with the advent of E-bikes, I'm seeing more of these on the trails	
		and off the trails because they can go anywhere as they're driven by motors, just like the motor trail bikes of the past which were outlawed because they	
		were trashing the hillsides. E-bikes are motor bikes, just a quieter motor. What is the solution to all this? Well, there has to be restrictions and some trails off limits to bikers, but then you have to have enforcement. If you don't	
		have enforcement, it will never work as people will claim ignorance or "I have	
		the right to do anything I want however it impacts anyone else" vis a vis the vaccination imbroglio. You may want to contact Boulder Colorado and what they've done to broach this issue. I used to live there and they seemed quite	
11/5/2021 16:40	Paul Maurer	forward looking on difficult issues. Good luck and hopefully I'll see you on the trails. Paul Maurer	Foothills Trail System Master Plan

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11/9/2021 12:42	Samantha Finch	Greetings Salt Lake City Council Members, On behalf of the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry & Trails Advisory Board, please accept the attached Letter of Support to pause implementation of the Foothills Trail System Plan pending further review. Pursuant to SLC code Chapter 2.94 section 2.94.060: Powers and Duties, when the Board submits letters to the Mayor such material should also be provided directly to the City Council. Kind regards, Samantha Finch Chair, PNUT Advisory Board of Salt Lake City * See Corresponding Attachment*	Foothills Trail System Master Plan

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Mayor Erin Mendenhall and Salt Lake City Council Members,

We, the Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board (PNUT Advisory Board), unanimously support the City's decision to pause implementation of the Foothill Trails System Plan (hereafter, the Plan). We recognize the positive intentions of both the Plan and the necessity for a pause. While some may be frustrated and some may be celebrating the pause, we agree with you that the pause will allow the City, and independent consultants, to review the process to-date, including both the planning and implementation, since Phase 1 was executed. This pause will enable the City to more fully engage with the multitude of stakeholders, and to review and refine the best practices identified in the plan. We think it wise to review, research and listen in an effort to create the best possible outcome for the foothills ecology and the foothill trail users from all Salt Lake City communities, past, present, and future.

It is our hope that all stakeholders are identified and included in the process moving forward; that wildlife patterns and native plant species are identified and protected; that indigneous peoples' intimations are respected; and that trail alignments can be adjusted and adapted to accommodate the ecological and environmental elements as well as meet the demands of the wide variety of user groups that exist in our community.

We support the hiring of independent consultants to analyze wildlife patterns and ecological impacts; to assess and incorporate citizen and stakeholder feedback; to study existing and projected recreational patterns and needs; and to review and suggest modification of trail alignments and construction methods where appropriate.

We are grateful that you as our elected officials are listening to citizen concerns, the PNUT Advisory Board, and experts to build a world-class, sustainable trail system for Salt Lake City.

Yours sincerely,

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Samantha Finch Chair of the Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board