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8/14/2024 16:53	Margaret Holloway	more tax increases	<p>So now added to the school rebuild bond on the ballot the county is asking for a 503 million dollar bond. on top of your increases in property taxes you're approving tonight. Lets see how well this goes over.... So with your new increased salaries and I am NOT talking about Chris, Sarah and Dan. But the other 4 who feel it is a good idea to add another large raise in the same year. Does this mean you will actually come to the community council meetings in person???? So you can address this . Why did you NOT cut the budget? double impact fees on ALL new large developments. But the RDA will just sell the city out again like they did with the theater... But the dead trees are still standing along with the all the tall weeds along North Temple. If they are DEAD. Take them down. But you don't . You just let it look as junky as can be. I know the city screwed up on 300.wesy and let that stuff die as well.. But please explain to me WHY those dead trees and weeds have not been addressed???? No money in the budget. Really. Seeing how the CITY. Screwed up... The West side has to look at it. Yes we want to see everyone go to their community council meeting in September. You will be getting the money. No excuses. Your staff do not make the money to go... Margaret Holloway</p>
8/14/2024 16:55	Luzmarie Cardenas	Resolutions B1 to B4 today at the 6P meeting on August 13, 2024	<p>Dear council, I am a business owner and resident in the Fairpark area of SLC. I support whole heartedly the approval of grants to provide additional workforce to agencies that assist with the issues impacting our community. I'm especially concerned by what is happening on 800 W between North Temple & 200 West. The loitering is growing by the day, along with overnight camping, drug use, & prostitution, which I have seen on 700 West just feet away from my front door. Please provide us with the funds, support, grants, what ever is possible to help us save our neighborhood. Thank you, Lucy Cardenas</p>
8/14/2024 16:56	Melanie Pehrson Noyce	Just in case my comment cannot be heard in person - CIP support comments	<p>CIP Support Public Comment 8_13_24 I want to express gratitude for the ways the recommended CIP budget is supporting communities through prioritizing community spaces. I'm grateful for the city providing a way for constituents like me with a method to convey my priorities as a west side salt lake city resident through the Constituent CIP process. As a nearly 8 year poplar grove resident, mom of 3 young kids, regular user of the Jordan River Trail, who works and lives in Salt Lake City, who loves this city and my beautiful west side neighborhood and as someone who hopes to have Salt Lake City as a home for me and my family for a very long time, public family focused play space projects are critical. The heart of cities are the living, breathing parks, the respites from busy lives.It's one of the first things I notice, even seek out when visiting a new city. Moms, dads, caregivers, find connection and community support in beautiful, well kept public space,spaces that don't necessarily bode the fanciest facilities and laundry list of amenities, but the spaces that are clearly loved and cared for. Me and many of my neighbors near 600 S and 1000 west look forward to the day that a playground is installed in a currently virtually unused area, which I recently learned was promised a playground years ago from real estate companies in the then new neighborhood. A promise that, like far too many other west side projects, has gone unfulfilled and eventually abandoned. I hope and look forward to seeing the fulfillment of promised projects such as Jordan River improvements, the Glendale Regional Park (now about a year and a half behind schedule), continued commitment to the urban forest on SLC's west side, and other such projects. I ask, make these west side projects a priority for you, our city's leaders & decision makers in the form of tangible outcomes. I look forward to the council showing love and care for the spaces we, the west side residents, including those with families, care for deeply.</p>
8/14/2024 16:57	Scott Narus	<p>Council Meeting, Aug 13: General Comments</p> <p>**Attachment 1 - 1 Page</p>	<p>I spoke during the General Comments portion of the City Council meeting last night, Aug 13. I ran out of time before I could finish my comments on the new water and sewer stabilization fees, but I would like to make my full comments available to the Council. I have attached them to this email. I also sent my comments to our Council representative, Dan Dugan, at his request. Thank you. -scott narus</p>

My name is Scott Narus and I represent a homeowners association located on [REDACTED], just north of [REDACTED] (District 6). I'm here tonight to express our concerns with the new Stabilization Fees added this past month to all City utility bills. The new Fees are flat fees based on the size of a customer's water meter and not actual usage. When our homes were built in 1988, a single, 4-inch water meter was installed to distribute water to all 10 homes in our HOA. Based on our meter size, the added Stabilization Fees for water, sewer and 6% franchise tax total \$790 per month, which equates to \$79 per HOA home per month. A typical single-family home has a ¾-inch water meter, and the new stabilization fees for such homes come to \$18.44 per month. In other words, our homeowners are being asked to pay over 4 times as much as the typical home. Additionally, our HOA's average monthly water, sewer and franchise costs during the preceding 12 months totaled \$918. The \$790 in new charges equates to an 86% increase over what we are already paying, and this is before factoring in newly increased rates for City services. This will result in both a substantial assessment against our homeowners for the remainder of 2024, and a significant increase in our monthly HOA fees in 2025. Most of our HOA residents are retired and on fixed incomes, and this level of increase is unexpected and challenging for personal finances. Let me be clear that we are not asking for special treatment. The impact of the fees is not unique to our HOA. Other small, multi-home groups in the City are severely affected by this new expense, too. Interestingly, the fees charged to us are the maximum amount for any customer with a 3-inch or larger meter. Thus, a larger multi-home association – or business – with the same or larger size water meter has the same new fee amounts as us; this means that an association of 20 homes, for example, would pay half as much as us per home. I find it hard to believe that the Council would impose such an increase knowing the relatively large and inequitable nature of these new fees. The City's own explanation for the new fee methodology says it was based on sustainability and equity goals, but, as I have explained, these goals have been ignored. The added expenses will lead to growing unaffordability for all homeowners in our situation. Therefore, we are asking the Council to either suspend the fees or set a temporary maximum fee increase based on current use, until a more thorough impact analysis is performed. We also request that the City provide correspondence as soon as possible on intent to address this issue so that everyone impacted will know if it is being considered. Thank you.

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8/14/2024 16:59	Lucy Gelb	comment regarding raising the city council compensation	Hello, I am writing today in support of raising pay for city council. I think it is important that people from all backgrounds are able to serve in city council and that pay should not be what keeps the most qualified person from running. I also believe that if we want the best to represent us we should pay them what they are worth, not try to underpay and hope that people are willing to make personal sacrifices to serve their community. If we want the best we have to pay for it. Thank you, Lucy Gelb
8/19/2024 9:56	Tana Hunter	Trail through Bonneville golf course	It would be nice to have a way for people on bikes and walking to get through Bonneville golf course from Wasatch Drive to Foothill. I know there was a study about this a while ago, but nothing was done. When we could be a connector from the end of the Michigan Ave., Circle through the edge of the golf course. Another way could be through the back of the tennis courts down the gully and through to Foothill. thank you for taking this into account.
8/19/2024 16:45	Kathryn Wright	Funding for Memory Grove	I am hoping there will be support for funding for improvements in Memory Grove and City Creek Parks which are well used by citizens and visitors. I'm particularly concerned about the monuments which need refurbishing, landscaping in several areas and safety on the west switchbacks leading to and from East Capital Boulevard. Kathryn Wright
8/20/2024 12:45	NeedsFirstName Anonymous	Homeless Housing Issue	I am writing this mail to you with a possible resolution in mind for housing the homeless population in Salt Lake City. It has been brought to my attention that 4 elementary schools in the city were closed at the end of this past school year. Those schools have many independent rooms for classes, restrooms, kitchens, and heating systems. Security should also be easily made available. Parking for staff should not be a problem either. Why not use the recourses already available to you, instead of building new and expensive buildings? Concerned Civil Servant
8/20/2024 16:48	Camille Erickson	Rezoning at the mouth of emigration canyon	Hi Kristina, I'm a resident in SL County and have grave concerns about a rezoning application that is going to the City's Planning Commission for higher density housing at the mouth of Emigration Canyon. The road has long been studied and this type of rezoning would only add to the risks on that road as well as to the residents in that canyon. There are a number of events that close one lane of traffic each year, along with it being a regular cycling route for cyclists. The road is at capacity and there aren't currently any public transit options near the area that would justify more density. Please be wise in considering this location as the zoo and craft markets at this is the place monument are also City attractions that create congestion in the area. The natural landmarks don't allow for widening or changing the road drastically. Camille Erickson
8/21/2024 16:51	Kelsey Reynolds	Written opinion poll	Hi, I would like to express my extreme disinterest in city council receiving a 35% pay increase on top of their new \$212000 salary. An increase that follows inflation would be more reasonable, but 35% is absurd. I've worked full time as a RN in salt lake county for 5 years and the most I've ever been given as a raise is 2% a year. Until city council actually solves SLC inflation and housing crisis then they do not deserve a raise. They are bought out and their greed has been their first interest before the publics. Kelsey Reynolds

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8/21/2024 16:53	David Ittis 1/2	Sports Entertainment District Agreement Needs Additional Stipulations for a better Sports Entertainment District	<p>Dear Sen. McCay, Sen. Cullimore, Rep. Moss, Rep. Hawkins, and Mr. Pierpont, I'm writing to ask that you get a better deal for Utah's taxpayers and for Salt Lake City with the Sports entertainment district. The general idea of the Sports and Entertainment District could be great for SLC. I think keeping the Jazz and the Utah Hockey Club sound great. However, we know from many studies that cities don't often get a true benefit from this. So, let's make this better. It's a contract after all and SEG doesn't seem to have too many obligations here. I do not understand why you cannot stipulate more from SEG in the contract. They are getting \$900M of our money yet they seem to have few obligations other than the current zoning in place. The following provisions need to be added to the contract: 1. Better metrics on free tickets to low income people. Not just 'various games' but all games. 2. Include a non-car transportation plan/Travel Demand Management program. The traffic study that was included is for cars only and is really unacceptably bad. There's no mention of TRAX, Bus, FrontRunner, Walking, Biking, or reducing parking (which thus incentivizes more sustainable transportation). Non-car transportation needs to be spelled out in the contract. SLC has had a commitment to sustainability- this contract does not hold true to that. 3. NBA and NHL provisions are spelled out. What if we get a WNBA team, women's hockey, arena football, or other big time sport? There needs to be contingencies for this too. 4. Some sort of plan for the Salt Palace. Just giving SEG control of this seems like a bad plan. Stipulations are needed. 5. The low-income housing surcharge is great, but not tied to inflation or anything. Now it sounds like a good bit of money, but in 20 years? Not so much. Please tie this to inflation and cost of living index. 6. There's little in the agreement that I see about ensuring public access and right of way to spaces that are currently public. SLC made this mistake when they sold a block of Main Street years ago and this space is not 24/7 public space. Please don't repeat this mistake. Current public spaces need to be kept public 24/7. 7. There is no sustainability requirement. They really need to agree to higher building standards and alternative energy use (solar etc) as part of the construction process. SLC has had a commitment to sustainability- this contract does not hold true to that. 8. With the Olympics coming in 2034, it should be part of the contract that SLC can use the facilities for the Olympics at no cost for renting the facilities. 9. The plans show nothing about a bike path or bike lanes on 300 W to N. Temple. There's some vague mention of this, but no requirement. This needs to be part of the contract. 10. There's little mention of bike facilities on any of the other roads leading to the Entertainment District. Please include those. 11. The contract has nothing about requiring bike parking on the facilities. There is currently no bike parking at the Delta Center.</p>
8/21/2024 16:53	David Ittis 2/2	CONTINUED!! Sports Entertainment District Agreement Needs Additional Stipulations for a better Sports Entertainment District	<p>Since the renovations would be just that, there would be no zoning requirement to add bike parking since it's not a new construction project. Please include this so that people can more easily get to the Arena in a sustainable fashion. 12. A requirement for a percentage of locally owned businesses in the Entertainment District. 13. No destruction of Abravenal Hall. This should be a stipulation. Yes, I'm aware that this is an SLC facility. 14. No heliport - this should be a stipulation. While there are no plans for one, this should be permanently off the table. 15. Not a strong enough contract that would prevent the teams from leaving. 16. There is only the possibility of 2 SLC run public events from May 1 to September 15. This is problematic since it's only about 1/3 of the year and thus misses out on events during other times that the city might want to promote. And, it does not include February which is when the Olympics would be here. Why not have this be one per month for the entire year? These are just a few of the omissions that I found in a first reading of the contract. I'm sure that there are more, but these are glaring omissions and need to be corrected. We all want SLC to be vibrant, sustainable, and open. Please ensure this by updating the agreement. Thank you, Dave Ittis Salt Lake City resident Cycling Utah</p>

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8/22/2024 10:37	Mark Michelsen	Raise???? D1	In these economic times where so many people are just trying to keep their head above water, you want a raise equivalent to most of your constituents yearly pay? For a part time job? You should be ashamed! I guess that politics corrupts . I had hoped that it would have taken longer for you to go to the dark place you seem to be in. So I guess you have become a politician. Congratulations. I guess that you have adopted the phrase "Hurray for me and to hell with you"
8/22/2024 16:19	Aaron London	Release funding for foothill trails	As a Salt Lake City resident who hikes and cycles the Foothills Trail system I urge you to release the funding now and finally resume development.
8/22/2024 16:21	Alessandro Rigolon	Please resume the implementation of the foothill trail plan	Dear Council, The implementation of the foothill trail master plan had been delayed long enough. Salt Lakers deserve a great trail system. I am frustrated by the delayed, which have been triggered by a small vocal minority to which the city has given disproportionate attention. Time to build the trails. Conducting studies after studies won't placate people who don't want trails in their backyard. Sincerely, Alessandro Rigolon
8/22/2024 18:23	Felix Leung	Please expand SLC trails per the Master Plan!	I would like to write in support of the expansion of the Foothill trail system and the implementation of the master plan. As a citizen who has lived in the Avenues from 2006 until recently, the expansion of our trail system has been exciting and long overdue! The new trails are fantastic, and I have been enjoying them immensely with my kids. Salt Lake has world-class recreation, but it hasn't had a world-class trail system to match. Now it can! I am concerned that a small vociferous minority may be successful in continuing to halt further trail development. I can personally attest that these trails are more popular than ever, and the new trails are a big reason for this. Sadly, the old trail system is not sustainable. Many trails went straight up hills and became terribly eroded over the years. In addition, (mostly) hikers made more and more unofficial, unsustainable "wildcat" trails that have multiplied as our population has grown. Having new separate biking and hiking trails has also diminished confrontations as well. And I feel that the main threat to our foothills is not a new network of trails—it's climate change. We need to keep our recreation local. People move to SLC for our world-class recreation. If we don't have a commensurate world-class trail network, people will continue to go elsewhere—the Cottonwoods, Draper, Park City—to seek out trails and emit tons of carbon dioxide as they drive to do so. As a SLC high-school mountain bike coach, I feel that we have to travel much further than need be to access suitable trails. It has been more discouraging to see trails continuing to expand in the foothills of North Salt Lake, Bountiful, Millcreek, and Draper but not in Salt Lake proper. Please continue the great work you all are doing and continue to expand our trails. I hope that you do not let a vocal minority dissuade you from doing so.
8/23/2024 9:18	Graham Rex	Please provide funding for trails	Please provide funding for trail expansion. I recreate in the foothills almost daily and I would love to see some new trails. I support creating separate hiking and mountain biking trails (especially creating downhill-only biking trails—this makes mountain biking safer both for bikers and hikers). I would love to see an off-leash dog area, too.
8/23/2024 9:25	Laurel D	Raised Crosswalks	Hi Dan, How would I go about recommending raised crosswalks on St. Mary's Way and Vista View Drive (84108) as shown in the picture? This is for traffic slowing and safer pedestrian crossings. Thanks, Laurel Hello Laurel. Thank you for your message. Our city transportation division manages requests like this. I would recommend reaching out to them at transportation@slcgov.com or 801-535-6630. I will also be sure to keep this on my radar.

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8/23/2024 9:27	Steve Verno	CIP Grant- Harvey Milk Neighborhood Visibility	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members- I am writing as the applicant for the Harvey Milk Neighborhood Visibility CIP Grant Proposal. We appreciate the support of the council on this project and realize that our project is large in scope with many considerations. As I mentioned when I attended your council meeting last month, we realize it may not be possible to fund everything on our wish list but ask for your support as budget allows to partially fund our project. As a reminder, below is a breakdown of the budget for our request. I would highlight the first two items, as our priorities for the project, and what we feel will have the most immediate impact to provide visibility for our community, and where we have some sources of outside funding to help, placing banners on the arms/poles, if provided by the CIP. Salt Lake City encourages and welcomes all residents and visitors to embrace our LGBTQ+ Community with equality and unity and provide a place to enjoy life and live and work in peace, safety, and love. Providing additional visibility creates a crucial sense of individual belonging and security for LGBTQ+ people. It is also important to show tourists and visitors that Salt Lake City, is a vibrant diverse community and a wonderful place to visit and live. In our current political environment, it is even more critical that we recognize and provide visibility to our marginalized communities and represent our city as a safe and welcoming space for all people. Thanks again for your continued support. Total Funding Requested 27 Banner/Arm Posts \$1100 (Banners Funded Privately) \$ 29,700.00 1-3 Stand Alone Artwork Projects- \$75-\$100,000 Each \$ 236,800.00 23 Bike Racks \$1000 Each \$ 23,000.00 23 Bike Racks \$500 Installation \$ 11,500.00 23 Bike Racks- Artist Commission \$3500 \$ 80,500.00 15 Benches \$3900 \$ 58,500.00 15 Benches- Artist Commission \$4000 \$ 60,000.00 Total Requested \$ 500,000.00 Working for a fair and just Utah, Steve Steve Verno Board Chair</p>
8/23/2024 9:42	Ned Skanchy	Foothills Plan Evaluation and Recommendations Report	<p>I am writing to encourage the Council to remove the existing hold on the trail construction funding. I use the Foothill Trail system multiple times a week biking, hiking and trail-running by myself and with my kids. We love the new trails at Parley's Point. Improving and expanding the trail system is important for making it easy for all residents and especially the kids to get out and enjoy nature. For our kids: -More time on trails means less time in front of screens; -More time on trails means healthier kids, both physically and mentally. -More time on trails builds a love of nature and a desire to preserve our natural resources for the future. Please remove the hold and move forward without delay.</p>
8/23/2024 9:53	Eric Kraan	Vision Zero City **Attachment 2 - 1 Page	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall, Your kind attention regarding the attached letter from the membership of Sweet Streets is greatly appreciated. Kind regards, Eric Kraan Sweet Streets. Board Member. cc: SL City Council.</p>
8/23/2024 9:56	Kevin Pferdner	BST and Foothill Trails	<p>I understand there was a pause on implementing and building additional trails in our foothills. I am in full support of trail construction funding should be released, allowing Public Lands to continue implementing the Foothills Trail System Plan. I know this plan is already in place and needs to be implemented, but I just want to say that I am supportive of multi user trail systems that allow multi use and multi directional trails with the addition of uphill only and downhill only routes for mountain bikers. Granted that the downhill only trails are for bikes only and the uphill routes are multi-use. Thank you for supporting and being aggressive about creating new trails in our foothills which are a huge benefit to all in the Salt Lake Valley and connecting counties. Sincerely, Kevin Pferdner</p>



8/21/2024

Mayor Erin Mendenhall
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Dear Mayor Mendenhall,

Sweet Streets, your community partner, is seeking an update on the progress the city has made towards becoming a Vision Zero City. On January 11th, 2023 you proclaimed that the city, through its Vision Zero Task force, would [create a strategic plan, engage with the community, and develop proactive policy focused on generating the changes necessary to succeed.](#)

Sweet Streets acknowledges the process set up by the [Vision Zero Network](#), and we support the idea that success relies on your office's commitment to "centering equity and community engagement throughout" every step of this process. Therefore, it is becoming increasingly concerning to us that there has been, no action plan released despite more than 18 months since your announcement and no attempt by any department or agency of the city to reach out and engage with your community partners, offer any transparency regarding the planning process, task-force meetings, or allow community partners a seat at the table throughout any steps the city has taken since the winter of '23.

The community is ready to work with you and your staff on behalf of shifting the city's safety paradigm and help us all see the day when no person is seriously injured or killed in our streets ever again. Your leadership and willingness to work with your community partners will ensure this becomes a reality. For this reason we kindly request an update on the progress the city has made so far towards achieving its Vision Zero goals.

Sincerely,

The Board Membership,
Sweet Streets, SLC.

CC: SL City Council

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8/23/2024 10:04	Martha Wunderli	Council decision on planning commission's recommendation	Dan, I may have missed this in your newsletter, so excuse me. Has the council made a decision on the rezoning request that was unanimously rejected by the planning commission and forwarded to council? The condo coalition is in the process of planning our next meeting. This topic was raised by several of the condos. Thanks so much! Martha Wunderli President Management Committee Canyon Crest Homeowners Association
8/23/2024 10:06	Marcus Wright	CIP Application Funding	Hello Councilmember Dugan, My name is Marcus Wright, a SLC and Central Ninth / Ball Park neighborhood resident, and I am writing to you to ask and encourage you to support funding for two CIP applications that I think would be a good investment for the city and have a broad positive impact on their communities. The first is the Fayette Avenue Street Improvements. This is an innovative project that is badly needed to improve Fayette Avenue and make it usable. Living near this stretch of road I can attest to how chaotic and unsafe it feels to traverse this street on foot or bike, which is a major artery in the neighborhood for all types of traffic. There is no sidewalk or lighting in the area, which makes walking down the street feel like the only option. There is underutilized land on the street that this project takes advantage of and upgrades, it also completes upgrades that have already been partially completed on the street and creates block long continuity with sidewalks and lighting. With hundreds of new apartments, residents, business and investments in the Central Ninth and Ballpark neighborhoods, this project is the perfect opportunity for the city to also invest and support this neighborhood, existing residents, and innovative zoning. The second project is Harvey Milk Boulevard Visibility. 900 South named after Harvey Milk is the perfect location to publicly support and highlight our City's vast LGBTQ+ community. This seems especially important with hostile national politics and local incidents of pride flags being vandalized within a block of 900 South. I would love to see the city step up in this way! I also believe this complements the brand new 9 Line trail and would be a boon and draw to business of all sorts along the street. Please consider funding in any way possible. Thank you for your time, Marcus Wright
8/23/2024 10:38	Zak Randell	Please continue with the Foothills Trail System Master Plan!	I am an Avenues resident that regularly uses the trails that have been completed to date under the Foothills Trail System Master Plan. They are a huge asset and have held up incredibly well over the past few years - in other words the concerns expressed about the "construction methods" of these trails appear to be completely unfounded. The full Foothills Trail System Master Plan has been held up for 3+ years by a vocal, anti-progress minority of Avenues residents. It is frankly disappointing that the Council bought into idea that we needed to "Save Our Foothills" when exactly what they needed saving from was never clear to me (and many of my neighbors). To me, the resistance to the Plan was NIMBYism, plain and simple. As time has gone, not having a comprehensive plan has done more harm than good as users continue to use social trails, including some mostly completed trails in the Plan (at the top of Dry Creek for example). It is time to move forward with the Foothills Trail System Master Plan and continue building a world class trail system right in the heart of our city!

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8/23/2024 10:39	Zane Randell	In Support of Trail Development	<p>Please accept this message in support of trail development in the Foothills. One of the key components of the master plan, that I believe is integral to accessibility and usability of the Foothills Trail System is the development of trails and specifically, the development of use-specific trails. While I understand that there are concerns about building downhill bike trails, and how that impacts hiking users of the trail system, I believe strongly that the development of downhill only trails is integral to the future development of this area. As is the case at many nearby recreation areas (Corner Canyon and Park City, for example) having downhill only bike trails increases the safety and accessibility of all users. The foothills area is used extensively by both cyclists and hikers. While hikers may be uncomfortable with being told they cannot use a downhill mountain biking trail, to neglect the benefits of downhill only trails is to neglect that cyclists regularly use this area. Since cycling has been, and will continue to be, a significant use of this area, I believe that the best way forward is to acknowledge that and plan accordingly. Furthermore, the population of Salt Lake City is growing quickly, with one of the large appeals to many moving to the area is the accessibility of outdoor pursuits to the city. Expanding the trail system will increase this access and provide greater good to a greater number of users. I understand the concerns from residents of the area that the trails they know are changing, however I am concerned that these objections are made by a small group of people whose concerns are narrow in scope, failing to understand the value of public lands to the more general public. While demands for more thorough environmental impact assessments may appear to be well-meaning, I believe this is a tactic may simply be used to delay the project or reduce its feasibility.</p>
8/23/2024 10:43	Jeff N Whitbeck	Implementation of Foothills Trails System Plan	<p>Kudos to the Department of Public Lands for doing the necessary due diligence concerning the assessment of Phase I and for developing a framework for next steps. I encourage the council to remove the pause on funding so that Public Lands can move forward with the much-needed trail construction. I also look forward to learning more about increased opportunities for public engagement with the planning and maintenance of trails.</p>
8/23/2024 10:52	James Ritchey	Please Continue expanding Foothill trail system	<p>I purchased my home on Terrace Hills in January 2018. A big part of why we choose to purchase this home was due to the trail network in the area. My family loves hiking, walking our dog, running and mountain biking on these trails. We would very much love the trails and would like to continue to see them further developed. We've also very much enjoyed the dedicated trail designations to keep mountain bikes on and off certain trails to improve safety along with the updated signage. Though I would like to see more permeate signage as there are people that love to rip the signs out for whatever reason. It would also be nice if our trail system would update the trail etiquette right of way that other states have been adopting successfully, where all downhill traffic needs to yield to all uphill traffic. It's a very simple and safe way for all trail users to use the trails and be respectful to each other. Lastly, as I'm getting older the class 1 e bikes are becoming more desirable as a mode of using the trails. Class 1 e bikes are no more dangerous than regular mountain bikes, as they are pedal assist only. If you're not pedaling, you're not moving and at the end of the day it's more about faster cadence to climb through challenging trail conditions than speed. The class 2 & 3 with their throttles do pose more danger as users can accelerate quickly without effort and should not be allowed. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
8/23/2024 10:55	Shane Wright	recommendations for the Foothill Trails	<p>Yes, release the funding to build more trails. I use the trails multiple times a week, the current trails are well used more are needed to further disperse the traffic. The most recent trails are great, it would be nice to see more hiking and mtb specific trails added to the system.</p>

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8/23/2024 10:57	Scott Hannay	Please remove the hold on the foothill trail system development	As a long time SLC resident and outdoor lover, I urge you to continue the development of the Foothill Trail System. Other trail systems (Draper, Muller, Farmington, etc.) are proof that these are valuable additions to our community. Please continue developing and funding new trails in the SLC foothills.
8/23/2024 11:29	Ryan OMahony	SLC Foothills Master Plans	Hello, I have been following the SLC Foothills Master Plan since 2015 and I was really excited when the City started working on expanded and improving the much needed trail network. Although there have been some improvements since they were put on hold, I think it would add so much value to the community to move forward with the plan. I recreate in the SLC trails 3-4 days a week and every fall/spring it becomes dangerous with the volume of trail users. We need to increase the capacity of these trails to match the growth of the city. Please build more trails. Sincerely, Ryan O'Mahony (Avid Hiker and Biker)
8/23/2024 12:09	Paul Boyden	Foothills Plan Evaluation and Recommendations Report	I would like to encourage the Council to remove the existing hold on trail construction funding. I am a 40-year resident of SLC and very regular user of the system as a mountain biker, hiker and trail runner, both on my own and with family. We have loved the expansions that are in place including 19th Ave, the Avenues Ridge, Parley's Point and the Grandeur Peak to Pipeline extension. Certainly, separating downhill bike traffic makes it more fun for all users. I feel like the original plan, while perhaps needing minor adjustments and optimization, was well thought-out and will ultimately be a major boon for the community. I do hope there are provisions included to help enforce the dog-leashing rules that are already in place (but which are universally violated). Nothing interrupts a great trail flow more readily or more often than even a well-meaning and well-behaved dog blocking the trail and investigating other users.
8/23/2024 12:13	Bert Granberg	Support for Moving SLC Foothill Trails System projects and funding forward	I noticed that the the Council is taking a straw poll at its meeting next week on whether to release the hold on construction funding for projects in the SLC Foothills Trail System Plan. Please take any action to move forward trail construction and maintenance. "Yes in our backyard," we've waited long enough. The Plan represents a great opportunity to make much needed improvements and additions to our cherished city trails resource that accessible without requiring a long drive. The trails investment will pay dividends for generations -- children, adults, seniors who hike, bike, dog-walk, and otherwise enjoy appreciating, connecting, and unwinding together in the context of our natural surroundings -- and for generations to come.
8/23/2024 12:14	Laura Martins	continuing delays in trail construction constitute a safety hazard	I regularly use the shoreline trail system between North Salt Lake and Dry Creek Canyon canyon by mountain bike. I am always respectful to other trail users and give the right-of-way to hikers and runners. We have been promised trail improvements since 2020 and the City Council has failed to deliver on this promise. The current plan includes useful tasks that should have been completed years ago. In it's current form, the Shoreline Trail system is a safety hazard. I have been bitten twice (Morris Meadows and Dry Creek) and chased once by an off-leash dog (Morris Meadows). My impressions are that people on mountain bikes can be threatening to dogs and that they act in ways to protect their humans. There are no signs indicating that dogs are required to be on leash. These instances would have been avoided if trails separating hikers/dog walkers and bikers were in place. I recommend prohibiting dogs on the shoreline trail until new trails are constructed and improving signage to include the requirement for dogs to be leashed. Thank you for your consideration.

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8/23/2024 13:14	Anonymous Constituent	Foothills Trails	To a degree, inclusivity seems to have fallen out of favor nationally. It has not in the National Interscholastic Cycling Association. Many schools around Salt Lake City and County use the Salt Lake City foothills trail to bring children who may otherwise be excluded from many social and sporting activities to a Jr. High and High School club. In recently years, we have seen an escalation of conflicts between various types of trail users and feel strongly that dedicated trails (such as those which were planned) will help alleviate this stress. No longer can nearby residents claim the Foothills trails as their own backyard. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail system must be expanded to include a greater number of trail users while working to avoid conflict between hikers, bikers, runners, dog walkers, and other lovers of the outdoors. As a former Salt Lake City resident, current Salt Lake County resident, trail user, high school mountain bike coach, and longtime BST trail user, I URGE the Salt Lake City Council to release the funds set aside for the proper development of Salt Lake City Trail systems.
8/23/2024 13:45	Anonymous Constituent	Expand Foothill Trails!	We need to expand the Foothill trails! They are incredible trails and it is such a shame that they were preciously shutdown expansion.
8/23/2024 13:59	Chuck Sharp	foothill plan evaluation and recommendations report	It's time to release the funding for the trails project. This shouldn't have been delayed. Population is growing, people are in the foothills and more are coming. Have sustainable trails is the only option. It's also what is best for the health of the community. Let's make it happen. Don't let a vocal few outweigh what is needed for our city.
8/23/2024 14:25	Jim Steenburgh	Foothills trail system plan	I am writing concerning the Foothills Trail Project. I am a 28 year resident of the Avenues who has recreated (hiking, mountain biking) in the Foothills since 1995. I can remember the area before there was a Bonneville Shoreline Trail and I recreate on the new trails that were constructed several years ago. It is my understanding that the Salt Lake City Council will be presented with findings and recommendations from the Department of Public Lands at a work session on Aug 27. It is also my understanding that there will be a straw poll at the meeting to determine if the construction funding should be released, allowing public Lands to continue implementing the Foothills Trail System Plan. I am writing to express my strong support for the release of funds to continue construction of the Foothills Trail System Plan. The new trails added a few years ago have proven enormously popular. As a hiker and a mountain biker, I appreciate the segregation of user groups for many trail segments. It is a tremendous resource for the community with recreational users spanning all age groups and should be completed as soon as possible. Sincerely, Jim Steenburgh
8/23/2024 14:27	Ashley Patterson	Foothills Trail Plan funding release	To the SLC Council: Thank you so much for prioritizing trails and outdoor recreation in your budget. I use trails most of the year and generally use them about 5 times per week. I have absolutely loved the new trails that were built a couple of years ago. I mountain bike, run, and hike alone and with friends. I love being able to access a variety of trails without having to drive up a canyon or just having a very short drive. I have watched the process with the consultants and am pleased with what they've done to point out best practices in terms of trail alignments, directional trails, signage, trailheads, etc. The responsible staff in the Parks Division has been responsive to constituents and worked hard to keep communication open and transparent. The fact that SLC is a landowner of foothill property is such a great opportunity to offer residents recreation immediately adjacent to their city. I hope you have been able to enjoy the new trails and will vote today to release the funding to continue the new trail construction.
8/23/2024 14:31	Benjamin Bigwood	Foothill bike trail expansion	I am reaching out as a member of the bike community to ask that we please try and push through to make these plans happen. I have been riding these trails my whole life and each new one makes such a difference. Thanks Benjamin Bigwood
8/23/2024 14:33	Bryan elias Hull	Foothills trail system plan	Release the funds and start building trails ASAP!

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8/23/2024 14:35	Ezra Thomas jones	SLC trails	<p>Hello Council members and to whom it may concern, As a resident of Salt Lake City's Avenues neighborhood for over 30 years. I need to tell you how important the trails system in the foothills is to my family, my quality of life and the community of this city. We use the trails all the time. Not a week goes by when one of us is not by foot, with our dog, or by bike, using those trails. After all of these years of use, and seeing the spiderwebbing of extra trails and the erosion it caused, I was thrilled when the master plan was developed and was started to be implemented in 2020. I was very disappointed when a few people with reactionary, unrealistic views of the trail system made some noise and the plan was paused. The growth in the number of people using the trail system is huge and that will continue to grow into the future. Without the full implementation of the trail master plan, development and implementation of future master plans and full signage and enforcement, ecological damage is being done, conflicts are arising on the trails and traffic is being concentrated in certain areas. Developed trails are a benefit for all residents of Salt Lake. Establishing designated trails for bikes, dogs and hikers within a multi use system reduces conflict and enhances enjoyment, and quality of life. (19th avenue bike trail is excellent!) I urge you to release the pause, finish the master plan and continue budgeting for planning and development of the trail system into the future. Sincerely Ezra Thomas Jones</p>
8/23/2024 14:37	Michael Yount	Foothill Trail System Plan	<p>Dear Chris and Council, I am an Avenues resident writing in support of resuming the Foothill Trails System. I am a regular trail user, both by bike and foot. While Phase 1 may have had some minor issues, it was a huge step in the right direction by separating users and creating both pedestrian-only and downhill-only trails. Despite complaints, it seems the number of new trail miles built for each user were equitable. Clearly some of the loudest opposition voices came from Upper Avenues residents who are frustrated by cars parked on their street. That problem isn't going away by stalling the expansion plan. One way to alleviate this would be to invest in more trailheads and designated parking. In terms of trail expansion, it's critical. The growth in the city isn't slowing down. People move to Salt Lake City for the rare combination of urban life and easy outdoor access. Trying to stifle trail use by shutting down trail construction is simply short-sighted. Hikers and bikers are going to use the system regardless, but the status quo is only creating trail congestion and increased conflict. Look at cities that are building great in-town trail networks — Boise, Duluth, Ketchum, even Draper! They've embraced expansion to spread out users all while doing so with minimal impact on the environment. Salt Lake City has the perfect opportunity to expand its reputation as a dynamic, thriving city with second-to-none outdoor recreation opportunities. But the current trail system isn't keeping pace with the city's needs. Let's move forward and get some shovels in the dirt! Best, Michael Yount --</p> <p>Michael Yount</p>
8/23/2024 14:38	Robert Scott	Foothills Trail Plan	<p>Please release funds so that building can resume on the Foothill Trail system. The delay has been far too long. I understand some people (a vocal minority) had concerns with the previous trail-building. But I think those concerns can be addressed, and it has taken far too long to do so. Did you know the Manhattan Project needed 3 years to build the first atomic bombs? How can it take 4 years to figure out where and how to build some hiking and mountain biking trails? -Rob Scott</p>

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8/23/2024 14:39	Grant Hulsberg	Foothill Trail Improvement/Construction	Hello, My name is Grant Hulsberg from Millcreek Utah and I'm reaching out about the upcoming vote on August 27th regarding the Foothill trail improvement projects. I'm a member of both the Skyline High Mountain Bike team and the Maybird cycling team which are both teams based right here in Salt Lake City. I spend a lot of time on my bike training and practicing my skills in order to be the best racer that I can be. The trails that I ride have helped me become not only a better athlete but have increased my quality of living and made me fall in love with all that the Salt Lake Valley has to offer. The saddest part about all of this is how far behind Salt Lake City is compared to other cities like Draper or Park City. In terms of how many trails are made compared to how much potential there is Salt Lake City is doing very poorly. I would love to have more trails closer to home so that I could ride my bike from my house and explore the beautiful mountains around us. This is why I believe that the Foothill Trail Improvement project is necessary to further develop the recreational facilities in Salt Lake City. Thank you for your time. Grant Hulsberg
8/23/2024 14:42	Keli BEARD	Foothills Plan Evaluation and Recommendations Report	Please remove the existing hold on trail construction funding. I use the foothill trails every week both to bike and hike or run. Some of the new trails that were added a few years ago are wonderful and have eased the congestion a little. We need so much more. It isn't fun for anyone when hikers and bikers and dogs try to use just a few wonderful trails. More trails and more use separation is badly needed. I would be happy to talk more about this or to support this effort in any way I can.
8/23/2024 14:56	Anonymous Constituent	foothills trail system master plan - move forward	The master plan has been halted long enough! Let's move forward with it. More trails is never a bad thing. it's already been approved and worked with and has already garnered lots of positive feedback. It would be amazing to see it come to fruition.
8/23/2024 15:37	Peter Vordenberg	More well built trails, dispersed parking and great communication benefit all and in fact actually save the foothills	In an effort to save the foothills, the organization, save our foothills, has helped to destroy them. In the few years that the new trails have gone in those trails have helped to disperse traffic, separate user groups and create pathways for people that limit user erosion. In that short time the at-first unsightly trails have grown in and become hidden trails through the foothills. Yes, there were some growing pains. And probably these growing pains were largely due to communication and the quality and placement of trails. Unfortunately this gave save-our-foothills a foothold to stop all progress. And so going forward, and forward we should go, these things must be handled more professionally - both the construction and the communication. Missteps aside, the benefits of new trails for all user groups is incredible and honestly undeniable. Just the downhill only mountain bike trails alone have lessened dangerous situations and uncomfortable interactions. More trails that separate bikers and hikers will have be even better for both groups, and, when done correctly create trails that people will travel to experience - which of course brings us to the next question which is parking - creating many dispersed, small parking areas which starts people at many different trailheads is a great way to both spread people out on the trails as well as get them parking in many different areas. We need more trails for more people for more user groups spread out across a greater area - this is what we started doing. We need to communicate well. And we need to move forward on this and not languish because a few people wish it was still 1980. There are a lot more people getting out and that is a good thing. The more people who enjoy the outdoors the more people will support outdoor initiatives and efforts to protect nature and our environment. And we can do this in a way that serves a bigger community while preserving our natural areas, protecting our heritage and environment. In fact, if we do not take these steps more and more illegal and erosion prone trails will pop up, more people will roam off trail, more people will have dangerous run-ins. Forward on well crafted trail building! Thank you, Pete

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8/23/2024 16:12	Armando Tirado	Resume Foothills Trail	Hello, One of the greatest draws to Salt Lake City is how close outdoor access is to an urban environment. As our population continues to grow and thrive so must our infrastructure, trails and outdoor access included. The trails added in 2020/21 added increased options for both hikers and bikers alike. Downhill only mountain bike trails offer improved safety for both hikers and bikers as they significantly decrease risk of collisions. Please consider resuming the Foothills Trail projects as they greatly benefit our community. Thank you, Armando Tirado
8/23/2024 16:26	Jim Frazer	concern over planning	I welcome the chance to provide my input. However, I have to wonder why I should expect that you will pay attention to the opinions of people such as myself (who are admittedly not expert urban planners) since you are seeming to more or less ignore the opinion of the Planning Commission who are, hopefully, experts? You are asking all of us, including those who will never attend a basketball or hockey game to pay increased sales tax, and giving this billionaire developer what amounts to carte blanche with very little oversight, especially regarding building height. It gives the impression that you are just going through the formality of asking for feedback before you just go ahead and do whatever it is that you were going to do anyway. In this era of identifying populations whose voices are not heard, those of us who come downtown for the symphony, opera, ballet, UMOCA, movies and dining, but not sports, are feeling that we are falling in that category of being ignored and not represented.
8/23/2024 16:40	Nick Smith	Please don't let the NIMBY's ruin it for the whole city.	The foothill master plan was thorough and comprehensive. The only reason construction stopped is because the very wealthy few whose houses border the area don't like sharing the public land they like to think of as their back yard. Please don't continue punishing the majority of your constituents just to appease a handful of cranky people.
8/23/2024 16:44	Kristina Esham	Foothills Plan Evaluation	Please remove the hold on funding trail improvement and maintenance. Our Foothill trails are an invaluable resource. The Foothill trails give Salt Lake residents the opportunity to recreate and relax in nature close to home. Please allow work to resume on the Foothill trails master plan. We all benefit from improvements to trails.
8/23/2024 17:21	Stefan Penner	Let's continue to grow and evolve the trail systems	The hills and mountains above the city should be more accessible to residents. Activities like biking, e-biking, adaptive biking, hiking, and trail running contribute to a healthy and happy community. Let's encourage these by expanding our trail systems.
8/23/2024 17:23	Jacob Wimmer	Foothills trail expansion	Hello! Just want to comment that I support expanding the trail network in the foothills. I live a few miles away so I can easily mountain bike in the foothills, without even driving to the trailhead. More trails would get me out on my bike more often, and I'm sure that's true for a lot of people. The world is better if more people are out on bikes so the trail system should definitely be expanded!
8/23/2024 17:31	Donald Hinks	Support expanding the trail network	I just wanted to write to say I hope the mountain bike trail expansion will continue in the Foothills. We moved to Salt Lake and love the great mountains around the city. Having trails in the Foothills area for mountain biking is a huge draw to the city and elevates living in Salt Lake above other places. The trails that have gone in are excellent and expansion would provide more variety and open up outdoor access to more people. It would be great to do more riding near Salt Lake and not have to drive far to get to trails. Having more high quality trails close to the city will be a huge benefit to the community. Thank you.
8/23/2024 17:38	Erik Johnson	We need more mountain bike trails	We don't have enough mountain biking trails in the Salt Lake Valley. My 2 children ride on the Skyline High School Mountain Bike Team and there aren't enough trails for them or for the high school team to ride. Please invest in creating more trails and maintenance of existing trails. Thanks!!!

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8/23/2024 18:03	Nate Lanza	Supporting new trail development in the foothills	Hi, I heard you all are hearing the results of the Dept of Public Lands' study on the foothills trails plan. As a 5y resident of Salt Lake and avid mountain biker and trail runner, I wanted to write to express my support for this plan and for new trail construction in general. Salt Lake is a hub for outdoors enthusiasts and particularly mountain bikers, which you can see any day at almost any trailhead in SLC. Currently, there are far too few trails to match demand, which encourages environmentally-destructive hiking and biking off-trail. Furthermore, excessive demand leads to overcrowding and user conflict on the existing trails. The Foothills Trails Plan provides a great fix to all of these problems, providing much-needed new trail construction in our beautiful foothills. I've ridden 19th ave, the first of the new trails, quite a lot, and it's an amazing bike trail that's fun for both beginner and advanced riders. Don't yield to NIMBYs who don't know anything about trail construction or impacts!! To preserve the Foothills for future generations, please implement the Foothills Trails Plan in its entirety. The outdoors enthusiasts of Salt Lake will thank you (and the outdoors themselves would if they could).
8/23/2024 22:20	Douglas Conway	Foothill trails need expansion	Deer Valley and Park City's development of mountain biking and hiking trails has increased business in the summer dramatically. There are some great trails in the foothills but there aren't enough. Trails are overcrowded, and because the selection is slim, riders are choosing other locations. Lost lad and bobsled are a great start, add some more and you'll bring riders and their business to the area.
8/23/2024 22:32	Brian Samuel	Foothills Master Plan	Salt Lake City Council, I understand you'll be reviewing the Foothills Master Plan soon. I love mountain biking, hiking, backpacking, and other recreational activities. Salt Lake City has unparalleled access to mountain recreation, but as our population has grown and the popularity of outdoor activities has increased, Salt Lake City needs to do more. Salt Lake City has lagged behind Draper, Lehi, Herriman and Spanish Fork in developing new trails and promoting outdoor recreation. The other Cities have benefited substantially by investing in new trails and promoting healthy outdoor activities. The trails around SLC are at capacity, and user conflicts are increasing. The City needs many more Mountain Bike specific trails. Mountain biking has experienced exponential growth over the last 3 years and we need more trails to properly enjoy our foothills. I am writing to voice my support for the Foothills Master Plan. The newly completed trails in the Foothills are fantastic, and I'd love to see phase 1 completed and phase 2 begun on schedule. Please don't heed to the loud minority who hate mountain bikers and want to stop the creation of more trails. I appreciate your consideration. Sincerely, Brian Samuel
8/23/2024 23:40	Anonymous Constituent	Development of more Mtn biking/hiking trails	Salt Lake City Council, I have read that you are going to review the Foothills Master Plan soon. I love mountain biking, hiking, backpacking, and other recreational activities. Salt Lake City has unparalleled access to mountain recreation, but as our population has grown and the popularity of outdoor activities has increased, Salt Lake City needs to do more. Salt Lake City has lagged behind Draper, Lehi, Herriman and Spanish Fork in developing new trails and promoting outdoor recreation. The other Cities have benefited substantially by investing in new trails and promoting healthy outdoor activities. The trails around SLC are at capacity, and user conflicts are increasing. The City needs many more Mountain Bike specific trails. Mountain biking has experienced exponential growth over the last 3 years and we need more trails to properly enjoy our foothills. I am writing to voice my support for the Foothills Master Plan. The newly completed trails in the Foothills are fantastic, and I'd love to see phase 1 completed and phase 2 begun on schedule. Please don't heed to the loud minority who hate mountain bikers and want to stop the creation of more trails. I appreciate your consideration. Thank you, Lari Todd
8/24/2024 7:11	Jennifer Ritter	Support moving forward with the foothill trails	I support that the SL Council will vote YES to release the funds to implement the foothill construction and allow public lands to implement the Foothill Trails System plan. The plan is necessary for Salt Lake residents to enjoy our open space and public lands.

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8/24/2024 7:58	Andrew Stewart	Vote yes to release city funding for foothill trails	Mountain biking has exploded in popularity and the need for purpose built and directional trails is necessary for safety and recreation of residents. Please vote yes to release the funding.
8/24/2024 9:07	Tanton Jeppson	Support of more Foothill Trails	I was pretty sad when I heard in the past that the new Foothill Trails were being delayed or possibly even cancelled. I heard recently though that you'll be reviewing the Foothills Master Plan for upcoming phases! I just wanted to voice my support in increasing the amount of trails in the area. While I understand not all trails can be used for all users I think we can all agree that more trails allows for more spread out use of the trails and therefore and even more enjoyable time. I have loved seeing the growth of trails in Draper, Park City, Herriman, and other cities. I believe more trails will bring more people into the area which will also have positive economic impact. Maybe that can help us fund the new Utah Hockey Team Delta Center upgrades as well. Thanks for your time, Tanton Jeppson
8/24/2024 11:00	Bradley Schleenbaker	Foothills Master Trail Plan	Hello. I am a regular user of the foothills trail system. I participated in the original master plan information collection and feedback as advertised by the city on signage along the trails and was extremely disappointed when the process was halted. I think the surprise from certain individuals about the trail building demonstrates their lack of use and attention to these trails. As a regular user I very much appreciate the interest in reducing user conflict by designating certain trails for hiking and others for biking. I hope the city will pick this project back up to improve the area for all those who actually frequent the area.
8/24/2024 14:02	Chris Olsen	More Trails Now!	Please fund trails! I now drive to trails adding to congestion and pollution. My friends, who can afford to live in our city, are being attracted and choosing to live closer to established trails. I would use new foothills trails weekly to commute and exercise. My interaction with both bikers and hikers is always positive but current trails are getting crowded and dangerous. My family supports better signage - please warn innocent hikers (some with dogs) of Bobsled danger or serious injury will occur. My family supports the balanced trail system previously outlined. We want a directional Dry Creek to solve that now dangerous bottleneck. We want better access to Mt. Wire and Mt. Van Cott. I believe trails draw genuine investment to our city. I really enjoyed the few new trails built but they now need some maintenance. There is so much potential in our foothills! Please fund and prioritize more trails now.
8/25/2024 8:23	Anonymous Constituent	Foothills plan Evaluation and Recommendations report	I would like to encourage the council to remove the existing hold on planning of the Foothills trail system. I use the trails with my family multiple times a week. It has been so nice to stay close to home and be able to ride to the trails from our house. I ride the Park City trails frequently and often get asked what my favorite trails are in SLC and I tell them Park City. I have enjoyed the new Parley's Point trail and my son even rode all the way to Rattle Snake. Please continue planning so we can recreate in our own communities more! Thank you!
8/25/2024 14:15	John Karren	Foothill trails	This would improve our city tremendously. We are and have not been great about creating recreational opportunities with in our city for public access. We need more biking options off road and bike lanes as well as hiking access for our children to be able to get out and enjoy nature and to learn to love it the way we do. I would ask that you consider this and vote for this and it enhances the lives of many.

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8/25/2024 19:28	Traci Thompson	more trails are good for salt lake city	<p>I am a Salt Lake City resident, working at the University of Utah and volunteering as a high school mountain biking coach for the Salt Lake Center for Science Education, a Title 1 public charter high school in Rose Park. As a native Utahn, I strongly believe that expanding the network of trails in the foothills surrounding Salt Lake City will greatly benefit those living in the Salt Lake Valley. These trails provide accessible and enjoyable opportunities for walking, mountain biking, hiking, and even dog walking, encouraging residents to engage in regular physical activity.</p> <p>Consistent exercise is crucial for maintaining a healthy body, improving cardiovascular health, and building strength and endurance. In addition to the physical benefits, spending time on these trails has a profound impact on mental and emotional health. Immersing oneself in nature helps reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. Connecting with nature allows people to unplug from daily demands, offering a mental reset that improves mood and mental clarity. Furthermore, these trails enhance our appreciation for Utah's natural beauty. The panoramic views and seasonal changes in the landscape inspire a sense of wonder and gratitude. This connection to nature fosters a greater sense of stewardship for the environment, particularly among young people, encouraging them to protect and preserve the natural spaces that contribute so much to their well-being. Park City has become world-renowned for its trail system, featuring purpose-built and directional trails that keep users safe and dispersed. Our high school team often drives to Park City to ride because our local trails are so crowded. However, it's not environmentally sustainable for us to drive to Park City twice a week. We would love to see the city government prioritize expanding and improving the local trail system to make it safer, larger, and more accessible, reducing overcrowding and benefiting the entire community. Thank you, Traci</p>
8/25/2024 19:33	Anonymous Constituent	Foothill Masterplan	We need to build the new trails proposed in the approved trail plan. SLC trails are often crowded. More trails will meet the growing demand and ensure positive outdoor experiences.
8/25/2024 20:23	Aaron Benson	Foothills Master Plan	I'm writing in support of removing the hold on the Foothills Master Plan. I'm a Salt Lake City resident and frequent user of the SLC foothills trails. The proposed master plan is a significant improvement of the current system and will allow greater enjoyment of this natural amenity while minimizing impact.
8/25/2024 20:58	Chris Adams	Please release funding to build more trails!	<p>Hello Council Members, I have lived in SLC since 1997 and have used the foothills since I first arrived here. They are an incredible resource for various types of recreation, from hiking and running to biking and even skiing! As you are well aware, in the past 15 years (if not longer) we have seen a huge population expansion in SL County, which has resulted in much more use of the foothills. While there are a number of "social trails," there is really only one main trail from City Creek to the Zoo and beyond: the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The BST gets incredibly heavy use and the experience for all users would be greatly improved by adding more trails to the foothills, as was developed and partially implemented in 2020. Please release funding to allow for the start-up of more trail building so the user experience is improved for all recreation groups, which will help avoid conflict and make for a better day out for everyone. The model of Corner Canyon in Draper is one we should strive to learn from since they created an incredible system of multi-use trails (including horse back riding) and have a management system that keeps the users groups happy such that they can all enjoy their trail experience. I think it is crucial for these trails to continue to evolve and expand as SLC continues to grow and bring in more people who want to work in our amazing city and experience our world class recreation. Please release more funding ASAP so this effort can start back up! Thanks for your consideration. Chris Adams</p>

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8/25/2024 21:32	Jeannie Rollo	8/27 council vote	PLEASE do as you promised so many years ago and complete all the phases of the Foothill Trail System Plan. I have been patiently waiting for more trails for 20+ years of the 30 years I have been using them. The trails are only being more utilized (which is such a benefit to all - psychologically, physically, socially, etc) and more trails are desperately needed! Please don't let a small minority of old, vocal, NIMBY-too much time on their hands- ruin it for the rest of us. We have been patient during this pause, but it was promised as that, A PAUSE. I (and countless others) utilize all the new trails for a mixture of mountain biking, hiking and trail running and they are delightful and provide me with options that I truly appreciate. I love living in the Avenues and leaving directly from my house to enjoy the trail system, like so many of my neighbors. Let's get this job done!!
8/25/2024 21:45	William Johnsn	Release funding for trails in salt lake city	I understand the council is considering releasing funding to continue to build out foothill trails that were approved several years ago. I believe this should be done. As it is residents of Salt Lake City often have to travel to other cities to take advantage of the trails they have built. As the premier city in Utah, Salt Lake City should be the leader in recreation trails for its citizens, we have ceded this to Draper, Bluffdale, Herriman, North Salt Lake, etc. let's do right for our citizens and approve this funding without delay.
8/26/2024 8:42	Mitchell Frankel	More, Better SLC Foothills Trails Now	The new trails above Morris Meadows have been wonderful and after a couple years are no longer even visible. The NIMBYism of the Avenues needs to go away. The city is growing, the hiker v biker issue isn't getting better only worse and the new trails already make a difference. I strongly support moving forward with the master plan as decided. I use the trails daily for dog walks, big hikes, and bikes. The new trails are great, but could use the maintenance they haven't seen the last couple of years The master plan is a great balance All SLC foothills trails are crowded, more please!
8/26/2024 9:17	Kevin Keller	Foothill trail expansion	I just wanted to emphasize this trail system for the benefit of our community. Specifically, if you look at the numbers of youth who are on bikes and enjoying outdoors to relieve both mental and physical stress, you appreciate the importance of having access to such trail systems. Hundreds of kids take part in trail maintenance volunteer programs to show the support for areas they like to ride.
8/26/2024 9:58	Danielle Poirier	Foothill Trails Master Plan Comment	As a long-time Salt Lake resident, I am excited to hear that the Council is re-prioritizing trails in the Foothills. I use the Foothill trails weekly for mountain biking and trail running with my dog. I support investment in new trails, trail maintenance, conflict prevention design, signage, and trailheads. The valley is growing and our Foothill trails recreation opportunities should also increase to help provide accessible outdoor recreation without the need to drive up a canyon to do so.
8/26/2024 11:01	Chris Wright	We need more trails for all user types	I'm happy to hear that the SLC Council is re-prioritizing funding for trails again. I have been a SLC resident for 23 years. I use the trails for biking and hiking with my dogs. We need more trails options that are closer to home to support our growing population. I strongly support building more trails and improving the trails we have. Along with my daughter that rides with NICA we are always happy to volunteer to do trail work to support our local trail builders.

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8/26/2024 11:01	Scott Martin	SLC Foothill Trails Comments	Dear Council, I can only hope this is a sign of the reprioritization of trail construction and improvement. SLC MUST invigorate their trails construction and improvement. This is an issue for paramount importance to so many of your constituents. I have been deeply saddened to see this process get derailed for years, when the demand is high, the need is great, and the improvement to quality of life and outdoor culture is so needed. Please prioritize this and see that it happens on very short order. My family of 5 and our network of friends rely on trails to recreate, meditate, exercise, commune with others, and above all, appreciate the glorious outdoors SLC presents. I have been nothing but frustrated watching a select few derail a project that benefits so many. It is time to do the greatest good for the vast majority. Please execute the trails plan. It is really not that that complicated. With deep appreciation. Scott Martin
8/26/2024 11:03	Jared Williams	Foothills trail system plan	Salt Lake City Council, I understand you'll be reviewing the Foothills Master Plan soon. As an active outdoorsman and lifetime resident of Utah, my family and I love mountain biking, hiking, backpacking, and other recreational activities. Salt Lake City has unparalleled access to mountain recreation, but as our population has grown and the popularity of outdoor activities has increased, Salt Lake City needs to do more. Salt Lake City has lagged behind Draper, Lehi, Herriman and Spanish Fork in developing new trails and promoting outdoor recreation. The other Cities have benefited substantially by investing in new trails and promoting healthy outdoor activities. The trails around SLC are at capacity, and user conflicts are increasing. The City needs many more Mountain Bike specific trails. Mountain biking has experienced exponential growth over the last 3 years and we need more trails to properly enjoy our foothills. Salt Lake City needs more trails, and I'm writing to voice my support for the Foothills Master Plan. The newly completed trails in the Foothills are fantastic, and I'd love to see phase 1 completed and phase 2 begun on schedule. Please don't heed to the loud minority who hate mountain bikers and have a N.I.M.B.Y. attitude and want to stop the creation of more trails. I appreciate your consideration, and thank you for your service! Jared K. Williams P.E.
8/26/2024 11:05	Gene Fitzgerald	ABravanel hall	Whatever your discussion and decisions might be —DO NOT MOVE ABRAVANEL HALL!!!. I cannot make the meeting but I would hope that you take my request seriously. Move the damn hockey gteacm before you move Abravanel hall. Do not cave in to the money of this mid town charlatan. Gene Gene Fitzgerald Emeritus Professor of Russian Lang., Lit., and Culture U. of Utah genefitzgerald37@gmail.com
8/26/2024 11:08	Lawrence DUNN	Remove hold on trail construction	Council Members, I am writing to encourage the Council to remove the existing hold on trail construction funding. I use the Foothill Trail system multiple times a week, biking, hiking, and walking my dog. The new trails have greatly improved the quality of life for residents of SLC, but the project wasn't completed due to lobbying by a group of misguided NIMBYs. Please rectify this by removing the hold on funding so new trails can be built. Lawrence Dunn Ph.D. lbdunn.ut@gmail.com

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8/26/2024 11:12	Chris Donaldson	Foothills Trails	<p>Good Day, My name in Chris Donaldson. I am 68 years old and live in the Avenues and spend many hours hiking the foothills from Ensign Peak in the north to Neff's Canyon in the south. I am concerned about the release of the remaining \$380,000 of funds earmarked for trails. Please do not release these funds to Public Lands without having specific plans to invest these funds for what they were intended. Specifically, I would request that you spend the funds for the following projects that have either not been started or have not been completed before releasing additional funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific and user data studies • Foothills land use management plan • Trail maintenance plan and protocols • Trail signs, wayfinding maps, information signs • Formation of stakeholder engagement committee • Environmental impact statements <p>The trails in the Foothills are a precious amenity to Salt Lake City and contribute significantly our quality of life and tourism. I often encounter hikers from out of state that have sought the trails as part of their visit. I really appreciate all that you do. Best Regards.</p>
8/26/2024 11:15	Steve Baron	Foothills Master Plan	<p>Hello! I love our SLC foothills and can't wait to see work resume to put the Foothills Master Plan into place. As a frequent user of the trails above the Avenues, I cherish the work already completed and am excited for further phases to roll out. There is one particular part of a frequent hike that I do where improvements have been on hold for several years to add a switchback to a very popular but badly eroded social trail that will make it usable in a way that today, is a pretty sketchy route down. Please approve the resumption of the work to complete the Foothills Master Plan! Many thanks for all you do, Steve</p>
8/26/2024 11:15	Rosie Gillespie	More Mountain bike Trails	<p>Hello, I am the head coach of the Olympus High school mountain bike team. We have 120 kids on our team this year. We could really benefit from having more trails close to home. As it stands now, we break into about 10 groups and go to different trailheads in Park city, Draper, salt lake, bountiful. (Commuting 30-60 min). It would be a game changer to have more close "home trails" that we could commute by bike to the trailheads. I have been mountain biking for 25 years and it's been amazing to watch this sport grow. With the high school league as large as it is we need more trails to keep up with the growth. I would love to see something similar to the corner canyon trail system in our foothills. We teach our kids the importance of sharing and respecting trails with all users! With the amount of kids in the league that are required to do trail work, you would have free labor to build the whole system!! Thanks!</p>
8/26/2024 11:20	Dylan Alexander	Foothill Trail Construction and Usage Etiquette/Enforcement	<p>As a foothill trail user, usually multiple days a week, primarily by bike, the area is immensely popular and the resumption of new trail construction and existing trail maintenance would be much appreciated! More trails will help spread crowds and the addition of more single use trails keeps things safer for hikers and bikers. The education and enforcement of dog leash rules is needed! Most dogs are off leash on the BST which is dangerous for bikers and disobedient dogs alike. Additionally, dogs off leash pose a threat to other dogs, such as my own. I am frequently deterred from taking my dog on walks on foothill trails due to unruly dogs off leash. Additional signage is needed to inform users of single use or single direction trails. And lastly, people need to pick up their dog waste and not leave it bagged on the sides of trails!</p>

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8/26/2024 11:25	Judi Short	IHC Hospital on 754 South State Street	The Sugar House Community Council Land Use Committee reviewed this request from the Salt Lake City Recorder's Office. We agree with the change to add "Hospital" and "Ambulance Services" to the allowed uses for the D-1 Central Business District zone. This is a good location for this hospital, much easier to get to than the current LDS Hospital location. We know the University Hospital is also a Trauma I hospital, and close at hand, but adding this one is a big boon to the west side of our city. Driving in a vehicle, even in a fire truck or ambulance, from the west side up to the University Hospital is difficult, especially during high-traffic periods. This should allow those patients needing quick trauma care to receive that more quickly. We ask that special care be taken to locate exterior retail around that site. An entrance on the south (in addition to wherever else they put them) should allow patients and staff to use it. This will allow more foot traffic to the retail uses like Taco Time on the south. It may need a security guard, like the City Building has on the first floor, just to be sure that people entering have a reason to be there, not to just wander. We know the homeless center is nearby and don't want to make this a place where the crowds gather. They already congregate along 700 South clear up to Tauffer Park. Maybe a coffee shop on the south run by IHC would help. We aren't sure exactly what the solution is, but we don't want to create another nuisance area in the city, we have enough. and at the same time, we don't want to cut off the local businesses around the building from customers. And, this is outside this request, but we learned that the old LDS Hospital will be used for physician offices. We would like you to pass along our suggestion that this might be a place where some very affordable housing could be included. This is a big building, and any place we can add affordable housing helps with our problem of not having enough housing in our city. Thank you. Judi Short, First-Vice Chair and Land Use Chair
8/26/2024 11:26	John Knoblock	Foothills Trails Support More Trails Now	Hi Council Members- Thanks for your service to the community. Please support moving forward with more trail projects in the SLC Foothills. Surveys have found data to say that 'trails' are a top priority for people in Salt Lake and State-wide. More purpose-built trails protect the environment by focusing use to thoughtfully constructed trails that require low maintenance, rather than a spiderweb of user-created trails that are erosive and may be located in undesirable areas. More trails can allow for segregated use trails to provide a better user experience for both hikers and mountain bikers. More trails improve the community and citizens' mental and physical well-being. The City 'Trails and Public Lands' staff have done a good job of addressing the anti-trail contingent's concerns. It is well past time to restart the process of improving the Salt Lake City trail system. Please vote to restart the Foothills Trail improvement program now. Thank you-
8/26/2024 11:26	Michael White	Straw Vote for the Foothill Trails	I support a yes vote release the funds to construct the trails. Best, Michael
8/26/2024 11:27	Russell Nix	Support for the Foothills Trails	I'm a firm supporter of the foothills trails. Their presence in Salt Lake helps strengthen community and have been invaluable for improving the health and wellbeing of everyone who shares the trails.
8/26/2024 11:27	Lars Johnson	In support of mountain bike trails in SLC foothills	Hello, I'm in support of adding and maintaining more mountain bike trails around the salt lake city valley area. It has been so nice having these in recent years. When I grew up in the Avenues in the 80s and 90s, the only trails were old jeep trails which made mountain biking difficult. It was not until the BST was added that it opened up the opportunity to explore our hills by mountain biking, and within the last ~3 years seeing more extensions (like 19th Ave, Parleys Pointe, Grandeur to Pipeline) and other trails have been wonderful. I'm a coach for the local Skyline mountain bike high school team and the Maybird club team, and having readily available trails for the kids to be able to ride from their home after school is wonderful. Above any other skill we teach our kids is courtesy and trail etiquette to make sure our kids are good stewards out on the trails. We appreciate what we have and we do not want bad behavior to spoil the opportunities available to us. Thank you so much for your work in supporting the build out of these trails so we have something nearby to enjoy. Thank you, Lars

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8/26/2024 11:27	James Ireland	Trail Funding Vote	It will be great to move forward building trails for the community. So many people love using trails. Thanks
8/26/2024 11:28	Chris Olsen	More Trails Please	Please fund trails! I now drive to trails adding to congestion and pollution. My friends, who can afford to live in our city, are being attracted and choosing to live closer to established trails. I would use new foothills trails weekly to commute and exercise. My interaction with both bikers and hikers is always positive but current trails are getting crowded and dangerous. My family supports better signage - please warn innocent hikers (some with dogs) of Bobsled danger or serious injury will occur. My family supports the balanced trail system previously outlined. We want a directional Dry Creek to solve that now dangerous bottleneck. We want better access to Mt. Wire and Mt. Van Cott. I believe trails draw genuine investment to our city. I really enjoyed the few new trails built but they now need some maintenance. There is so much potential in our foothills! Please fund and prioritize more trails now. Thank you for getting this needed work done!!
8/26/2024 11:29	Robert Reich	More and better Foothill Trails Please	I'm an avid mountain biker and hiker and I love to use the foothill trails close to town. There is certainly a need for more trails and improvement of existing trails. I try to avoid driving far to a trailhead so having a good mtb trail system in the foothills helps a lot. The new trails between Wild Rose and Mueller Park are fantastic. Keep it up! Regards, Robert Reich
8/26/2024 11:30	Monica Torres	Foothills funding	Hi SLC Council, I was pleased to hear you are voting on funding for the foothills trails. I am a regular with these trails and improvements are welcome. I would love to see some new trails and possibly trailhead improvements. I hope it gets approved so many locals use this system and with all the growth they can get crowded so more trails would be so nice in that area. Please approve funding Monica Torres
8/26/2024 11:32	Debra Hummel	We need a trail plan	Hello, I am writing to ask that the council resume focus on and passage of the foothill trails master plan. The usage of these areas, so convenient and proximal to residential neighborhoods and downtown Salt Lake City, are seeing an increase in usage by the day. The trails plan will clarify usage, aid in minimizing environmental degradation and allow the city to maintain one of the things we love about living here: access to the outdoors. Thank you, Debra Hummel lower avenues resident
8/26/2024 11:43	Lance Gamero	Please vote yes to release funds for foothill trails	I ask you to release the funds on hold since 2021 for the creation of more trails in the foothill trails. Thank you!
8/26/2024 11:43	Arden Clarke	Better Foothill Trails	Hello, My family enjoys the Foothill trails as much and as often as we can. We support more and better foothill trails. These trails are so important for residents. Access to trails encourage time outdoors which leads to better physical and mental health. As our population continues to grow we need to invest in opportunities for people to have access to outdoor experiences. Please support more and better Foothill trails. Kindly, Arden Clarke
8/26/2024 11:44	Chris Stepanek	SLC foothills trails - Please release funding!	Hello SLC Council! I'm writing to voice my approval of the release funding for the foothills trails expansion. My family of four and I regularly use the Bonneville Shoreline trail network to hike, mountain bike, walk the dog and recreate. Having such a great resource nearby means we use it nearly everyday. Additional and better trails would be awesome to have! Thanks, Chris Stepanek
8/26/2024 11:48	Tyler Riedesel	Foothill Trail system plan	In order to truly give good feedback I'd want to go hike all of these proposed trails. Unfortunately, this is not an option because I work and have two young kids Without walking all proposed trails my feedback is... please don't build any of the biking trails like 19th Ave. 19th ave. is one of the worst built trails I have ever ridden. Thanks!

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8/26/2024 11:48	Ben Craner	SLC foothills trail support	SLC Council members, I'm sending this email asking for your full support in the continued effort, maintenance and development of SLC foothill trails. As hiking, cycling and recreation become ever more important to the community in and around SLC, I ask for you and your council to drive support and continued efforts in keeping our kids, families and communities active in the beautiful mountains surrounding SLC. Utah is known for beautiful outdoor recreation.....Let's invest in what we want our kids and communities to value and participate in. Thanks, Ben Craner
8/26/2024 11:51	Adam ERESUMA	Foothill trail system	To whom it may concern, Me and my family are very excited that the foothill trail system will be improving and we are in strong support for funding this project! It will be nice to access these trails so close to home and decrease my driving time and adding to already congested traffic. Thanks for all you do! Adam Eresuma
8/26/2024 11:52	Amy Jameson	Foothill Trails improvements	We have been property owners in Salt Lake City for twenty years now, and we love the foothill trail system. We walk and hike on these trails regularly, and we strongly support city investment in new trails/trailheads and ongoing trail maintenance. Easy access to outdoor experiences for ourselves and our kids is one of the greatest things about living in Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Amy Jameson
8/26/2024 11:55	Addison Harvey	Foothill Trails	Hello, I just wanted to express my opinion regarding the funding for the planned foothill trails system. My family resides in the Salt Lake City area and we often ride mountain bikes and occasionally hike with our dogs. However, the trails near us tend to get damaged due to the crowds and we often find that many of these also lack variety in difficulty. Many others are steep and/or eroded. More trails will provide more positive experiences while also spreading the crowds. Additionally, we often travel to far trail systems and I would incredibly appreciate the availability of these trails without the long drive. I support the plan for new trails that will help meet these growing demands and provide better opportunities to appreciate nature. I'd also like to take this moment to express the idea of a fenced off walking trail in which owners are able to unleash their dogs. I'm not sure if this is the right place to pitch this but I figured it was worth a shot. Thank you so much for your time, Addison
8/26/2024 11:55	Chad Farnes	I love the trails	I just wanted to write in that I love the trails that SLC has put in since 2020. I am incredibly supportive of the direction that the city is taking about would to see more progress in regards to the trails in the foothills above the Aves. Thanks for all that you are doing.
8/26/2024 11:55	Suzanne Ricker	Foothill Trails	Hello. My name is Suzy Ricker. I love the foothill trails. I actually started using the foothill trails about 2 years ago when I started "teaching myself" to trail run. I run the trails every morning, every season and no matter what the weather is. I feel safe to run alone and the trails are an easy access from the city. I also take my dog each morning when I run and have loved having a spot where he is able to be in the mountains with me. These trails mean a lot to me and my dog and I have met several friends using the trails and there is actually a really good community of people that utilize the area. Please allow funding to help keep the trails maintained. Sincerely Suzy Ricker
8/26/2024 11:56	Landon Jakob	Foothill Trails	To Whom it May Concern, I fully support more and better designed trails for all ages and users. I am a Salt Lake County resident who uses the trails weekly. We need more trails. Please release funding for more trails. Thank you! Sincerely, Michele Jakob
8/26/2024 11:57	Phyllis Hansen	Foothill Trails	I want to express how important trails are for our community and mental health of individuals to have trails dedicated to hiking, biking and walking that are safe and allow enjoyment of this beautiful state. I consider the existence of maintained and protected trails the sign of a desirable community that is exceptional and thriving. Please promote all that is necessary to provide this great service for all to enjoy. I am very willing to fund this worthy cause through my taxes. Thank you, Phyllis Hansen

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8/26/2024 11:58	Colin Santos	Foothill Trails	I was super excited to hear that the council is reprioritizing trail work in the foothills. We love these trails and can't wait to see more of them! Colin Santos
8/26/2024 11:58	Quinton Block	Foothill trail funding!	My name is Quinton Block. I have ridden mountain bikes competitively for 4 years now and I love everything about it. I work at a bike shop and have fully embraced every part of the sport, and its community. I live in sugarhouse and have utilized some paved trails like parleys to get to the foothills and friends houses. Unfortunately, I always ride right past the hills and go ride emigration instead of the hiker filled, poorly maintained, and quite frankly, boring trails along the foothills. While they do exist, trails that are fun, biker friendly, and don't have flat, blind corners are extremely hard to find. And so I either ride the road or drive my car somewhere to get to park city where the riding is good, the trails are numerous, and the turns aren't flat. I ride upwards of 15 hours a week and I'd spend 10 of those on the trails this funding would produce. With my high school team, we organize and volunteer to build and maintain trails. I know dozens of kids who would love to spend their dig days building trails that they will ride. I'm ready to not have to drive or ride my bike into PC to get to a bunch of trails. I was just getting into biking when this plan was first purposed, and I got very excited to see a new trail being built at a lookout on the way up dry creek. To my dismay, the project was abandoned and has sit vacant. I hope to see this and many other trails like it soon. Thank you for your time.
8/26/2024 11:59	Margaret Hartle	I support new trails in foothill area	I use the foothill trails multiple times a week with my family and friends. I love biking and hiking in the foothill area. The trails get a lot of wear and tear and are needing an upgrade. I support the project funding for new trails and trail maintenance.
8/26/2024 12:00	Aimee Larkin	Foothill trail plan	To whom it may concern, I am writing to show my support for expanding and going forward with the foothill trail plan. I am a SLC resident and my family and I use the foothill trails daily. More trails will lead to healthier lifestyles and ease the congestion on the small amount that are there right now. For how "outdoorsy" Utah is, SLC lags behind other major cities. I love the idea of not having to drive to use trails so I support expanding now. Thank you, Aimee Larkin
8/26/2024 12:01	Paul Stevens	Foothill trail funding	I am so excited to hear the SLC council is considering foothill trails funding. I have been mountain biking on the shoreline for 25 years. I now ride with my wife and kids regularly and my kids are on the Highland High School Bike team. I strongly support moving forward to build and improve foothill trails. This can lead to a much better experience for trail users of all types (running, hiking, biking, and even winter) and a good draw for SLC as a great outdoor city. Paul Stevens
8/26/2024 12:03	Zach Larkin	Foothills trail plan	I want to voice my support for more trails in and about the foothills of salt lake. I am an active user of the existing systems but with continued growth they are becoming increasingly crowded. More trails would greatly benefit the community. Best, Zach Larkin
8/26/2024 12:04	Steven Hay	Funding for Foothill Trails	My family & I moved to Salt Lake from Boulder, Colorado. We love living in Salt Lake because of the access to all the wonderful opportunities the city has to offer including the trails. We are active cyclists, runners and dog walkers. We live in the Sugarhouse area and are very excited to hear that the city council is re-prioritizing funding for the Foothills Trails. We are out on the trails around Salt Lake multiple times a week and would love to see the city move forward with improving and building more foothills trails. Thank you, Steven Hay

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8/26/2024 12:05	Troy DAVIS	Support for Foothill Trails Funding	Dear City Council, (Darin Mano, et al) I'm excited that the SLC Council is re-prioritizing foothill trails funding. My family and I use these trails regularly for hiking, dog-walking, and mountain biking, and we strongly support the city's investment in new trails, trailheads, and maintenance. The proposed trails balance environmental stewardship with quality outdoor experiences. As SLC residents, we urge you to restart funding and move forward with the approved plans. Expanding the trail network will alleviate crowding, address steep and eroded paths, and provide better access for all ages and users. We've loved the new directional and use-specific trails and look forward to seeing more improvements. Thank you for your support. Best regards, Troy Davis Salt Lake City Resident/taxpayer District 5
8/26/2024 12:06	Brian Morris	Comments on Foothill Trails System	I understand that the stalled funding for new trails may be released. I fully support this. My Dad and I use the Shoreline Trail almost daily. We enjoy it, but it's become increasingly crowded. SLC has fallen way behind other locations such as Corner Canyon as far as trail building. We could really use some additional trails to alleviate overcrowding. Thanks! Brian Morris
8/26/2024 12:07	Russ Shepard	Please get back to working on the trails!!	I mountain bike multiple times a week up Dry Creek and the Shoreline trails. They are crowded! Please keep building out this system with the directional trails included. Regards, Russ

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8/26/2024 12:08	Gregory Ducker	Foothills Trail System Plan	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, My name is Gregory Ducker and I am a Salt Lake City Avenues resident (P street and Second Avenue) and father of two young children. I'll keep this comment short and to the point. My family loves the outdoors and recreates in the Foothills all year round. My children are learning to ride their bikes in Popperton Park on the new pump track and we take family walks along the improved I street/18th Ave hiking trails.</p> <p>My wife and I ride the BST on mountain bikes spring through fall. We have enjoyed and taken advantage of the improvements to the foothills trails implemented in 2019-2020 and STRONGLY SUPPORT restarting trail construction to realize the vision to make the SLC foothills a welcoming place for ALL trail users of all ages. When we moved here in 2018, there was no way-finding and severely eroded hiking trails with many conflicts between users. We were so excited when construction started on the implementation of the new foothills plans that prioritized accessibility and openness to all. The SLC foothills are a gift to all residents of the city and the valley and improving access leads to more outdoor recreation opportunities and reduces emissions from driving to more distant trailheads that currently feature more family-friendly trails and services. We are so excited to raise our family in Salt Lake City and hope that a more welcoming and accessible foothills trail system can soon be completed for our children to use. Best, Greg Ducker</p> <p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, My name is Gregory Ducker and I am a Salt Lake City Avenues resident (P street and Second Avenue) and father of two young children. I'll keep this comment short and to the point. My family loves the outdoors and recreates in the Foothills all year round. My children are learning to ride their bikes in Popperton Park on the new pump track and we take family walks along the improved I street/18th Ave hiking trails. My wife and I ride the BST on mountain bikes spring through fall. We have enjoyed and taken advantage of the improvements to the foothills trails implemented in 2019-2020 and STRONGLY SUPPORT restarting trail construction to realize the vision to make the SLC foothills a welcoming place for ALL trail users of all ages. When we moved here in 2018, there was no way-finding and severely eroded hiking trails with many conflicts between users. We were so excited when construction started on the implementation of the new foothills plans that prioritized accessibility and openness to all. The SLC foothills are a gift to all residents of the city and the valley and improving access leads to more outdoor recreation opportunities and reduces emissions from driving to more distant trailheads that currently feature more family-friendly trails and services. We are so excited to raise our family in Salt Lake City and hope that a more welcoming and accessible foothills trail system can soon be completed for our children to use. Best, Greg Ducker</p>
8/26/2024 12:09	Matt Foley	Foothill Trail Work	<p>Hello- My family and I use the Foothill trail system multiple times per week for hiking, trail running and biking. We are greatly in favor of SLC resuming the paused trail construction. - we far prefer using trails close by, without a long drive to Millcreek or other areas. - we are greatly in favor of biking only/ foot traffic only trails as single user trails are far, far safer for all user groups. - the user traffic on trails has greatly, greatly increased on SLC Foothill trails. As the population of SLC continues to grow so rapidly, so too does the proportion of the local population that uses the trail network. SLC has the unique opportunity to make SLC a truly world -class, outdoor- focused city by improving the trail network. - the Foothills are already criss-crossed by miles of dis-used and underutilized trails that need to be improved and maintained. These old trails are relics of past utility work and not designed to accommodate foot or bike traffic. If theses trails were to be improved for modern use the foothills would be a safer and more enjoyable experience for all users. Thank you, Matt</p>

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8/26/2024 12:20	James Alfandre	Support for Foothill Trails System	Our family uses the Salt Lake City trail system multiple times a week for hiking, walking our dog and biking. We support City investment in new trails, trailheads, and ongoing trail maintenance. We strongly believe having updated trail systems will improve our family's and all of Salt Lake City resident's quality of life with increased access to our mountains, promoting environmental stewardship. - James Alfandre Bonneville Hills Community Council Chair
8/26/2024 12:21	Max Miles	Foothills trails	Hello, my name is Max Miles and I want to voice my opinion that these trails should be made and renewed and that our cities lacking new trails and updating trails by other cities. Come on step up your game.
8/26/2024 12:27	C Clark	Foothills trails	Thank you for providing funding for improving our well-loved and heavily used Foothills Trails. We hike on them several times a week. We often have conversations with others about how wonderful it is to have these trails so close to our homes, so that all of us can get out and hike, even if we don't have time to drive to the mountains. We LOVE our Foothills Trails. Please keep improving and adding new sections, so hikers of all abilities can enjoy this health-giving, mentally-uplifting, activity! C Clark and R Gamble 84103
8/26/2024 12:28	Nancy Schmaus	Foothills trails	Dear Council Members and Mayor Mendenhall, My family uses the Foothill trails for hiking, jogging and mountain biking every week. A masterplan was approved, started, paused and adjusted, each of them necessary steps to learn and adjust. About 8 years have passed and now, the current trails are crowded and in need of repair. The large number of users creates safety hazards, and results in user conflicts. Many side trails have been created, causing more erosion (and substandard trails). It is time for action. We need trails! My family supports investment in new trails, trail maintenance, signage, user education, and whatever it takes to get more trails in place. Let's create improved outdoor recreation opportunities for our residents and visitors. To me, this is a much higher priority than building a new sports district downtown. Best Regards, Nancy Schmaus
8/26/2024 12:30	Dan Draper	SLC Trails	Just wanted to say how excited I am about the prospect of expanding our trails for hiking and mountain biking in SLC foothills. Good trail networks are such a great investment in the community. Areas like Park City, Draper and Herriman have done such an amazing job- hopefully Salt Lake can do something similar
8/26/2024 12:30	Nicole Fisher	Foothill trail improvements please!	Hi, we're a family of 6 who use the foothill trails at least 3 days a week. We bike, trail run and hike. We're also high school mountain bike coaches with two mountain biking daughters on a local team. Riding bikes FROM our house is what makes SLC truly special. What other great city also has recreational trails in their backyard? Riding bikes with peers has been life changing for our girls. It promotes grit, outdoor stewardship, healthy and strong bodies and an awesome co-ed community. Junior High and High school mountain biking is exploding in the Salt Lake Valley but trails are getting crowded. We love the new biking only and directional trails. They're great for people doing a range of activities (hikers don't have to deal with bikers, etc), promote safety and help unclog the trails. SLC has already outgrown our small trail system and we often have to go to Park City or Bountiful or Draper. Let us skip the drive and stay in town! SLC growth isn't pausing so please unpause the foothill trail funding. Please, please, please and thank you! Sincerely, Nicole Fisher
8/26/2024 12:31	Kate Ferguson	In support of trail funding	Hello, Council! I am a frequent trail user (dog walking, hiking, mountain biking) and I urge you to prioritize funds for trail building. More and more people are out and about as evidenced by the huge uptick in use I've seen in the last 30 years. I see college kids behind the U running, older folks like me loop through with our dogs, and how great is it that high schoolers want to get out and race mountain bikes! I wish I'd had that opportunity when I was younger. You have my full support to fund more trails in Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Kate Ferguson

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8/26/2024 12:31	Douglas KOHLER	KSL article on what Utahns thing of raising taxes	As a resident living in Downtown Salt Lake, I am very upset by Victoria Petro's comment calling me and my fellow Utahns "average constituents." With a statement like that, I'm wondering what all members of the City Council really feel about us. A public apology is certainly in order here. Douglas and Nancy Kohler.
8/26/2024 12:32	Hallie Keller	Encouragement to expand foothill trail	I just wanted to emphasize the importance of the trail system to our family and community. Specifically to the youth in the area. So many of our youth are spending time outside exercising on our mountain bike trails. My 14 year old daughter who said she wasn't really sure she wanted to join in mountain biking said "high school is really stressful. But as soon as I ride on the trails in the afternoon, all my stress goes away and I feel like I can do my homework and everything else the rest of the evening. It's like it just makes everything feel manageable." I can't think of a better way for our teenagers to be using their time. Working on their physical and mental health in the area that we are lucky to live so close by. Please allow funds for the expansion of this trail system. Allison (Hallie) Keller
8/26/2024 12:33	Michael Bisignani	SLC Foothills Trails Funding	Dear SLC Council- I was recently made aware that you will be voting tomorrow whether to, or not to, release funding for Foothill Trails System improvements. I hope you vote to release the funds for these proposed improvements. Outdoor recreation is a major factor in many local SLC residents' lives, as well as an attraction for people visiting SLC and Utah in general. The addition of purpose built (some for hiking, some for biking) and directional trails above the Avenues a few years ago were a great addition. But given the growing population of the city, more trails would not go unappreciated. Especially the building of directional and/or user specific trails in order to improve trail safety and to enhance individual user experience. Thank you for your consideration on this topic that is important to myself and so many other SLC residents. Sincerely, Mike Bisignani SLC UTah
8/26/2024 12:34	J Jamerson Kent	Foothills Trail development	My name is Jamie Kent. I grew up on 18th Ave in SLC. The foothills across the street from my house were my stomping grounds. In the foothills, I learned how to ride my bike on dirt, hike, play, hunt, collect critters and ski. What a wonderful place to grow up! Back in the day, it was only me and my friends that frequented the area. We would spend entire days exploring only to return home when the sun went down without seeing another soul. I look back on those days with nostalgia, I was one of the lucky ones to have such an experience. Since the 2002 Winter Olympics came to SLC, we have seen crazy growth throughout the valley and especially for outdoor recreation. There is not much we can do about this growth but embrace it. One important way to embrace the growth is to plan, and create more trails so the crowds can disperse. By developing more multi-use trails in the foothills, we are making this a better place for all. We need more trails! The crowds are not going away, they will continue to seek the foothills no matter what, more trails will help protect certain areas of the foothills from degradation. It would be extremely short sighted if we were to halt the trail development plan. Please move forward with implementing the plan. Jamie Kent

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8/26/2024 12:34	James e. Magleby	Fund the Trails	<p>SAC Council: We desperately need to finish the trail system around Salt Lake. It is crowded up there, and it is not safe (or, at least, it could be a lot safer). I recognize that there are strong feelings on both sides of these issues, but the reality is that there are already a lot of people using the trails and the number will only increase. The environmental impact of trail traffic is inevitable, and so simply needs to be managed. Further, more and better trails will decrease the off-trail use, necessitate by "shortcuts" by bikers and hikers to avoid each other. Further, the trails are very close to SLC, an urban environment. It is not unreasonable to put people into the Foothills. There is lots of untouched, or hardly-touched space as one get higher/further away from the City. Among other things, separating bikes and hikers is a good idea. We all find ways to get along, and are happy to share the trails, but at the same time it is a relief when we have our own paths. And, again, it is a safety issue. So, please, please fund finishing the existing trails and adding more. James E. Magleby MAGLEBY CATAXINOS, PC</p>
8/26/2024 12:35	Marcus Cazier	Please release funding for SLC Trails	<p>Hello, I am writing to encourage the council to immediately release all funds for trail building and maintenance in Salt Lake City. I am a hiker and mountain biker who utilizes the foothill trails 4x a week. Here are some of my experiences that indicate why the investment is so overdue: • I walk my dog in the foothills 2-3x a week. He is always leashed and curbed when we hike, and he has a leash aggression. This means when non-leashed dogs approach him (despite me telling the dog owners to recall their dog as mine is not friendly) he often attacks them. This occurs 2-3x per walk. Per walk. Please, use these funds to make it clear what areas/trailheads are on-leash and off-leash areas, and then enforce infractions. • The quantity of dog waste left behind, whether in a poop bag or not, is staggering. I worry if the waste problems continue to increase, all dogs will be uninvited from the shoreline trails. While this would be sad, I would understand the reasoning. Please help provide more waste receptacle, more education, and consequences for those who do not pick up after their dog. • While biking, I have been attacked twice by off leash dogs. One of them caught me and broke the skin on my ankle. Countless times while biking I have had to stop or risk hitting unleashed dogs blocking the trail. • Also while biking, I have been accosted several times by hikers and trail runners. They are complaining about my group size, or when we arrive at blind corners at the same time. I understand the frustration, but do not condone the tone or language they choose to use with me. In Park City, I've noticed an improvement in hiker/biker relations after they launched their "10 seconds to be kind" campaign with trailhead signage. • If you use our trails, you know the number of people on them is significantly higher every year. Please cut more trails. Make the unidirectional, single use, and equitable. We are surrounded by other cities and counties who have figured out how to cut trails all trail users can enjoy. Please, let Salt Lake City learn from them and become a leader in how to properly manage mountain access so that all may safely enjoy them. Thanks, Marcus Cazier</p>

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8/26/2024 12:36	Kristin Anderson	Foothills Trail System	Hello, I am reaching out to express my thoughts on the Foothill Trail System. I believe that there is a huge need to add and create more outdoor trails in the Salt Lake City area. The trail system we have is overloaded. I am an avid cyclist and mountain biker, and I have lived beneath the Foothills my whole life, and love spending time in the Wasatch mountains with my family, I am also a coach of the local Highschool mountain bike team. We desperately need expansion to make way for a new generation of outdoor enthusiasts born here and for all those who continue to move here to take advantage of. I believe that the opportunity to get outside increases health, happiness and forms a stronger sense of community, I believe that we are behind on creating more outdoor space here salt lake compared to other neighboring cities. Let's build our own "Corner Canyon" where we can have multi use trails that won't be over crowded. Where our Highschools can practice close to home, and our community will have more options and opportunities to connect with each other and with the beauty of the city we live in. Thanks Kristin Anderson
8/26/2024 12:40	Dyan Johnson	Support for funding Foothill Trail System	Hello, As a long time resident of Salt Lake I want to express my support of funding the new trail improvements for the Foothill Trail system. Over the years Salt Lake's population has grown and we need to increase the number of trails and improve them. This will allow all trail users to use the trails in a safe manner, creating one way, or single-use trails as needed. Please help Salt Lake stay awesome and give us easy access to world class views and recreation. Thanks Dyan
8/26/2024 12:41	Hugh Ferguson	Foothills trails funding	Hi, I am a 23 year resident of Salt Lake City and use the trails from Partey's to City Creek regularly. I am a multi use user, bike hike and dog walk! I fully support more funding and continuing expansion of the trail system. With the continuing growth and increased use I think the approach of including directional and some use specific trails will be helpful too. The sooner the better! Thanks for continuing to work and care for our foothills. Hugh Ferguson HSF Construction Inc.
8/26/2024 12:42	Jeanine Kuhn-Coker	Trails	Please vote no on the release of funds to widen the living room and other trails. A very bad idea and I love hiking on the foothills!!
8/26/2024 12:42	Anonymous Constituent	Foothills Trails	Please Provide More and Better SLC foothill now. We really need them, I love the new Trail! The heels not wheel and the wheel not heel directional specific trails which is awesome. We need more of those please, Thank you! Bye bye
8/26/2024 12:43	Spencer Brown	Foothills Trail System Master Plan	Dear Council, I'm writing in favor of proceeding with the Foothills Trail System Master Plan. This project, which was well-crafted and designed in the first place, has been on hold long enough. I grew up using the shoreline trail, hiking Mount Wire, and riding my bike on Bobsled in the late 90s and early 2000s. It's hard for me to believe that we still have essentially the same trail system in place when so many of the other cities along the Wasatch Front have invested heavily in their trails and made something really special for hikers, runners, and mountain bikers. We can do this with our trail system. We can do it in a sustainable way. And we can make it great for our kids and for their kids. The Master Plan, while not perfect, is a good starting point, and it is time to push aside the few loud voices that have kept the project from moving forward. From my perspective, the few trails that were constructed in 2020--particularly the new uphill trail from Memory Grove and the 19th Ave. downhill trail--were well-routed, nicely built, and clearly marked. Although they looked rough when first built, it should be obvious to all that the cuts into the mountainside were temporary and the vegetation quickly grew back as hoped. In short, let's get this moving, and let's catch up with the rest of the Wasatch Front. -- Spencer Brown

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8/26/2024 12:45	Jennifer Kohler	Trails	I am writing to encourage the Council to remove the existing hold on the trail construction funding. I use the Foothill Trail system multiple times a week biking, hiking and trail-running by myself and with my family. We love the new trails at Parlev's Point improving and expanding the trail system is important for staying active.
8/26/2024 12:45	Greg Foster	Foothills Trails	Hi my name is Greg Foster and I'm the SLC resident of the avenue and I'm calling in for the advocated for the expansion of the Foothill Trails . I've been on the trails all the time and bringing my dog. I'd like to ask the SLC Council to vote yes on this. Thank you so much. Bye
8/26/2024 12:49	Annabelle Olsen	Foothills Trails	Hi, My name is Annabelle Olsen. I wanted to call to keeping the Trails open, I know that me and my friends love going there a lot, we love it there. Please keep the trail open. Thank you!
8/26/2024 12:54	Kara Wetzal	Funding for Foothill trails	I urge you to reinstate funding for the construction and development of sustainable, accessible trails in the foothills. Our mountains and foothills are amazing assets that should be used—but in a carefully planned out way; this funding makes that possible. Adding well-thought out trails will add value to our community and has the potential to improve the quality of life of everyone who chooses to use the trails. Please invest in the unique and amazing geography we have here in Salt Lake!
8/26/2024 13:02	Philip Blevins	Foothills Trail Plan	Hello, I'm calling to support the foothill Trails Funding to build trails in the foothill. My name is Philip Blevins and I hard support on the doing the work on the foothill trails. I'm highly support the funds to use toward the trail that we have
8/26/2024 13:05	Heather Culbert	Support for more mountain biking trails in Salt Lake City	Salt Lake City Council, I understand you'll be reviewing the Foothills Master Plan soon. I love mountain biking, hiking, backpacking, and other recreational activities. Salt Lake City has unparalleled access to mountain recreation, but as our population has grown and the popularity of outdoor activities has increased, Salt Lake City needs to do more. Salt Lake City has lagged behind Draper, Lehi, Herriman and Spanish Fork in developing new trails and promoting outdoor recreation. The other Cities have benefited substantially by investing in new trails and promoting healthy outdoor activities. The trails around SLC are at capacity, and user conflicts are increasing. The City needs many more Mountain Bike specific trails. Mountain biking has experienced exponential growth over the last 3 years and we need more trails to properly enjoy our foothills. I am writing to voice my support for the Foothills Master Plan. The newly completed trails in the Foothills are fantastic, and I'd love to see phase 1 completed and phase 2 begun on schedule. Please don't heed to the loud minority who hate mountain bikers and want to stop the creation of more trails. I appreciate your consideration. Sincerely, Heather
8/26/2024 13:07	Adler Monson	Expand the Foothill trail system	I am a high school senior and an avid mountain biker and hiker. I love our foothill trail system and I am an advocate for expanding our trails. I think that the main reason that we have these foothill trails is to get people out of the city/valley and into the mountains. We need new trails in order to get new people into the mountains without having to drive 30-40 minutes into park city or up the canyons. I know that expanding the trail system will give more people: hiking, biking, or just walking a better chance to get outdoors and enjoy the mountains of Utah
8/26/2024 13:14	Matthew Peters	Foothills trail system plan	Hello, This is Matt Peters, SLC resident and I'm calling in interested to comment about the foothill trails system and excited to get going again. I'm happy for the trail but I'm concerning about the Erosion issues so as long as they didn't mess up the erosion because it's just a pain. Thank you!
8/26/2024 13:17	Gamero Lawrance	Foothills trail system plan	Hello, I'm calling to encourage the council to release the funding for the plan for the foothill trail since 2021 and I know that there's some vote's going on tomorrow for release the funds. Thank you!

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8/26/2024 13:26	Chelsea Horsley	Fund our trails	Hi, I am a mother to an avid mtn biker and also a resident in neighboring Harvard/yale area. I am emailing to express my support of funding and expanding our local foothill trails. It is so important to us to have our Slc trail system expanded and fully funded to provide safe, close, and use of public land for our families. Residents of the foothills do not own the mountains or their trails. We are so lucky to live in this beautiful valley full of trails and mountains to enjoy. Let's keep it that way! Best, Chelsea Horsley
8/26/2024 13:28	Mandi Montague	Foothill Trails System Improvements	I would like to voice my support of releasing the city funding for improving and adding to our foothill trail system. Our current trails are over crowded and in need up repairs. We need more trails to be accessible closer to home. My family uses the Salt Lake City trails several times a week for hiking, biking, and cross country skiing in the winter. We see the need for new trails to meet the growing demand and ensure positive experiences for all trail users. Thank you!
8/26/2024 13:29	Anonymous Constituent	Continue funding bike, hiking and walking paths in Salt Lake City	Please continue funding the trail system in the Salt Lake City area. These are important to the residents that live here. It is nice to have a place to go ride, walk and hike.
8/26/2024 13:30	Ken Montague	Trail System Improvements	I'm reaching out to support the release of city funds to improve and expand our foothill trail system. My family uses the Salt Lake City trails multiple times a week for hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing, and we've noticed how overcrowded and in need of repairs the trails have become. We believe it's important to make more trails accessible closer to home to meet the growing demand. Expanding and enhancing the trail system will ensure a positive experience for all users. Thank you for considering this initiative! Ken Montague

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8/26/2024 13:32	Jacob Crockett 1/3	Please Fully Fund and Expand the Foothills Trail System Plan	<p>City Council: I am a Salt Lake City resident and father of four boys, and we are avid hikers and cyclists. I am a competitive trail runner and cyclist, a mountain bike coach, and an advocate for Utah's open spaces. In the fall of 2015, when I was a member of Salt Lake City's Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Board, I approached Lewis Kogan with some concerns regarding trails in the Foothills. I have witnessed many, and even been involved in, user conflicts while recreating on those trails. I have been bitten by an off-leash pitbull, defended my sons when chased by off-leash dogs, been hit by a descending mountain biker in Dry Creek, and been yelled at by hikers claiming that the Foothills are off limits to bikes. Lewis and I discussed some of those issues, I asked that the City consider adopting a plan and formally adopting and expanding the trails system, and I have followed the proceedings rather closely since then. I have recreated in SLC's Foothills for as long as I can remember (even back when we could drive trucks from North Salt Lake to the radio towers above Ensign Peak). They are one of the things I missed most while living out of state for eight years. Although I returned 15 years ago, I'm daily in awe of the Foothills and the peaks they sometimes hide. They've built in my sons and me an appreciation for nature, a love for our natural resources, and a desire to protect our open spaces. My spouse was hit by a drunk driver while riding her bike eight years ago; while I previously spent thousands of miles on a road bike each year, that episode changed us. We sought refuge in the Foothills—running, hiking, and biking to escape, if only for a moment, our own thoughts and the noise of city life. I recently created a map of my activities in the Foothills, and that map shows hills blanketed in red lines where I've seen elk, moose, mountain lion, and countless fellow runners, hikers, and bikers. My sons joined NICA (the high school mountain bike league, of which Utah's over 7,000 student-athletes make it the country's largest chapter), and the Foothills have become their escape—whether from a long day at school, peer pressure, and especially during the days of social distancing, remote learning, and Zoom classes. As a dad and coach on our East High team, I've loved introducing new riders to the Foothills, whether overlooking This is the Place State Park at sunset, marveling at spring's balsam root-covered hills, or peering into City Creek Canyon (forbidden to mountain bikes). Our team has more than doubled in size in the last three years, and other teams at City schools (including West, Highland, Judge, SLCSE, and a Composite team from other area schools) have seen similar growth. We're teaching these hundreds of new trail users to exercise appropriate etiquette, to care for their public lands, to give back by helping maintain trails, and to encourage their families and friends to do the same. In fact, the response from these kids has on more than one occasion overwhelmed the City's capacity to accommodate the kids' volunteer requests—even when they're working on hiking-only trails! Anticipating increasing demands for trail space, and being disappointed at seeing Salt Lake City fall behind cities throughout the West in trail building (whether conservative cities like Bountiful, Draper, Herriman, St. George, and Boise, or progressive cities like Moab, Boulder, and Park City) were some of the motivations behind my discussions with Lewis back in 2015 about a plan that would permit City residents to recreate from their homes, rather than having to drive to Draper or the Wasatch Back (it's silly to have to drive a car to ride a bike). Years later, I was happy to hear that the City adopted a plan (following public input) to give its residents better access to its Foothills with more, better trails. The BST (and its large number of social-trail offshoots, many of which are unsustainable, and some of which suffer severe erosion) is great but overcrowded, rife with user conflict, and insufficient for a city like SLC. I have been thrilled to see the City build new trails and excited to see the new plan be implemented.</p>

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8/26/2024 13:32	Jacob Crockett 2/3	CONTINUED!! Please Fully Fund and Expand the Foothills Trail System Plan	<p>There are (and should be expected) growing pains as old favorites are closed and new cuts look raw, but we need more sustainable trails to replace some of the social and unsustainable trails of the past. Reworking some of the new trails, and giving all of the new trails time to become established, has been a positive thing for the growing network. But it's not enough. Where appropriate, users could be separated to provide a better, safer experience. And while I'll miss running some of the trails I used to run, or riding some of the trails I used to ride, I am thrilled to see a generation of runners and riders learn to love our open spaces, discover there is more to life than Minecraft, and accomplish challenges they previously found daunting. The City went to great lengths to inventory public lands, get public input, develop a plan, get input on that plan, and adopt that plan.</p> <p>Now, despite how many people love the new trails, a few disgruntled neighbors have halted progress. They have been supported in this effort by Save Our Canyons, of which I was a supporter for many years, because influential donors have cornered Save Our Canyons into an effort in which SOC wouldn't otherwise involve themselves (and have no history of so doing). When I discussed with the then-executive director of SOC the need for more trails in a city our size, his response was: couldn't your middle and high school kids do their mountain bike training on city roads instead? This "recreate in my way or don't recreate at all" mentality has won the day and halted much-needed trail building. I run and ride on the City's trails as much as anyone, and I simply don't understand the mindset. I contend that much of the effort from Save Our Foothills is not as much about trails or balsam root as it is about control. Their neighborhoods have been more impacted than most by rude and loud users (runners and riders alike—I've even seen motorcycles at Morris Meadows); by people illegally parking in areas where parking is already pinched; etc. Clearly, something needs to be done. But SOF were conspicuously quiet when the University of Utah tore up the Foothills in connection with the water tower construction. They were again quiet when the bulldozers and tankers turned the area behind the medical center into a construction site, burying old trails and displacing countless users, creating massive dirt roads that have yet to be fixed. No SOF protests, no signs—I'm guessing because it didn't impact their parking despite the massive and permanent hillside scarring (including a new paved road) and crushed balsam root. The fact is that more trails are better for everyone, and a variety of trails is better for everyone. While I enjoy riding a bike downhill, I don't believe that every trail should be a downhill mountain bike trail. As a hiker and runner, I don't believe that all trails should be accessible only to those on foot. That said, it makes sense to separate users at times. Take the Armstrong Trail in Park City, for example: it is one of the most beloved of the 500+ miles of trails in Park City because it lets hikers and runners peacefully co-exist with uphill-only riders, who must find another place to descend. There are many ways to travel above, below, and through the Mid-Mountain area, but Mojave is limited to downhill bikes only, which means I can run in that area and generally not have to worry about conflicts with riders. The City should fully fund, build, maintain, and expand the approved plan, because: •</p> <p>Cities throughout Utah and the Intermountain West are building trails at a rapid pace to keep up with increasing use, population growth, and increasing user conflict (user conflict can come from traffic not appropriately yielding, congestion, improper trail use [e.g., off-leash dogs in leash-restricted areas in SLC], etc. • Salt Lake City lags behind local municipalities like Draper, Herriman, and cities in Davis County (not to mention Park City, Moab, and St. George!), in sustainable trail miles, while having a larger population than all of them combined. Salt Lake City lags far behind regional cities like Boise, Denver, Boulder, and Phoenix in trail building as well.</p>

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8/26/2024 13:32	Jacob Crockett 3/3	CONTINUED!! Please Fully Fund and Expand the Foothills Trail System Plan	<p>• Many of Salt Lake City's trails are social trails – trails created by foot and/or animal traffic, which are typically unsustainable, prone to erosion, and provide a poor user experience. These trails are not environmentally friendly and are not user friendly.</p> <p>Even the most dismissive viewer would acknowledge that the rutted fall-line trail near the JCC is in terrible condition and dangerous—it has sent my son to the hospital on a crash from his bike, and it has left me bruised and bloodied from a fall while running.</p> <p>• Cities find significant economic benefit when building trails – as users have a better experience, they visit a city more often and spend more money locally.</p> <p>• Given the dearth of suitable trails in SLC, accommodating the approximately 300 kids enrolled in mountain bike programs at Salt Lake City public schools requires those teams often drive those 300 kids (plus coaches and parents) to Park City, Draper, or other local trails, multiple times per week—this is not great for our vehicle traffic and air pollution concerns. This is true of other riders as well—many riders find themselves having to drive to distant trailheads because of overcrowding and lack of suitable trails in Salt Lake City.</p> <p>• Utah High School Mountain Bike League growth is up exponentially, with the league splitting into two regions in 2016, three regions in 2018, four regions in 2020, and six regions in 2022 with over 7,000 student athletes.</p> <p>• Student athletes from Millcreek, Holladay, Draper, Woods Cross, North Salt Lake, and Bountiful often ride in Salt Lake City given the low-elevation trails with soils conducive to early season riding.</p> <p>• Bike sales surged 69% in 2020 vs 2019, and have only grown since then.</p> <p>• The demands placed on Salt Lake City's trails (few of which are suitable for beginners or lower intermediate riders) are skyrocketing. The need for trails has never been greater, and the demands are only likely to increase as the thousands of new youth riders in Utah are bringing young friends and older family members into the sport.</p> <p>• Trail running and hiking are also seeing increasing popularity. Increasing user conflict is best ameliorated by adding trail miles and by separating user types where appropriate (such as multi-use uphill traffic and downhill foot traffic on one trail with downhill bike traffic on a nearby trail—this works everywhere and is common in Draper, Park City, Telluride, Boulder, Sun Valley, Boise, and other places with planned trail systems).</p> <p>• The City has five goals for the new trails system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Environmentally Sustainable: Trails avoid sensitive habitat, minimize erosion, and make efficient use of available natural lands while protecting the wild and scenic nature of the Foothills landscape. o Enjoyable: Trails cater to a diversity of recreation types and users, and a variety of desired experiences. o Accessible: Trails are accessible to a broad audience of beginner to immediate trail users, including families, seniors, and people with disabilities. o Safe: Trail user conflicts are mitigated and minimized through trail design and use regulations. o Low-Maintenance: Trails drain water naturally, follow contours instead of fall-lines, and encourage users to remain on-trail, minimizing maintenance efforts. <p>All of the City's goals for the new trails system (environmentally sustainable, enjoyable, accessible, safe, and low-maintenance) can be achieved under the current plan. The City should build out (and even expand) the current plan as rapidly as possible, and the City should remain committed to being responsive when problems arise (such as the City's quick response to the sloughing and poor design that plagued the first few hundred feet of the new East City Creek trail, which is now a much better and safer experience). Progress upsets people, but please: let's not let a few disgruntled folks keep the City from achieving its potential and staying true to its identity as a mecca for outdoor recreation. Instead, let's work to resolve issues as they arise and support the City in creating a world class trails system offering a great experience for all users. Please fully fund, implement, and expand the Foothill Trails System Plan. I am happy to discuss further at your convenience. Thank you,</p>
8/26/2024 13:32	Cort Winters	We need more trails!	<p>As a father of 5 kids in the Salt Lake District, I am pleading with you to help create ways for our kids to get outside. We regularly use these trails but they are very crowded at times. We need more trails to accommodate all different levels of riders for our kids and families.</p>
8/26/2024 13:37	Parker McBrier	More bike (and hike) trails please.	<p>We need more trails. We need more interesting trails. Yes we know rich people who bought at the top of the hill don't like seeing people walking and biking around their big homes. Life is tough. We need more trails in our foothills. Please. Fwiw, I live on Virginia st and see the parking for MTB grow up the street every year. People need places to ride! Let's go! Parker McBrier</p>

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8/26/2024 13:38	John Knoblock	Unfortunate Save Our Foothills Lies	Council Members- Although I normally would not take time to make negative remarks, this time I am compelled. Trails Utah has been working with the University and USFS to plan much needed trail maintenance on the Living Room area trails. That included funding from a local donor in Research Park and a UDOR grant. This is a project to complete basic trail maintenance. Last week we took time to field review the project with Councilperson Dugan, Trails and Public Lands staff, the University, USFS, and Save Our Foothills. Save Our Foothills representatives made outrageous untrue claims such as 'widening a trail 8" during maintenance will disrupt animals crossing the trail' and that 'dirt from trail maintenance will be visible from the SLC Airport'. Previously they claimed that the new Parleys Pointe BST was causing the whole hillside to collapse, which is not true. Then today they sent out a flier saying that planning trail maintenance subverted the new trail construction moratorium, which it does not. Simply put, Save Our Foothills is a group of NIMBYs that makes outrageous claims and lies to meet their intent to have no new trails, no improvements to trails, and no maintenance on trails. They do not represent the majority opinion nor do they have the public interest in mind. John Knoblock
8/26/2024 13:50	Amy Brunvand	Foothills Living Room trail	As I'm sure you're aware, Save Our Foothills has warned of a threat to the popular Living Room Trail in the foothills behind the University of Utah. It seems that the same private trail builder that did environmental damage in other parts of the Foothills has secured secretive funding to widen the Living Room trail to 3 feet. Foothills trails should be a popular project with broad public support, but mismanagement has made the public mistrustful. This trail is a favorite of people in Salt Lake City. Let's not ruin it. Trail construction should be halted until it can be done with full transparency and public support for the plan.
8/26/2024 13:51	Alison Crockett	More trails please!	I am writing to ask you to please re-instate the Foothill trail expansion project. I use the trails multiple times a week with my family, the jr. high and high school mountain bike team, and my friends. The trails we have are amazing and so much fun. But we need more. We have so few trails, that I very often have to travel to Park City or Bountiful to have access to more trails. It doesn't have to be that way. We have the land, we just need the trails. Thank you for the addition of the 19th Ave trail a few years ago. It is so much fun and has added variety and much needed mileage in trails close to home. The trails we have are such an asset to Salt Lake but there just aren't enough. Please keep adding trails. The mountains are at our doorsteps, let the community enjoy them. We need more trails to help meet the needs of our growing population. We need more trails so we can teach our kids and future generations respect and love for the natural resources in our own backyard. We have the space to do it, so please let us use it. Many thanks, Alison Crockett & kids
8/26/2024 13:58	Kirsten Dockstader	foothill trails	Our family uses the foothills trails weekly for hiking with our dog and biking. We strongly support city investment in new trails, trailheads and trail maintenance. Thank you, Kirsten Dockstader
8/26/2024 14:08	Anonymous Constituent	It's past time	It's past time we restarted building. The plan has been in place, talked about, reworked to the point the next issue will be that it's too old! It's time to start moving dirt.

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8/26/2024 14:13	Jake Ricker	STRONG SUPPORT for new and improved and expanded Foothill Trails	<p>Hello and thank you for your time. I am a Salt Lake City resident, and want to express my support and request for expanded and improved SLC Foothill trails. We have a huge opportunity to have an amazing trail system in our Foothills, for our entire community to use and enjoy. This is a very under-tapped gem and resource that has so much potential! With specific and intentional trails (designed mountain biking, hiking/trail running, and multi-use trails we can all use and enjoy our public lands together, while cutting down on misuse, “cow paths” and confusion. While I understand that Foothill residents have their gripes and concerns, the Foothills are all of our public land to use. I hope that with intentional planning, and respect, the citizens who have a right to enjoy these lands can do so with respect and gratitude for accessing and parking in these neighborhoods. Salt Lake City residents should not have to travel to Draper, Park City, Bountiful, and many other communities who are doing a much better job with trails than we are. I use the trails regularly as an avid mountain biker, hiker and trail runner. My wife and daughter use them daily as well. It is a community, and part of OUR community. I am a volunteer coach for the East High School Mountain Bike team (Utah High School Cycling League/ National Interscholastic Cycling Association) We use the trails regularly, but more often must travel with multiple vehicles and students to other destinations where the trail networks are far superior. It is time for Salt Lake City to create and maintain an expansive, comprehensive Foothill trail system for ALL community members to enjoy! Thank you for your time. Jake Ricker Salt Lake City, UT</p>
8/26/2024 14:34	Adam Looney	Please Complete the Foothills Trail Project	<p>I am writing to express my strong support for the Department of Public Lands decision to continue with the Foothills Trail Project. I am a resident of the upper avenues, and live nearby several key trailheads and parking areas. I use the trails almost daily for walking, hiking, running, and biking. They are a tremendous and underused resource. I hope the Department of Public Lands will continue to expand the number of trails, to improve existing trails, and make other investments at trailheads to accommodate current and future users. I look forward to your trail crews resuming work soon. Many thanks! Adam Looney (and family)</p>
8/26/2024 15:31	Peter H Harrison	Foothill Trail System	<p>I would like to express support to fully fund and and expand the Foothill Trail System. I have a daughter at East High and Clayton Middle School who both are on the East High Mountain Bike team. Rather than having them commute to Park City or Davis County in order to practice and exercise I'd like for them to have that opportunity here, locally. We have a lot of people in Salt Lake that want to hike, ride or run close to home. Please support the Foothill Trail System. Thanks, Peter Harrison</p>
8/26/2024 15:32	Danielle Brown	public comment on trails	<p>We moved back to Utah specifically for the easy access to nature and are thrilled to hear that there will be a greater investment in hiking and biking trails! We want nature accessible to everyone !</p>

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8/26/2024 15:33	Austin Austin Whitehead	Foothills Master Plan	Hey Darin, I just wanted to reach out and offer my support for building more trails in our foothills. I run, hike, or mountain bike in the foothills multiple times per week and often access these trails from my doorstep (in your district, a few short miles of biking/transit away). Spending time before and after work in these close-by natural areas is one of my favorite things about living in SLC. It's ridiculous that this plan has been delayed for 4+ years after 5+ years of planning and stakeholder input. We need more trails for both hiking/running and mountain biking and we need trailhead infrastructure to support a growing number of users. A small, but vocal and wealthy minority cannot continue to keep that from happening. Communities to the south (Draper), north (Bountiful/Farmington), east (PC), and west (Herriman/Daybreak) have all been building more trails and increasing recreation opportunities for their residents while Salt Lake City has remained in gridlock over this plan. The foothills of SLC are incredibly special, but an unofficial network of social trails that has gone largely unmaintained and unimproved for decades no longer supports the needs of this community. We can figure out some of the details along the way (I would love to see less legacy trail closures and more trail additions), but a hard pause on this construction lasting any longer is a total failure of our local government. Please support the Foothills Master Plan moving forward. I'm really looking forward to running and biking on new trails in the near future. Thanks, Austin Whitehead
8/26/2024 15:52	G. donald Gale	Comment Letter **Attachment 3 - 1 Page	See attachment
8/26/2024 16:08	Catherine Greene	Save the GSL	Is the Community Council engaging w/higher ups about how to save the GSL? It has been studied that if it dries up, SLC and surrounding communities will have an economical disaster on their hands not to mention the already toxic air that exists now and even more toxic is the arsenic that will be released by the drying up of the lake. News is written but it doesn't mention how the state will solve it. It's so important to the livelihood of so many people along the Wastach Front.
8/26/2024 17:03	Lisen Green	Foothill trail improvements	As a resident of the Avenues, my family uses the foothill trails daily for hiking, do walking and biking. We strongly support the cities investment in new trails, trailhead and ongoing maintenance of our trails.
8/26/2024 17:36	Mike Mosdell	Foothill trails	I love to bike hike run and walk on the bst. The proximity to downtown is awesome. The trail system at corner canyon is great. We need something like that. Dedicated trails for downhill, climbing, and running/walking. The people living near the trailheads need to relax and understand that they don't own the foothills. We all do and we should make them safer and more accessible. Thanks, Mike
8/26/2024 19:31	Mack Golden	New trails	Just wanted to say that I am looking forward to new biking trails here in the foothills. If salt lake could have a system similar to corner canyon it would really increase the access for riding after work without having to fight traffic on the freeway. It could also help to alleviate bike traffic on some of the more popular hiking trails.
8/26/2024 19:46	Anonymous Constituent	Foothill Trail Support	As an avid trail user in Salt Lake and Davis County I would just like to voice my support for expanding and enhancing trails in the Salt Lake area foothills area. There are a lot of great trails in the area, but I am really loving the expansion in other areas and am excited to see what can great trails are planned for the future SLC foothills.

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Dear Councilman Dugan:

Sometimes I wonder. The city is spending considerable amounts to restrict driving in the downtown area, hoping to encourage the use of mass transit, bicycles, and walking. Significant traffic flow changes have been made on South Temple, Second South, Third South, and recently West Temple. (I have driven along West Temple most days for thirty years. I don't recall ever seeing a bicycle on that street – a scooter or two on the sidewalk, but no bicycles.)

At the same time, the City Council encourages billionaire Ryan Smith to build two or three (unknown number) high rise buildings along South Temple Street. No doubt, these buildings -- whether office, residential, or hotel -- will inevitably and dramatically increase automobile traffic in the area. The two Council actions are so obviously contradictory that one wonders how (or if) City Council minds work.

At the same time, if Smith builds his high rise buildings, it will require a complete rebuild of the Convention Center because a significant part of the Center now extends to South Temple Street. The questions city residents ask are: What will the new Convention Center look like? Who will pay for it? How much convention business will we lose in the process?

Smith also says he intends to preserve Japan Town. He's a few decades too late for that. However, preserving Japan Town seems incompatible with rebuilding the Convention Center, especially if, as some planners propose, First South Street is re-opened below West Temple.

At some point, City Council members should ask for (demand) a schematic representation of plans for the so-called "Entertainment District," including its effect on adjacent blocks. City residents deserve to know a great deal more before their full approval can be expected.

Sincerely,



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8/26/2024 20:45	Josh Rhea	Foothill Trails Master Plan	Dear City Council Members, While I have spent many years participating in public feedback sessions on this topic, I'm submitting yet another feedback comment regarding the Foothills Master Plan. During your vote on 8/27, and as a homeowner near the Terrace Hills trails access point, I request that you reinstate the paused Foothills Trails Plan. There is no reason to stop the implementation of the original plan. No Native American objection. No geological erosion reason. No harm to wildlife. Our city and our community need more trails created for use-specific recreation as our population continues to grow. While re-implementing the plan is priority number 1, I would implore you to consider the original Foothills plan as it was drafted: with trails like the "sword of Zworo" above Morris Meadow restored to use as "hike and uphill bike access only" and the foothills ridge trails returned to public use without the use of trenches and fences. Thanks for your consideration, Josh Rhea
8/26/2024 21:17	Margie Duffy Meyers	Please develop more	We love our foothills. We want them more accessible to our children
8/26/2024 21:30	Kevin Cummisford	Please continue to fund foothill trails	I am a frequent user of the foothills trail systems for running, hiking, and mountain biking. The work that was started in City Creek canyon was fantastic and we need more trails. Outdoor recreation is so popular SLC that trailheads can be busy so spreading people out with more trails is fantastic. Keeping user groups separate has also been hugely beneficial for each of the user groups. The plan in place is wonderful so let's get it built
8/26/2024 22:04	Lindsay Blackburn	Release funding for foothill trail system	The foothill trails are used daily by the community for hiking, dog running, trail running and biking. Please support city investment in new trails, trailheads, and ongoing maintenance. The plan balances environmental stewardship and quality outdoor experiences for community members.
8/27/2024 7:08	Stephanie Gibbons	Release funding-more trails!	I love spending time in the mountains and on trails to escape the business of SLC but I don't want to drive a long ways. Having more trails here close by would be ideal. I use the trails multiple times a week for mountain biking and sometimes for hiking. We need more trails in the foothills! Let's make our open space more useable. Please release funding.
8/27/2024 8:32	Anonymous Constituent	More trails please	The SLC valley can use a lot more trails. The ones we have are dated and crowded. Check Park City for what a quality trail system looks like
8/27/2024 8:45	Steve Wilson	Voicemail call to City Council	Hi just calling to voice my support for the trails funding. Better designed trails for all ages and users. Many are too steep and eroded. There needs to be some attention given. I really appreciate the Council's support for access to trails and trails system network in our area. Thanks so much and I look forward to learning about your vote for the support of the trails.
8/27/2024 8:48	Sophie Penner	Voicemail call to City Council	Hi my name is Sophie and I am requesting that there is more funding for trails in foothills. More trails would mean less crowded trails and more access for those in the Salt Lake Valley mountain bike and hike. They are really awesome trails and we would love for there to be more of them. Thank you.
8/27/2024 8:52	Ada Fendler	Voicemail to City Council	Hi my name is Ada Fendler. I really love the trails in Foothills and I would really like to see more trails so I can ride my mountain bike with less people. Please consider for funding for more trails. Thank you Bye.
8/27/2024 8:56	Alex Dumont	Voicemail to City Council	Hello my name is Alex Dumont. I live in Salt Lake City in the Ave's. I would like to see more funding for trails in the Foothills. I think it is very beneficial for Salt Lake in terms of tourism and outdoor activism. It helps me personally with mental health to get outside and bike and hike trails that are outside my house. Please more funding for trails.

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8/27/2024 9:07	Sarah Bennett	Funding needed for Trails!	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to you today to respectfully request that you release funds that were originally set aside three years ago for the care and management of the Foothills Natural Area through the implementation of the SLC Foothill Trails Master Plan. This plan took almost three years to develop, involved dozens of open houses and public input opportunities, and is desperately needed to help manage ongoing impacts from recreational activity affecting one of Salt Lake City's greatest assets; the open space of the foothills. Withholding funds will result in further degradation to the landscape, erode the trail user experience, and firmly establish the Salt Lake City foothills as one of the most poorly managed and maintained open space areas next to any major urban center in the west. The popularity of outdoor recreation in all it's forms, hiking, running, dog walking, mountain biking, is only going to increase and we must engage these trends and work to do what is best for the foothills and our outdoor-loving population. Trails Utah is dedicated to helping connect people to Utah's spectacular landscapes through sustainably built trails while helping preserve the integrity of our natural open spaces and the eco-systems they support. We are here to facilitate this process and partner with the City, the University, and others who share these values. Unfortunately, there are those who paint our efforts as deceitful, destructive, and antithetical to the values of creating a sustainable human presence in the foothills and are opposing the release of these needed resources. This is deeply disheartening as we all care about the natural beauty and environmental integrity of our shared foothills. Trails Utah initiated a stakeholder development and visioning effort to better manage and improve foothill trails in 2015, shortly after we became established as a non-profit. Our initial effort was supported by the Eccles Foundation before Salt Lake City stepped forward to invest in the trails master planning process. Trails Utah is incredibly grateful for the City's efforts and applauds Salt Lake City Trails and Public Lands for the outstanding job they have done to address concerns about communicating about the plan, the engagement process, conducting studies and addressing environmental concerns, and ensuring trails are properly designed and constructed. They are thoroughly deserving of your support and should be allowed to go forward and do the good work they are capable of. I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sarah Bennett</p>
8/27/2024 9:08	Max Peterson	Foothill Trails Funding	<p>Dear City Council, I'm Max, I'm a 15-year-old mountain biker and I live in the Avenues. I ride the trails near my house like the BST, 19th Ave, and Bobsled all the time. I also ride with my high school mountain bike team and we train in the foothills during the spring and fall when it's cooler. I was pretty excited when I saw the original Foothills Master Plan that detailed many trails that were supposed to be built. I followed the trail building at Popperton and up higher closely. It was pretty disappointing when the build was paused after just a year. The current trails we have in the Avenues are good but there just aren't enough. This leads to a high concentration of people on one trail. This can be a big issue when our training groups for mountain bike team encounter a ton of other trail users as compared to other systems in the area. We could also use a larger variety of mountain bike trail types to promote progression and build skills. When new trails are built, the local teams would be happy to put in work and keep them in a condition that suits both riders and wildlife in the foothills. Thanks, Max Peterson</p>
8/27/2024 9:09	Ian Quigley	Please keep trail building	<p>I use the foothill trails daily - often on my commute, from below the U to downtown - and am thrilled that more of them might be coming. The valley is going to have more people in the future, and easing that congestion by planning smartly now is a great move. Our city is going to get a lot of attention in the upcoming years, and I'm hopeful that we'll get in front of it! Many thanks, i</p>

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8/27/2024 9:14	Jim Catano	Artesian well park at 8th S. & 5th E.	I went to the park one morning last week and there were probably 20 unhoused individuals using it as a campground. I certainly sympathize with the plight of the homeless, but surely there are better areas where they can camp than at a park where people come at all hours to fill their water jugs and expect some modicum of sanitation. While I was there, one woman even had her dog jump up on the water filling station for a drink and it flipped water all over the place. Other people pulled up and, when seeing the situation, simply drove away. I wasn't hassled or panhandled by any of these folks, but why can't this small park be made off limits to camping for sanitary reasons? Also a dog bowl like at Liberty Park would be a nice addition.
8/27/2024 9:15	Hans Reichstetter	More foothills trails please!	I ride/hike/explore the foothills trails 3-4 times a week during the spring through fall months. They're truly magical and one of the greatest assets of the valley. We need more trails, more use-specific trails and more trail maintenance so everyone can experience this incredible natural wonderland right in our own backyard. Hans Reichstetter
8/27/2024 9:16	Tom Diegel	more foothills trails	Hi It's my understanding that on August 27 there will be some consideration of re-funding/re-starting the trail-building process in the SLC foothills. This is my comment: I have been an avid user of the Salt Lake City foothills trails for the 25 years I've been in SLC, and was first exposed to them on a visit for the Outdoor Retailer show well before that, and that influenced my decision to move to UT. Proximity to hikeable/rideable trails is a very high priority for me - and, I think, for many people - and the foothills trails have been great....but are now outdated. Considering the proximity to so many other trail lovers there are too-few trails in the very trail-friendly terrain and the ad hoc trails above and below the shoreline are basically overused game trails that are far from being "good" trails by today's standards. I was very excited to see the trails master plan unveiled several years ago at the Natural History Museum, was excited to see some of the trails being implemented, and was very disappointed to see the effort curtailed a couple of years ago. Trail design/development has come a long ways in the last 20 years, and the quality, popularity, and appropriate use of the designated trails is on ample display.....near, but not in Salt Lake City. Draper, Herriman, Lehi, Alpine, Park City, Moab, Eagle Mountain, Kamas, Hurricane, Richfield, Ogden, Provo, Logan, and others have been very progressive and have developed excellent networks that allow for easy mixed use with minimal conflicts, and Salt Lake City should follow suit. Appropriate hillside cutting, directional travel, and ped/horse/bike specific trails should be implemented, and will actually complement Salt Lake City's reputation as an "outdoor city".....that's based basically on the Wasatch, but not - yet - on the foothills. I understand that there are many demands on a city's infrastructure, but I firmly believe that trails very much enhances a city's livability, and with increasing heat, pollution, lakebed dust, and increased crowding Salt Lake City needs more and better trails nearby. Please provide adequate funding and re-start the development process! Sincerely, Tom Diegel, Sugarhouse
8/27/2024 9:17	Julie Kiefer	Improve Foothill trails	Dear SLC Council, I have been a Salt Lake City resident for the past 20 years. My family and I are avid users of the trails in the nearby foothills. It is one of the best assets of living here. I was glad to hear that you are considering improvements. I strongly support improving and expanding the trail system with use-specific trails for a variety of abilities. Best, Julie Kiefer
8/27/2024 9:18	Brent Flory	More trails	SLC Council Please expand the trails system. It will be better for everyone in the community. Directional mountain bike trails like Park City trails are wonderful. Make them well designed and well built. Too many old trails are too steep and eroded. I'm a mountain bike coach and lead rides twice a week. The template has been built. Follow how Park City designs and builds trails. They are a world class leader in trail systems. Thanks Brent Flory MB1 Investments

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8/27/2024 9:19	Maisie Stevens	Better SLC Foothill Trails!	Hello! My name is Maisie Stevens and I am a student at the University of Utah! I support more opportunities to enjoy nature and exercise without a long drive, so I love the idea of expanding foothills trails so close to my university! Thank you!
8/27/2024 9:20	Stella Gillespie	Foothill Trails	My family, friends, and I love riding the Foothill Trails. They're fun, have different levels, and are at a great location. This is where practice is held a lot of the time and we would love for there to be more trails soon! Thanks so much!
8/27/2024 9:21	Melany Flory	Foothill Trails	I am emailing in support of the release of city funding to improve and expand our foothill trails. My family uses the foothill trails weekly for biking and hiking and support the city investment in new trails and ongoing trail maintenance. Thank you, Melany
8/27/2024 9:22	Marian Florence	Trails funding	We run and mountain bike on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail several times a week and really value the ability to be outside in our amazing hills! We support city investment in new trails, trailheads, and ongoing trail maintenance. Thank you! Marian Florence Salt Lake City resident
8/27/2024 9:23	Nathan Florence	SLC foothills trail funding	Thanks for considering this trails question. My family and I live in the 9th&9th neighborhood and use the foothill trail system from city creek to parleys canyon several times a week running and mountain biking. As the trails have improved it has been amazing seeing more families using them. Please keep supporting this healthy resource for our community. Nathan Florence
8/27/2024 9:24	Paula Shepherd	Trails	Dear Council Members, Please, please allow expansion of the Foothill trail systems. It's medicine for the soul and teaches our kids to respect the beautiful state they live in. With the growing population at the University, our trails are going to become more and more crowded. Park City and Draper hair figured out. Let's figure it out too!
8/27/2024 9:28	Davie Leta	Foothills Trail System Plan	The foothills around Salt Lake City are heavily used by hikers, bikers, runners, dog-walkers, and nature lovers. Without a workable, funded, and well managed plan, the foothills will continue to be loved to death. The time for a plan is overdue. I urge the city Council to move forward with this plan before the landscape is irreparably changed to the detriment of current and future residents. David E. Leta
8/27/2024 9:29	John Metz	Additional funding for foothills trails	I'm excited to see renewed funding for improved foothills trails around SLC for hiking, dog walking and directional trails for mountain biking. My family and I already enjoy the first phase trail and can't wait for more. Thanks for prioritizing outdoor recreation. - John
8/27/2024 9:30	Rachel Woods	Support for foothill trails	Hello We are SLC residents and frequent trail users. We support investments in planned trails in the foothills so that the city can continue to support the growing outdoor community Thank you, Rachel Woods
8/27/2024 9:45	Jarrett Fisher	Support for Foothills Master Plan	Hi City Council Members, I love this city and love the trails. Please vote yes to approve funding to continue work on the FH Master Plan. We continue to grow into a larger city and need more trails for all (bikers, runners, hikers, dog walkers, whatever). NICA also continues to grow in popularity so trails, parking, trailheads, and proper maintenance are important. Vote yes! Thanks - Jarrett Fisher (P.S. Tell Erin I say hi)
8/27/2024 9:46	Patricia Allred-sorensen	Increase in your pay.	You should not be getting a raise. It is up to you to decide how much??? Great if you let us decide how much we want to pay for things the city does. I would like to pay \$0. If you get to say how much you want for a part time job with all you support staff you could reasonably need and that \$52,000 + benefits and retirement a year is not enough. Why not release how much the total budget you guys make along with all staff and anything else including benefits and then let us vote on it????? That would seem fair to most of us. "We the people" get screwed by the government all the time and this is just one more example. -- Pati

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8/27/2024 9:48	Janet Hemming 1/2	Opposed to new council salary raise	<p>Salt Lake City Council members: I strongly urge you to reject a new, higher salary raise for yourselves. I have witnessed, first-hand your conscientious and devoted attention to the city's business. Your service is appreciated and acknowledged. However, a new salary raise to \$74,000 — on top of the one you just received weeks ago to \$52,941 — is egregious. If approved, your salary would jump from \$42,000 at the end of June, 2024 to \$74,000. Please consider this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed increase comes as inflation and cost of living are causing hardships for your fellow Salt Lake residents and constituents. • With no checks and balances, you are exploiting your own authority to give yourself a raise. The optics look terrible. • Matched against other cities of comparable size (SLC population 209,593) with comparable features (airport, major university, major health care system, arts, corporate headquarters, etc.) SLC Council salaries would be double or triple what council colleagues in these compatible cities are making: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Boise \$28,048. Capitol City (population 236,600) o Des Moines \$35,000 Capitol City (population 210,381) o Tallahassee \$45,000* Capitol City pending public ballot vote in November, 2024. (population 202,221) o Baton Rouge \$37,049 Capitol City (population 219,573) • The Salt Lake City Council position is part-time. • According to ZipRecruiter (July, 2024) the average full time salary in Salt Lake City is \$61,766. • The City Council is supported by a staff of 39 plus an Executive Director and each Council member is assigned a full-time constituent liaison. This is a veritable “army.” Name another city in Utah that — percentage wise — has that level of support? This staff assists you with your work and costs the city \$6.2 million. What was the council department budget just 6 years ago? \$3.7 million. And what was the City Council salary that same year? \$35,925. • The basis for your original raise is flawed. It's tied to the mayor's salary which automatically triggers your raise. Are there other municipalities that have this provision? It deserves closer public scrutiny. The mayor's new \$212,000 salary (a \$44,000 raise) is higher than what Utah Governor Spencer Cox makes at \$165,600. Does the mayor of Salt Lake City have more responsibility than the governor of the state of Utah? • You already receive annual cost of living increases. • By what criteria is the raise being requested? Salt Lake City schools are closing. Families are leaving. The majority of Salt Lake City roads are in poor condition. Our parks are not well maintained. Police department morale is low. There have been some glaring RDA “fumbles.” • Arguing on a local podcast that the current council salary is too low or too demanding timewise for some people triggers a “class warfare” narrative. Tell that to the countless number of Salt Lake and Utah wage earners or retail owners who gave their all and still lost their jobs, lost their businesses, lost their homes, lost employees, and everything else during COVID — while thousands of Salt Lake City employees were sheltered by the city's safe government harbor during COVID. Unless you have contrary evidence, not one Salt Lake City employee was laid off because of downsizing during COVID. Many worked from home.

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8/27/2024 9:48	Janet Hemming 2/2	CONTINUED!! Opposed to new council salary raise	<p>Additionally, the federal government dumped tens of millions of ARPA money into city government coffers. Do you understand the perception? During the toughest economic time in America your salary and the budget of this city ballooned. And now you want more. • The facts don't support your argument that a Council seat is primarily accessible to privileged, wealthy people. The current city council is the most diverse in the city's history – from many different aspects including work experience, ethnicity, and LGBTQ standards. Council salary has not prevented you or others from running and winning a council seat. • Every job has emergencies, overtime stresses, and unexpected demands. The city has faced several major issues recently requiring special attention and a great deal of time. Using the last 6 months as a yardstick for a salary increase may not be the best lens through which to see this issue clearly. • If your life has changed and you're in a different financial place then you were before you became a Council member, then maybe this job isn't for you anymore. It seems inappropriate that the go-too bailout solution should be hiking your Salt Lake City Council salary. What do other people do when faced with the same dilemma? Some have 2-3 jobs; some decide to move elsewhere; some leave the job they're in or cut back commitments; others re-educate themselves, change professions or jobs, get family assistance or something else. Thus far, a good case for a Council salary increase of this magnitude has not been made. What is your rationale? In the spirit of fairness and transparency the people of Salt Lake deserve to know. Respectfully, Janet (Jan) Hemming</p> <p>Salt Lake resident</p>
8/27/2024 10:02	Jeffrey Wood	Thoughts on SLC's Green Space Initiatives	<p>Dear Victoria, I'm a strong believer in investing in Salt Lake City's existing green spaces. The Jordan River is a scenic treasure winding through our valley, offering beautiful trails and natural areas. Unfortunately, years of neglect have created a negative perception of the Jordan River corridor. I'm excited about the upcoming developments along the trail, which I hope will revitalize this invaluable green space. While I appreciate the Mayor's vision for downtown green spaces, I believe we should prioritize investing in existing natural areas like the Jordan River. It seems more efficient to enhance what we already have rather than create new green spaces from scratch. I understand the Green Loop was a key campaign promise, and its approval may be inevitable. However, I felt it was important to share my perspective. I truly believe the Jordan River is an untapped gem that deserves our attention and investment. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Jeffrey Wood</p>
8/27/2024 10:23	Anonymous Constituent	Voicemail to City Council	<p>I am calling cause my neighbors and myself, we have been looking at the Council newsletter and notice all things being done involve funding things. With the property taxes hitting a new all time highs every year, I think it would be good to do something about limiting taxes. Maybe cutting taxes a little bit. It is just too much. The growth in taxes and inflation in taxes is even more than food. I am calling on behalf of everyone and we are hoping you will consider things that will cut and lower taxes. Thank you so much.</p>
8/27/2024 10:23	Andrew Ferrer	Support for Trails	<p>I may be racing a timed out clock but I whole heartedly support increased trail access, development, and related funding efforts for SLC Foothill trails. My wife and I are SLC residents and we utilize existing trails regularly for ourselves, our dog, and with friends and family. Our utilization primarily comes from running and biking. I would love to see more trails of greater variety with greater connectivity across the Avenues neighborhood and BST corridor.</p>
8/27/2024 10:26	Anne Findlay	Voicemail to City Council	<p>Hi my name is Anne Findlay. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am calling to express my support of the Foothills trails system improvements and to encourage the City Council to release funds to work on that. I think it is a really important part of Salt Lake City and it brings a lot of great opportunities to residents. It encourages being outside and being healthy. Anyway just wanted to share that, thanks bye.</p>

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8/27/2024 10:27	Anonymous Constituent	Motorized Bicycles	Please consider keeping the foothills non-motorized (no batteries or electric MOTORS) these are creating a confrontational dynamic that was not present previous to their more recent popularity. There is a lot of danger on the trail because of the added capabilities of novice riders. Please keep motors off the foothills.
8/27/2024 10:38	Brian Carter	Please do more to support our outdoor lifestyle	So many of us live, work and spend time & money in SLC because of the great proximity to the outdoors that we love. With that said, Salt Lake City needs to do more to support its citizens in this passion. The trails are at capacity and there are regular conflicts. It is incredible to see the sheer number of folks using the trails in the mornings, evenings, and weekends. Salt Lake City lags far behind so many other cities that are benefiting from their investment in trails including Draper, Lehi, Herriman, Spanish Fork, North Salt Lake and Bountiful. Mountain Biking continues to grow and incredible rates and isn't expected to slow. I am writing to voice my support for the Foothills Master Plan. The newly completed trails in the Foothills are fantastic, and I'd love to see phase 1 completed and phase 2 begun on schedule. Please don't be persuaded by the vocal few who would put a stop to the mountain bikers who love to spend time in the outdoors. Just spend a few hours on the trails on a weekend morning and see the joy these trails bring to so many and the return the investment is already seeing. Thank you, Brian Carter
8/27/2024 11:02	Scott Marshall	Voicemail to City Council	Good morning. I missed the cut-off time for submitting an email regarding this evening's vote on the foothill plan. I will read my email..... I understand the council has taken another look at funding for trails after hitting the pause button for serval years. Thank you for judicially considering concerns and please move forward with expanding and rehabilitating current offerings. Our foothills are a precious commodity that deserves the attention that our neighbors to the north and south have invested in. Thank you very much, Scott Marshal.
8/27/2024 11:05	Kenton Peters	foothills trails plan	Dear SLC City Council members; Over the last 10 years or so greatly increased use of the existing foothills trails above SLC has caused environmental damage, crowding and situations of mixed user conflict. To deal with these problems Salt Lake City dearly needs expanded and improved trails in the SLC foothills. In planning since 2016, the Foothills Trails Plan began construction in 2020 of much needed new trails to provide family friendly and user specific trails. Unfortunately this phase of trail work was halted in 2021. Since then SLC Public Lands Department has undertaken a thorough reevaluation of the Foothills Trails Plan and is ready to begin trails work with a new focus on sustainable and effective trail design and construction. As an avid and frequent user of the foothills trails - both as a hiker and mountain biker - I strongly encourage the City Council to approve the request by SLC Public Lands to release funding so they can continue to implement the Foothills Plan and provide new and improved trails for our active city residents. Thank you; Kenton Peters
8/27/2024 11:06	Ethan Peck	SLC Foothills Trails System: Note of Support	Hi, I'm glad to hear that the SLC Council is re-prioritizing trails funding after the few-year pause. We need the improvements/expansions to our existing trails are badly needed to support the increased access and use. I regularly use these trails and would love to see them expanded and better designed. Thank you! Ethan
8/27/2024 11:20	Rocky Taylor	Foothill Trails System improvements	I ride and hike the foothill trails weekly. Please release funding to continue development of the trail systems.

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8/27/2024 13:46	Diane Walker	Living Room Trail "Renovation" Project	<p>Hello, Darin: I just learned about a large Living Room "renovation" project that sought NO public input before accessing taxpayer money to pay a private company without a bidding process. I understand that neither the Mayor's office nor the City Council knew about this massive project beforehand, despite a pledge by Public Lands in February 2024 to provide transparency and inclusivity in the planning and implementation of trail improvement projects. Instead, Public Lands has engaged with Trails Utah on this project covertly and in secret since autumn 2023, wholly undermining their so-called commitment to transparency and inclusivity. They stated they would follow the SE Group recommendations to work with community stakeholders and obtain scientific and user data BEFORE implementing any Foothills trails projects. Public Lands has not. I also understand that the changes Trails Utah plans to make, which includes blasting bedrock, are substantial enough to be considered construction and not merely "renovation." Further, trails in George's Hollow are slated for construction under this project name. No one asked for these changes. Why are public funds being offered up without public knowledge and input? Knowing these facts, how can anyone have faith in Public Lands and their leadership? We should oppose this project both on the merits and on principle. Public Lands must follow their stated commitments of transparency and inclusivity when planning projects involving taxpayer money on our public lands. Public Lands officials involved in this Living Room "renovation" project need to explain themselves. Why are they lying to the public and engaging in shady deals that will significantly alter our most beloved Foothill trails? Please help us to immediately halt this massive and unwarranted construction project. Thank you. Best, Diane Walker</p>
8/27/2024 2:00 PM	Taylor Pratt	More SLC Foothill Trails now!	<p>As a resident of Salt Lake County who so often uses Foothill Trails for walking my dog, mountain biking, hiking, etc I am thrilled to hear that the SLC Council is re-prioritizing funding for the trails after a 3-year pause. I strongly support moving forward to build and improve foothill trails with the additional considerations.</p>
8/27/2024 14:03	Ann M Brisk	We love our SLC Foothills Trails and Want More of Them	<p>Hello - I live in Federal Heights and we are frequent (almost daily) users of our trails. I was very excited when we started adding more trails to spread us out and let everyone make use of this wonderful resource we have. And I was very disappointed when we decided to stop building them a few years ago. These trails are a wonderful resource for our community and people of all income levels and I believe they make us healthier and happier and improve everything about living here. Please start building new trails again and making this one of the greatest cities in the world. Thank you, Ann Brisk</p>
8/27/2024 14:03	Matthew Smith	Open Trails	<p>As a long-time resident of Salt Lake City, I want to commend the city on the improvements that have been made to the Foothill Trails over the years. I remember when Dry Creek was connected to Citycreek and support having a planned trail system for current and future generations to enjoy. Sincerely, Matthew Smith</p>
8/27/2024 14:04	David Royall	Foothill trails	<p>I use the foothill trails 5 days a week. I'd love funding and support of the trails and additional trails! Thanks for the consideration on the vote tonight David.</p>
8/27/2024 14:05	Gary Moore	Foothill Trails System improvements	<p>Hello, our family members are avid users of the local trail system in Salt Lake City and would love to see funding allocated towards improvements for these trails. Many in our neighborhood in Salt Lake also use the trails and would support this for sure. Thanks for your consideration, -Gary Moore Dearborn Street, SLC, UT</p>

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8/27/2024 14:31	Margie McCloy	Sports complex meeting on 8/27	Dear Mr. Mano, As a SLC resident for 25 years who is married to a resident of 50 years, I (and my husband) are strongly opposed to the entire sports complex proposal. We loathe the idea of the downtown centerpiece being a sports arena (especially an ice hockey arena, who cares about ice hockey??). But especially egregious is that the public was not given an opportunity to weigh in on this decision, AND we are expected to pay for it! Our property taxes are already high, all our utilities are rising exponentially, and now we have to pay for a giant boondoggle that we don't want at all? This is a wasted opportunity to revitalize downtown with a strong pedestrian-only core, like so many vibrant European cities have, full of independent shops and outdoor cafes/restaurants, and reachable by convenient and inexpensive public transit. The money raised for this "revitalization" effort could do so, so, so much more good spent on transport, air quality measures, supporting small businesses, and affordable housing. Thank you for your attention. Margie McCloy
8/27/2024 2:57 PM	Nancy Coffeen	Proposed Sports Complex and increased taxes	I am a senior on a fixed income living in Rose Park, and I am increasingly concerned and frustrated with rising costs in all aspects of living here. I don't know how much longer I can afford to live in Utah, in general, and in Salt Lake City, specifically, due to the rapid increases in utilities, property taxes and housing costs in general, and sales taxes. That leads me to the reason for this email: I am adamantly opposed to the proposed .5% sales tax increase that is ONLY going to be assessed in Salt Lake City. People from surrounding suburbs and counties—especially Davis, Utah, Summit, and Tooele—commute to work in Salt Lake County, and undoubtedly will attend some of the events this venue will provide. I believe they should also help pay for this construction/redevelopment. If more counties/suburbs were included in this taxation, the rate could be substantially lowered, since it seems obvious this subsidy of the Smith Entertainment Group will be approved. I actually think the attendees of these events could fund it through special assessments on the ticket sales and parking fees; that way, those who actually want this venue have a vested interest in it. I have zero interest in hockey or basketball and resent being asked for pay a great sum of money for it over the proposed 30-year tax increase. I hope you will actually consider the dissenting opinions that come in to your office. I would like to see this come up for a referendum, rather than having this forced on us. Sincerely, Nancy Coffeen
8/27/2024 15:50	Anonymous Constituent	Foothills Trail System improvements	I want to voice my support for prioritizing trail funding to build and improve foothill trails in the Salt Lake City area. I'm an avid trail user, along with the Highland High School mtb team I help to coach and the many other SLC high school teams. Crowding is becoming an issue, and many of the older trails are too steep or suffering from erosion. I'd also like to see more "directional" trails arranged for the multi-purpose users to minimize conflict. Thanks, Ken
8/27/2024 15:53	Janean Parker	New sports complex downtown	From what I've read and heard, I believe it's useless to protest the new hockey team. It's deeply disappointing to live in a city that values sports at the expense of art. If I must help finance a billionaire's pet project, I can only hope that this inevitable monstrosity raises my property value so I can get a better price when I finally GTFO of toxic lake city.

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8/27/2024 16:09	Harmony McQueen	Please vote against sports complex tax to SLC residents	Councilmember Mano, Please vote against any additional taxing the SLC residents to assist the Smiths with building their sports complex. The increase in all of our city bills & utility bills are already more than the residents of SLC and your district are able to pay for. All of them have doubled or tripled in price in less than 2 years but our service has declined in all areas. These increases to residents like me who invested large amounts of money in upgrading my heating and ac system this summer. I also rarely watered my lawn, only my trees. For the first time in almost 20 years I purposely did not plant a garden or flowers to avoid a spike in my utilities, but it seems there is nothing we can do to stabilize our costs in any way. Please think of the additional hardship this tax will put on the residents of this city and please represent the residents of your district. The Smiths were able to functionally purchase the property in Sandy without an increased burden on Sandy taxpayers and SLC as a much larger city should be able to do the same. Thank you, Harmony McQueen
8/27/2024 18:58	Anonymous Constituent	Foothills trails	I am a proponent of releasing funds for trail expansion in the SLC foothills...however, feel that ALL e-bikes should not be allowed. If it has a motor (ie electric motor), it IS a motorized vehicle, regardless of whether it has a throttle or not. Unfortunately, in many areas of Utah, folks ride faster than is safe, and put others at risk. E-bikes should ONLY be allowed on wide, paved trails.
8/27/2024 20:04	James Hicks	Please restart the Foothills Trail program	I'm a 64 year older hiker and mountain biker that really enjoys using the new trails built a few years ago. I would love to see the trail building start up again, especially in regions located above the BST elevation. The Meridian area has tons of potential to get trail users more dispersed. Good progress has been made on improving trailhead. Please make sure that trailhead improvements include increasing parking compacity. Pepperton looks like it is going to be great. Thank you, James Hicks