

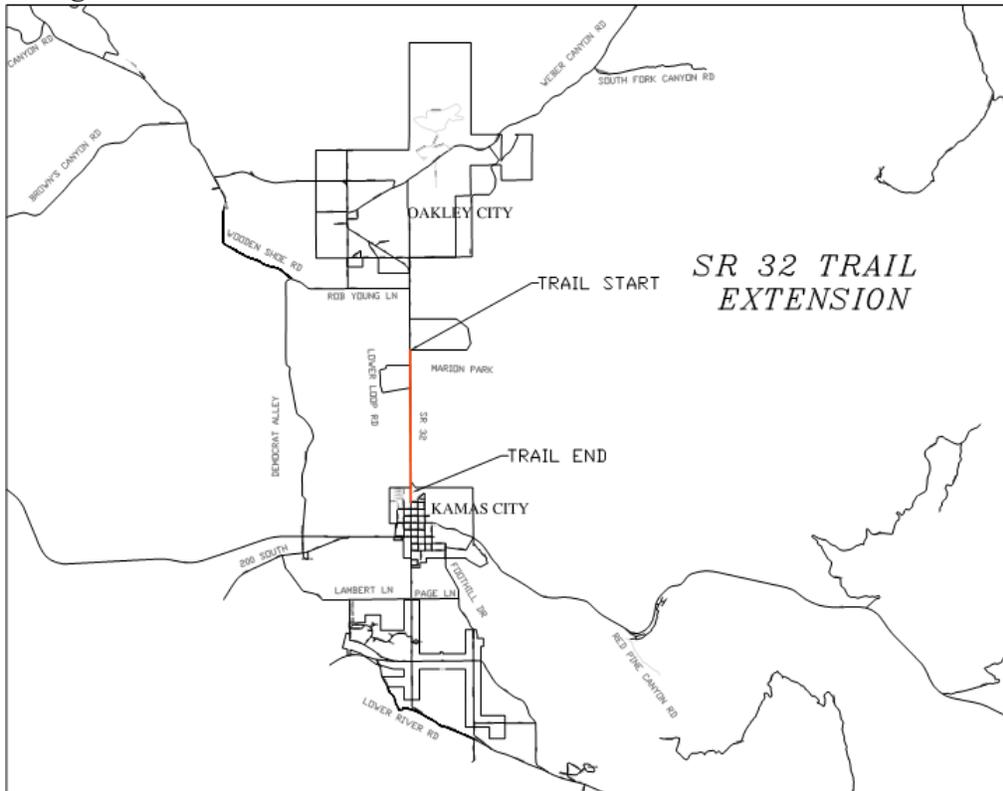


**STAFF REPORT**

**To:** County  
**From:** Derrick  
Director  
  
Mike Kendell, County Engineer  
**Date:** March 2, 2022  
**Subject:** State Road 32 Trail Update

Council  
Radke, Public Works

**Background:**



The South Summit area is one of the fastest growing regions of Summit County in terms of population, residential development, and recreational opportunities. Countywide, the population of Summit County is expected to grow by more than 80 percent by 2040 with the largest share of that growth occurring in the South Summit area. Unfortunately, job growth in South Summit will not keep pace and will most likely occur in areas that require residents to commute out of the Valley for employment and other opportunities adding to the current rate of 85.5 percent of residents who leave the Valley every day for work.

While working as the Regional Transportation Planner, Caroline Rodriguez stated in a TAP Fund application that “The existing trail is not as highly utilized as it could be because of the current terminus location. Extension of this trail into the Kamas area will allow Kamas Valley residents (Oakley, Marion, Kamas, Francis and Woodland) to use the trail to access a free intercity bus route between Kamas and the greater Park City area for work, education, recreation, and quality of life trips, without having to get into a private vehicle and drive. The Kamas Commuter route also connects with an additional intercity bus route that travels into the Salt Lake Valley, giving Kamas Valley residents access to the entire UTA system.”

### **Wetland Study**

In May 2019, a Wetlands and Waters Delineation report was prepared by Wise Earth Concepts Inc. for Summit County in partnership with the South Summit Trails Foundation. The study was for a Non-Motorized Transportation Trail along State Road 32 between Kamas and Marion, Utah. The report concluded that there are approximately 1.5 acres and /or 350 linear feet of total aquatic resources. In addition, “the presence of wetlands is largely due [to] roadside swale topography collecting runoff from natural and irrigated wetlands and in some areas due to the swale depth being near the groundwater elevation.”

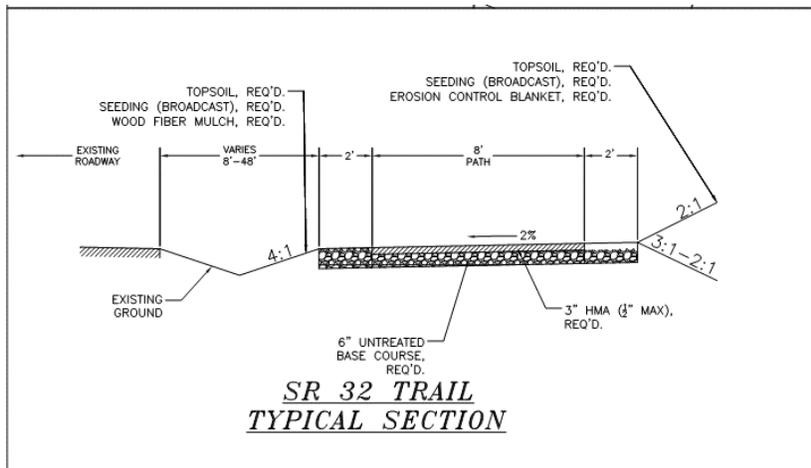
, Summit County will need to get a permit from USACE.

The final design will need to be completed in order know the impacts of project. The approval process may force the project to be built over two construction seasons. The County will begin building the north section of the trail in 2022. Construction will begin at 2700 North and end approximately 750’ north of the north entrance into High Star Ranch (1450 North). In 2023, construction of the remaining portions of trail will be completed.

### **Design**

In May of 2019, an RFP was issued by Summit County for survey data of property boundaries, right of way and topography that would be used to design the trail extension. The trail is being designed to run along the east side of SR32. The trail extension will be approximately 2.5 miles long. The north end starts at 2700 North in Marion at the Marion Park and extending into Kamas City and stopping at 300 North. Most of the trail will be located within UDOT’s right of way. The rest of the trail would be built within a public trail easement adjacent to High Star Ranch.

The trail is being designed as an 8’ wide asphalt trail with 2’ shoulders on each side. Trail signage will be installed as well as ADA ramps at road crossings. Approximately 50% of the trail extension will be within Kamas City limits.



## Funding

The trail is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5M, which the County will pay for from Transportation Sales Tax Funds. The County is also looking to offset some of the construction costs through grant opportunities. The County is currently applying for the very competitive UORG (Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant) grant through the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. The grant would be for \$200,000. The grant is due March 18, 2022. We will also apply for the UDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) that will open in May/June. That grant will be for \$150,000. Build Back Better has a potential grant that may be a good fit. There is a grant called Safe Streets and Roads For All. This grant will support local governments efforts to advance "vision zero" plans and other complete street improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. We are still waiting for additional details on this grant. It is expected to open in May 2022. Recreational Trail Program (RTP) and other potential grants may also be applied for.

In addition to grants, we will be applying for additional Transportation Sales Tax (TST) funds. There is approximately \$2.1 million in TST funds available in 2022 in the Pay as you Go (PAG) segment of the funds. An application will be submitted in March and recommended for approval by the COG and approved by the Council in order to utilize these funds. Other funding sources within the TST fund line items are Connectivity which has \$324,000, and TDM which has about \$1.5M. It is also possible TRT money could be included in the 2023 budget.

Last, since half of the project is located within Kamas City, the County could reach out to Kamas and ask if they would be willing to contribute to project. They could also apply for Small City Grant funds from the TST program or RAP funds.

## UDOT Permits

We will need to get a permit to construct the trail through UDOT's permit office. The point of contact is Peter Tang. In addition to obtaining a permit, we will also need to enter into a

maintenance agreement. Dave Schwartz is the District Engineer and point of contact for the maintenance agreement. I have reached out to both David and Peter start the process and am currently awaiting their response to begin the process.

### **Long-term Maintenance**

There has been some discussion regarding who will maintain the trail. Will it be South Summit Trails Foundation, Summit County or another entity? In order to proceed forward with UDOT authorization and permitting, we have to name someone as the responsible party, so our current position is that Summit County will be responsible for trail maintenance.

I have reached out to Phares Gines, Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District Trail Maintenance Supervisor, and asked him how much they spend on maintenance annually for a trail like this. I am currently awaiting his response.

### **Next steps going forward:**

#### **Finish Design of the trail**

We have the survey data that is required to design the trail. John Angell has completed the design model of the trail prior to his move to Public Works. Steve Dennis will complete the plans and specifications for the project. Final design drawings are anticipated the end of March, first of April, with a bid opening in early May.

#### **Wetland Mitigation**

With the trail fully designed, the County can proceed to get a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers. The County will likely need to have a consultant design a mitigation plan for the Corp to approve.

#### **UDOT approval and maintenance agreement**

The County has already reached out to UDOT and began the process to get approval to construct the trail. No major obstacles in getting approval are anticipated.

We look forward to the conversation. If there any question ahead of that discussion, please let me know.