

## APPENDIX A

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### Letters of Support

Utah Department of Transportation (Project Applicant)

Bureau of Land Management – Kanab Field Office

Conserve Southwest Utah

Construction Management & Development – project area  
workforce housing development

D.R. Horton

Get Outside, a non-profit organization

Five County Association of Governments

Healthy Dixie

Healthy Kane County Foundation

Kane County – Commission

Kane County – Tourism Director

La Verkin City – Mayor

Leeds – Mayor

St George City – Active Transportation Committee

St George City – Mayor

St George City – Parks and Community Services

St George City – Public Works Director

Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance

Southwest Utah Public Health Department

Town of Springdale – Mayor

Utah Clean Cities

Utah Department of Health and Human Services  
Utah Tech University  
Utah Trust Lands Administration  
Valley Elementary  
Washington County – Public Works  
Washington City – Active Transportation Committee  
Washington City – Economic Development Office  
Washington City – Leisure Services  
Washington City – Mayor  
Washington City – Police Department  
Zion Mountain Local Service District  
Zion National Park  
Zion National Park Forever Project  
Zion Regional Collaborative  
Residents



State of Utah

SPENCER J. COX  
Governor

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON  
Lieutenant Governor

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CARLOS M. BRACERAS, P.E.  
*Executive Director*

LISA J. WILSON, P.E.  
*Deputy Director of Engineering and Operations*

BENJAMIN G. HUOT, P.E.  
*Deputy Director of Planning and Investment*

February 28, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant  
Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah

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I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Carlos M. Braceras, P.E.  
Executive Director



# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Paria River District  
Kanab Field Office  
669 S. Highway 89A  
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March 15, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
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The BLM Kanab Field Office supports these important project proposals and asks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Whit Bunting

Kanab Field Office Manager





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Utah

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Mar 26, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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The paths bring economic benefits to an area where tourism to National Parks is a key economic factor. The separated, shared-use paths will also improve safety for local users and tourists who choose non-motorized modes of travel. These paths will provide significant benefits to communities that need them most.

Conserve Southwest Utah's Desert Livability program is an umbrella for efforts to sustain and improve our region's quality of life through initiatives that foster environmental conservation. We fully support these important projects and ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Judith Rognli  
Desert Livability Program Manager



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[Beehive Emission Reduction Plan](#)

Low-Income and Disadvantaged Community (LIDAC) Benefits Analysis Page 32

Measure #4: Mode-Shifting/Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled Page 87

Project #1 - E-Bike Incentive Statewide All LIDAC Census Block Group IDs in Utah (634 total) Page 87

Project #2 - Trail Development for Active Transportation Washington and Kane counties Washington:  
490532701011 - 490532718001 (34 total); Kane: 490251301001 - 490251302004 (7 total) Page 90



Construction Management  
& Development – Nevada, LLC

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

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Date: 28 March 2024

To: Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

From: Construction Management & Development – Utah, LLC

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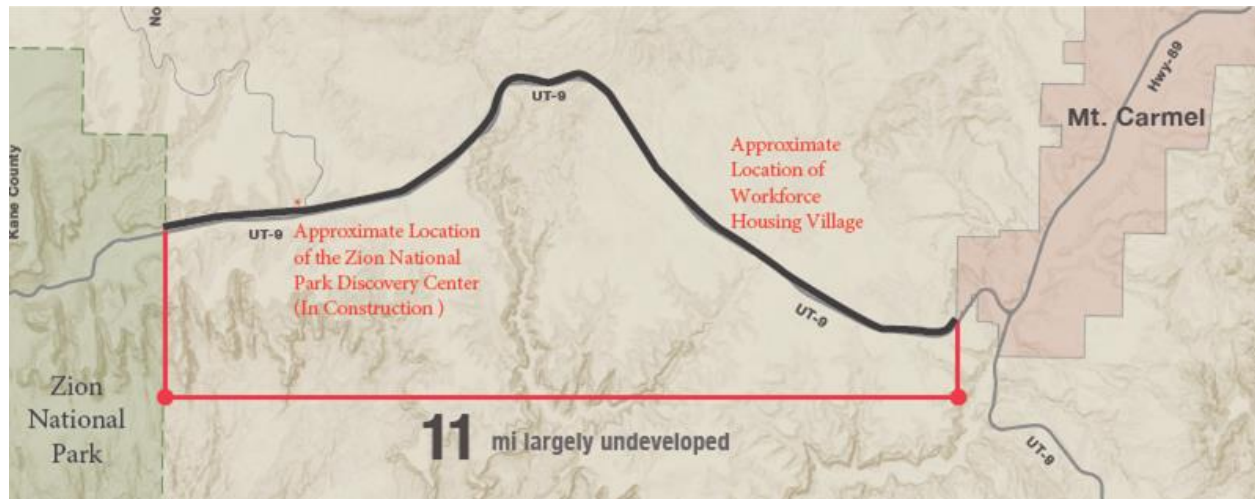
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CM&D has been involved in several capacities with the development at the eastern entrance of Zion National Park, including as the Owner Advisor / Project Manager for the new Zion National Park Discovery Center and a Workforce Housing village project a few miles east of the Discovery Center (see diagram on the following page).

The Workforce Housing project is being planned to alleviate challenges that the National Park Service, Zion Forever Project (the official non-profit partner of Zion National Park), and local business owners are experiencing in proximity to the park. The Discovery Center and Workforce Housing Village will connect to Springdale via an electric shuttle system that is being planned. Our team views the connection between the Discovery Center and Workforce Housing village via a multimodal trail as a priority. This trail can allow safe transportation to the workforce and an amenity to the growing community on the east side of Zion National Park.

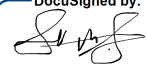
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I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

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Scott Stay, President/CEO  
3/28/2024

March 27, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration. D.R. Horton has plans to connect the trail system in our 600+ acre development along SR7 to the proposed trail.

Sincerely,



Don Bean

Southern Utah Project Manager

D.R. Horton



March 13, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

*Subject: Letter of Support for Utah Department of Transportation's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah*

I am writing on behalf of Get Outside, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting outdoor recreation and youth engagement in Washington and Iron counties. We are thrilled to offer our support for the Utah Department of Transportation's grant application to expand Washington County trails by 60 miles of new paved trails.

At Get Outside, our mission revolves around encouraging young people to lead active lifestyles and discover the joys of outdoor activities. We firmly believe that access to safe and accessible trails is essential for achieving this goal. Therefore, we view the proposed expansion of trails in Washington County as a tremendous opportunity to further our mission and positively impact the lives of local youth. The addition of 60 miles of paved trails would not only provide valuable recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike but also contribute to the overall health and well-being of our community.

Thank you for considering our letter of support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

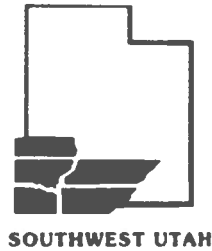
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cheryl Young'.

Cheryl Young  
Executive Director  
Get Outside 501(c)(3)  
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321 Mall Drive  
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# Five County Association of Governments

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03/22/2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

Dear Administrator Regan:

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Sincerely,

Bryan Thiriot  
Executive Director  
Five County Association of Governments

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KANE

WASHINGTON





# Healthy Dixie Council

March 7, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

Dear Administrator Regan:

Healthy Dixie is a group of Washington County citizens involved in government, business and education and committed to promoting healthy habits. The Council strives to encourage positive lifestyle and legislative change through community and government outreach and education with the goal of improving the overall health of the citizens of Washington County.

I am writing to express our support for the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program (Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). UDOT's application includes two projects listed in the *Beehive Emission Reduction Plan* (the State's Priority Climate Action Plan) under Priority Measure #4: Mode-Shifting/Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled. Both projects are separated, paved, shared-use paths:

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I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Sutton  
Chair - Healthy Dixie Council



March 27, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Sincerely,



Terri Henry  
Executive Director  
Healthy Kane County Foundation



## KANE COUNTY COMMISSION

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Wade Heaton: [wheaton@kane.utah.gov](mailto:wheaton@kane.utah.gov)  
Celeste Meyeres: [Cmeyeres@kane.utah.gov](mailto:Cmeyeres@kane.utah.gov)  
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Sincerely,

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Patty Kubeja

Kane County Commission Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wade Heaton".  
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Wade Heaton

Kane County Commissioner

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Celeste Meyeres

Kane County Commissioner



March 12, 2024

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As Tourism Director for Kane County, I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janette Peatross".

Janette Peatross  
Executive Tourism Director  
Kane County Office of Tourism  
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Patricia Wise

Kyle Gubler

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City Administrator

Mayor

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March 11, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
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I want to reiterate my unwavering support for these critical projects, and I am confident that they will bring about significant positive change. I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kelly B. Wilson

March 6, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Sincerely,

Bill Hoster, Mayor  
Leeds, UT





March 14, 2024

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The St. George Active Transportation Committee has been heavily involved in the active transportation plan for the SR-7 corridor and has been providing input during the current design of a portion of shared-use path along SR-7 from Exit 1 to Exit 7.

I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Sutton  
Active Transportation Coordinator – City of St. George  
Chair – St. George Active Transportation Committee

CITY OF ST. GEORGE



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The proposed Washington County project would connect directly into St. George's 69-mile network of paved shared-paths via a shared-use path currently in design from SR-7 Exit 1 to Exit 7. The City of St. George committed over \$2.1 million in matching funds to that \$13.1 million UDOT funded project. We look forward to the proposed shared-use paths that would connect our city throughout the Washington and Kane County areas, enabling regional connectivity via nonmotorized transportation.

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I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Michele Randall  
Mayor

CITY OF ST. GEORGE



# St. George

THE BRIGHTER SIDE

March 12, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

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Sincerely,

Shane Moore

Parks & Community Services Director - City of St George

CITY OF ST. GEORGE





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Sincerely,

Cameron Cutler  
Public Works Director – City of St. George

CITY OF ST. GEORGE



**SUBA**  
Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance

3/18/2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

Dear Administrator Regan:

The Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance (SUBA) strives to promote the infrastructure, policies, attitudes, behaviors, and knowledge necessary to make bicycling safe, convenient, and inviting for residents of and visitors to Southern Utah. SUBA endeavors to help local communities reap the economic, health, and transportation benefits of increased bicycling.

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Sincerely,

Kelli Prince  
President - Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance





March 25, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing to express Southwest Utah Public Health Department support for the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program (Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). UDOT's application includes two projects listed in the *Beehive Emission Reduction Plan* (the State's Priority Climate Action Plan) under Priority Measure #4: Mode-Shifting/Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled. Both projects are separated, paved, shared-use paths:

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The Southwest Utah Public Health Department fully support these important projects, and ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Cameron Mitchell, M.P.H., L.E.H.S.  
Deputy Health Officer



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March 8, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

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I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bruno  
Mayor, Town of Springdale  
801-243-5861  
bbruno@springdale.utah.gov

March 11, 2024

**Administrator Michael S. Regan**  
**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Office of Air and Radiation**  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing to offer my unwavering support for the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program (Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). The proposed projects, which encompass separated, paved, shared-use paths in both Kane County and Washington County, hold immense promise in advancing sustainable transportation solutions, mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and fostering equitable access to transportation resources.

These initiatives are particularly significant given their alignment with the Beehive Emission Reduction Plan and the State's Priority Climate Action Plan. By prioritizing mode-shifting strategies and reducing vehicle miles traveled, these projects directly contribute to our collective efforts in addressing climate change and promoting environmental sustainability.

Furthermore, the geographic focus of these projects in census tracts identified as Areas of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged Communities underscores their potential to address systemic inequalities and enhance mobility options for vulnerable populations. Access to safe, non-motorized transportation infrastructure is essential for promoting economic opportunity, social inclusion, and public health outcomes in these communities.

Additionally, the economic benefits stemming from these projects cannot be overstated. Southern Utah's reliance on tourism, particularly to its renowned National Parks, underscores the importance of enhancing transportation infrastructure to accommodate visitors while minimizing environmental impact. By investing in active transportation improvements, we not only bolster the resilience of local economies but also reaffirm our commitment to sustainable tourism practices.

In light of these considerations, I urge you to give UDOT's CPRG application your full and favorable consideration. The successful implementation of these projects will not only yield tangible environmental and social benefits but also serve as a model for inclusive, sustainable transportation planning nationwide. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Tammie Bostick, Executive Director

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March 21, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of the Utah Department of Health & Human Services, I am writing to express our support for the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program (Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). UDOT's application includes two projects listed in the *Beehive Emission Reduction Plan* (the State's Priority Climate Action Plan) under Priority Measure #4: Mode-Shifting/Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled. Both projects are separated, paved, shared-use paths:

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Both projects are located in census tracts that are identified by the U.S. Department of Transportation as Areas of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged Communities. The construction of these paths is vital to the health of a community in supporting regular physical activity in populations that would benefit greatly. Safe and accessible routes to everyday destinations are a key component of our work and are certain that these routes would help our communities that need the support.

I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.  
Sincerely,

*Karlee Walker*

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Office of the President  
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March 18, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application  
for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

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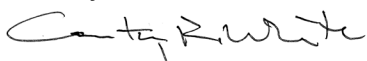
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Utah Tech supports active transportation and as I understand it, this project would allow students to commute to the future campus located along southern parkway by alternative transportation. I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Courtney R. White  
Interim President



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March 18, 2024

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Yours sincerely,



[Aaron Langston](#)

Assistant Managing Director  
Real Estate Development

Date

March 6th, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

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Sincerely,

[NAME]

Mary Flanagan

[TITLE]

Valley Elementary Principal



TODD EDWARDS, P.E. | PUBLIC WORKS

March 15, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

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Sincerely,

Todd Edwards, P.E.

Washington County Public Works Director



March 26, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah**

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The state route 7 project is of particular importance to Washington City. It will provide important connections to existing and future trails and parks within Washington City and neighboring cities. Active transportation, including walking, cycling, and other forms of human-powered mobility, is increasingly recognized as a key solution to many societal challenges, including sedentary lifestyles, traffic congestion, air pollution, and climate change. By developing and maintaining a comprehensive network of trails, we can provide safe, accessible, and enjoyable routes for people of all ages and abilities to walk, bike, or run for both transportation and recreation purposes. Constructing these separated, paved, shared-use paths would support Washington City's Active Transportation plan and improve non motorized travel options. Additionally, the paths would provide economic benefits to an area in which tourism to National Parks is a key economic factor. By investing in trails, we can create healthier, more sustainable, and more vibrant places to live, work, and play.

I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Kole Staheli  
Active Transportation Committee Chair  
Assistant Leisure Services Director



March 18, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah\*\*

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the Economic Development Office at Washington City, Utah, to express our strong support for the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program (Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). UDOT's initiative, as outlined in their grant application, aligns perfectly with both environmental and economic development goals by promoting active transportation improvements in Southern Utah.

The proposed projects, including the construction of 26.1 miles of separated, paved, shared-use paths along State Route 7 in Washington County, stand to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging a shift away from motorized vehicles. Moreover, these projects are situated in census tracts identified by the U.S. Department of Transportation as Areas of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged Communities, thereby addressing social equity through improved mobility options.

Aside from the clear environmental and social benefits, we would like to emphasize the positive economic impact these projects will have on our area. The development of these shared-use paths is expected to enhance our community's appeal to tourists, particularly those visiting the nearby National Parks, which are a pivotal aspect of our local economy. By providing safe, accessible, and sustainable travel options, we anticipate an increase in tourism-related activities, which in turn will stimulate local businesses and generate additional tax revenue for the area.

The active transportation improvements proposed by UDOT are crucial for advancing our collective efforts to mitigate climate change, promote health and wellness, and bolster economic growth in Southern Utah. The construction of these paths not only aligns with the State's Priority Climate Action Plan but also presents a tangible opportunity to enhance the quality of life for our residents and visitors alike.

We firmly believe in the merits of UDOT's application and the substantial benefits the proposed projects will deliver. Therefore, we respectfully urge you to grant favorable consideration to their application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We are eager to see the positive changes these projects will bring to our community and the region at large.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rusty Hughes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rusty" and last name "Hughes" clearly legible.

Rusty Hughes  
Director  
Economic Development Office  
Washington City, Utah





March 26, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

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I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Barry Blake  
Leisure Services Director



March 25, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

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Much of State Route 7 runs through Washington City where I currently serve as mayor. State Route 7 is a major thoroughfare and adding active transportation improvements along that thoroughfare would have a positive impact on the air quality and congestion in our city.

I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Kress Staheli

Mayor, Washington City





## WASHINGTON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jason Williams  
Chief of Police  
Phone: (435) 986-1515

135 North 100 East  
Washington, UT 84780



Subject: Support for UDOT's 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program (Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). UDOT's application encompasses two crucial projects outlined in the Beehive Emission Reduction Plan, which aligns with the State's Priority Climate Action Plan. Specifically, these projects fall under Priority Measure #4: Mode-Shifting/Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled.

The two proposed projects involve the creation of separated, paved, shared-use paths in the following areas:

1. Kane County: A 35.6-mile path along State Route 9 and U.S. Highway 89.
2. Washington County: A 26.1-mile path along State Route 7.

What makes these projects particularly impactful is their location within census tracts identified by the U.S. Department of Transportation as Areas of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged Communities. By constructing these dedicated paths, we can achieve several critical goals:

1. Mode Shift: Encouraging a transition to nonmotorized modes of travel, thereby reducing reliance on traditional vehicles.
2. Climate-Resilient Mobility: Providing transportation options that are resilient to climate challenges, especially for communities facing transportation insecurity.
3. Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction: By promoting nonmotorized travel, we contribute to lowering emissions in the transportation sector.
4. Improved Nonmotorized Travel Options: These paths will enhance accessibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Furthermore, these paths hold economic promise. In areas where tourism to National Parks plays a significant role in the local economy, these shared-use paths can attract visitors and enhance the overall experience. Please consider these projects favorably.

They represent a meaningful investment in our communities and address environmental and social equity concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

# ZION MOUNTAIN LOCAL SERVICES DISTRICT

9065 West Highway 9, Mt. Carmel, UT.

**27 March 2024**

Administrator Michael S. Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Letter of Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application for Active Transportation Improvements in Southern Utah

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Sincerely,

ZMLSD Board:

By:   
ZMLSD Board Member Signature

Name: Kevin McLaws  
Printed

Date: 3/28/2024

**Zion mountain local services District**



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
ZION NATIONAL PARK  
State Route 9  
Springdale, Utah 84767



March 18, 2024

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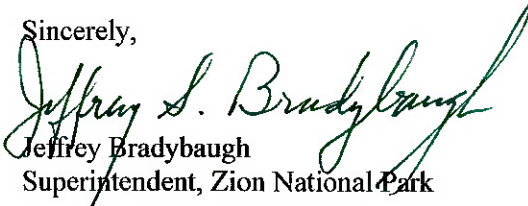
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The paths would provide alternate recreation and transportation opportunities for visitors to the surrounding areas, which would help reduced the focused strain Utah's National Parks are experiencing due to increasing visitation. These paths would provide significant benefits to communities that need them most and improve the visitor experience for those traveling through this region of the state.

I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey Bradybaugh  
Superintendent, Zion National Park



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**Support for UDOT's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to Benefit Zion National Park**

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the Zion National Park Forever Project, the official non-profit partner of Zion National Park, to express our enthusiastic support for the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) application for the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program (Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). This initiative aligns perfectly with our mission to enhance visitors' experience while preserving the park's natural beauty.

The proposed projects in Kane and Washington Counties—comprising 35.6 miles along State Route 9 and U.S. Highway 89 and 26.1 miles along State Route 7, respectively—are situated in regions serving as gateways to our beloved park. By facilitating a mode shift towards non-motorized travel, these paths will significantly decrease greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector and provide a more immersive experience for our visitors, allowing them to appreciate the majestic landscapes of Zion and its surroundings in a more intimate and environmentally friendly manner.

For our communities, identified by the U.S. Department of Transportation as Areas of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged, the paths will offer enhanced mobility options, fostering greater economic opportunities through increased tourism. Visitors will gain alternative recreation and transportation avenues, enabling them to explore the region's natural wonders without contributing to the congestion and pollution that threaten its fragile ecosystems.

We, therefore, ask for your favorable consideration of UDOT's application under the CPRG Program, confident in the knowledge that this initiative will provide lasting benefits for the environment, our communities, and the countless individuals who come to Zion National Park.

Sincerely,

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Natalie Britt  
President & CEO  
Zion National Park Forever Project



March 28, 2024

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The Zion Regional Collaborative emerged in 2015 with the goal of addressing shared concerns and challenges in southwest Utah. Today, it serves as an informal planning organization with over 25 stakeholding partners, including federal land management agencies, local and national non-profits, county governments, municipalities, and state agencies (including UDOT).

An efficient, modally-diverse, and well-integrated transportation network is essential to this region, impacting natural and cultural resources, quality of life for residents, and the visitor experience. The ZRC itself has undertaken projects in conjunction with UDOT, including a paved, multi-use pathway connecting neighboring communities to Zion National Park and a parallel bus line. We deeply appreciate UDOT's commitment to actualizing the vision of a transportation network that comprehensively addresses the needs of this region.

This specific application includes two projects listed in the *Beehive Emission Reduction Plan* (the State's Priority Climate Action Plan). Both projects are separated, paved, shared-use paths: 36.5 miles in Kane County and 26.1 miles in Washington County. These separated, paved, shared-use paths would support nonmotorized travel and provide climate-resilient mobility. Additionally, the paths would provide sustainable access to recreational assets, including Sand Hollow State Park, BLM lands, and new development on the East Side of Zion National Park, serving the local tourism economy. These paths would provide significant benefits to communities that need them most.

I fully support these important projects, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,  
Emily Friedman  
Coordinator, Zion Regional Collaborative

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March 15, 2024

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Dear Administrator Regan:

I am hoping to share my appreciation for all the work that our state and city have put into the trail systems I love and appreciate. I use my bike and walk often on these trails to get around and recreate. I am currently the President to the Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance board as well as a mom of 5 cyclists. The opportunity for my family to stay off the roads is so great. My husband actually rides his bike home from Kanab multiple times a year and that stretch of trail will be utilized often and the small towns being connected will offer greater opportunity for other modes of transportation. We spend a lot of time on highway 89 and are excited about the chance to get off the roads.

I have kids that ride their bikes on the southern parkway to mtn bike practice out there on the desert canyon trails and I am excited to get them off the highway if possible. There are many kids that use that as the warm up before the actual practice and a few more miles to cool down on the way home.

I also have a couple college kids that will want access the new Utah Tech campus when it is completed in the hopefully near future.

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Sincerely, Kelli Prince

Mom, SUBA pres, wife, foundation member at UT tech, and avid cyclist and runner

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Sincerely,

Curtis Spragg

Resident, High School Mountain Bike Team Coach, Active Commuter

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