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Section 1

Introduction

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail has been designated as Utah's Millennium Legacy Trail, as part of a White House initiative on the basis of our Governor's recommendation. The Utah Legislature has recognized the trail during the 1999 General Session. The vision of the BST is a non-motorized trail that serves as an interface between the urban area and public lands along the Wasatch Front and will provide trail users with a recreational experience at a distance from motorized activities that is both safe and aesthetically pleasing. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Coalition is an organization of entities, both citizen and governmental, representing the communities in Utah involved in promoting, planning and building the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST).

This report show the progress made in 2011 along the length of the trail. Work on the trail is performed by the different city, county and federal jurisdictions through which it passes.



Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Cache County	65	11.25
Box Elder County	35	0
Weber County	24	21.5
Davis County	29	18.5
Salt Lake County	56	23
Utah County	69	30
BST Total Miles	278	104.25



BONNEVILLE SHORELINE TRAIL

Section 2

Progress Reports

BST Committee General Efforts

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The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee (BSTC) is a member of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Coalition and focuses its efforts in Salt Lake County.

The BSTC has continued to work recruiting volunteers and coordinating efforts among coalition members. The BST volunteer mailing list now has 520 members. The list is used to direct volunteers to opportunities with our partners along the length of the trail and to inform trail users about trail detours and closures.

Work with Salt Lake County and the U.S. Forest Service has begun to outline a five year plan for construction of the recently approved alignment in Salt Lake County. We will be working directly with these partners on new construction in 2012.

The BSTC was awarded a \$5,000 grant from REI to be used on the Neff's Canyon to Mt. Olympus segment. We will be focusing our efforts on this segment in 2012, with a goal of 500 volunteer hours. The BSTC organized two trail work days on this segment in 2011, providing 75 volunteer hours.

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County by County Progress Reports

Cache County

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Logan Trail Connections

Cache County and Logan City are currently working through preliminary design and environmental work for the Logan Canyon Gateway Trail. This project will connect the BST east through Ray Hugie Hydo Park along the Logan River to the River Trail, one of the city’s most popular trails. The connection involves passing under Highway 89 at an existing UDOT bridge and then crossing the Logan River before connecting to the River Trail. Construction will occur during low water in the late fall of 2012. Total project costs are near \$1,200,000.



Trail Work at Blacksmith Fork

A project that is planned to occur in 2012 is the completion of a piece of the BST from the Blacksmith Fork Canyon north to Millville Canyon. This is an approximately three mile section of trail that is being funded through the State trails program and local RAPZ dollars, and is crossing DWR land. The UCC will be handling most of the construction.



New Providence Canyon Trail

Providence City, with the construction aid of the UCC and Cache County was able to complete a section of trail on DWR land in Providence Canyon. This project connected trails further up canyon on Forest Service land with the BST and parking areas at the entrance of the canyon. The total length of the trail is 2.7 miles. The new portion cost approximately \$21,000. The city secured that funding through the RAPZ tax.



North Logan Trail Expansion

North Logan City made a considerable amount of progress with the BST during 2011. They installed two 0.5 mile segments along the lower (Centennial Trail) branch of the BST. These two segments were completed with the help of Eagle Scout projects, along with hundreds of volunteers on the LDS Day of Service on Sept. 10th. They plan to complete some smaller segments in the coming year.

Future Priorities

- Connect BST to Lundstrom Park.
- Install signage on Deer Fence segment from Logan to Hyrum.
- Extend BST north of Green Canyon.
- Obtain easement in Hyde Park for power line alignment and determine eastern alignment to connect to proposed North Logan BST east branch.
- Formalize and sign alignment through USU Water Research property.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Cache County	65	11.25

For more information about BST planning in Cache County, contact Josh Runhaar at (435)755-1640 or Josh.Runhaar@cachecounty.org.

Box Elder County

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County Wide Planning

Several Box Elder County communities (Brigham City, Perry, Willard) are interested in coordinating to develop the BST. The County is working with them to create a better inventory of trails overall, including revisiting potential BST routes.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Box Elder County	35	0

For more information about BST planning in Box Elder County, contact Brian Carver at (435) 713-1420 or brianc@brag.utah.gov.

Weber County

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Land for Uintah Trail Connection

Weber County completed the purchase of a key parcel of land on the Uintah Loop Trail, which serves as part of the connector route between the BST and the southern boundary of the county. This land was owned by the Union Pacific Railroad and is adjacent to their main eastbound track. Like the rest of the Uintah Loop, it will provide a single-track dirt trail through a natural area of meadows and woods. At the top of the hill, the loop trail connects to an on-street bike route leading to the Beus Trailhead on the BST; at the bottom of the hill, it will connect to a planned network of bike routes in the town of Uintah connecting to the Weber River Parkway and the mouth of Weber Canyon.



Ogden Maintenance

Maintenance work has been done to keep the trail in good shape throughout Weber County. Ogden City has completed construction of new water tanks in an area just below the trail. The city also plans to remove some obsolete, disused water tanks that could pose a safety hazard near the trail, as well as some old automobiles that were pushed off a cliff many years ago.



South Weber Alignment

Weber Pathways has reinstated its BST South Committee to look at a foothill route for the trail south of Beus Canyon. The challenges are daunting, as almost all of the land is in private hands, with more than a dozen different owners, and a crossing of Weber Canyon will involve getting over a river, a freeway, and two sets of railroad tracks.

Ogden Bike Park

Ogden Freeride Park was approved and construction was started by a group of mountain biking enthusiasts led by Ogden Bike Collective director Josh Jones. Ogden leased the 46-acre parcel of land from the landowner, and in an effort to fast-track the park’s construction, the city provided access to city equipment like backhoes and trail cats, along with certified operators, to help transform dirt and rock into jumps, trails and features. The park is located just north of Ogden Canyon. The BST and a BST access trail run directly through the area.



North Ogden Land Purchase

In a deal brokered by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land, 200 acres of private land next to a half-mile stretch of the BST was recently sold to the U.S. Forest Service for \$1.6 million. The deal helps ensure a corridor around the trail will remain free of development. To buy the land the Forest Service used money from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The landowners that sold the property were led by David K. Richards of Salt Lake City, who had owned the property for more than 40 years and wanted to see it protected.

Future Priorities

- Work with landowners in North Ogden to complete the trail alignment.
- Work to connect the Uintah Loop/Hillside Trail with the Weber River Parkway.
- Determine a foothill alignment between Beus Canyon and Weber Canyon.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Weber County	24	21.5

For information about BST planning in Weber County, contact Meg Krusemark, Weber Pathways Executive Director, (801)393-2304 or wp@weberpathways.org.

Davis County

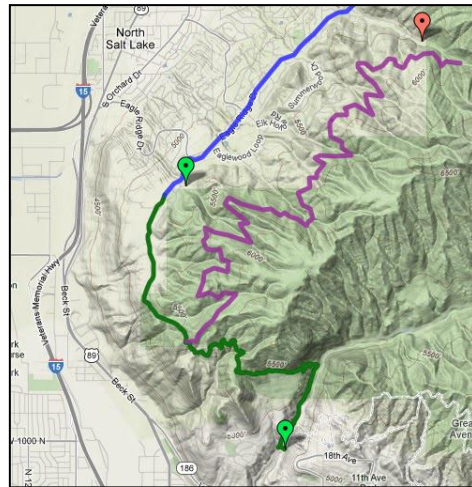
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Wild Rose Extension

In conjunction with the construction of the Kern River pipeline the City of North Salt Lake extended the Wild Rose Trail, creating a 3 mile loop. This trail will be a major connection to the BST in southern Davis County.

Davis County Alignment Study

Davis County along with Bountiful and North Salt Lake have been working on an alignment for the BST in southern Davis County that would move the designated trail off of Bountiful Blvd, and place the trail east of development. Currently they are working on the environmental documents required to put new trails on Forest Service land. The environmental work should be finished in 2012. Davis County officials were denied a \$50,000 state grant that would have help fund the environmental study.



Layton Trail Easement

Davis County recently gained an easement for a section of the BST in Layton, just north of Adams Canyon that rests on the property of Layton resident Neil Wall. In order to gain the 500-foot by 8 foot wide easement, just north of the Craythorne Gravel Pit, Davis County and Wall struck an agreement that included the county paying for and installing a 500-foot-long fence on the west side of the trail that sits on Wall's property.

Adam’s Canyon Improvements

Major improvements were made to the Adam’s Canyon trailhead. Heavy rain and increased water drainage created a number of large washouts. This is a very popular trailhead to access the BST as well as to hike to the waterfall at the top of Adam’s Canyon. Two different volunteer groups repaired retaining walls and built new fencing in order to make it a safer mountain access.



Kay’s Creek Bridge

The Forest Service is looking to possibly construct and install a bridge at Kay’s Creek. Designs are still being worked on and then the project will most likely have to go out for bid.

Future Priorities

- Obtain easements and define trail corridor north of Layton Ridges subdivision.
- Construct 800 feet of new trail to cross Bair Canyon, allowing the BST to continue another 2 miles on existing trail.
- Construct 3500 feet of new trail to cross Shepard Canyon, allowing the BST to continue another 1.5 miles on existing trail.
- Construct bridges over Snow Creek and Kay’s Creek.
- Determine trails alignment for southern Davis County

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Davis County	29	18.5

For information about BST planning in the Davis County portion, contact Scott Hess at 801-451-3279 or shess@daviscountyutah.gov.

Salt Lake County

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Neff’s Canyon Connection

Funding was secured for Salt Lake County to begin planning and flagging out a trail alignment for the BST between the “Z” Trail and Neff’s Canyon. Funding, including grant money, will be pursued to construct this section.



Grandeur Peak Trail Work & Weed Pull

Through Salt Lake County’s Open Space program, and in conjunction with the Great Salt Lake RCD&D and the County Weed Control Division, volunteers pulled over 2,000 lbs. of myrtle spurge on Grandeur Peak in May and October. Site improvements were made in August by



closing eroded trails and improving other trails by adding water bars and clearing debris. Volunteers included neighbors, church groups, scout troops, and members of Save Our Canyons and the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance. This preserved open space is a major link to the BST on the south side of Parley's Canyon, and includes a trailhead and parking at about 30th south and Wasatch.

Completion of NHMU

The Natural History Museum of Utah opened its doors along the BST. Visitors can easily access the museum and other attractions by way of the trail. The \$103 million facility was designed to accommodate the hikers, bikers and dog lovers who use the trail. The museum's coffee shop and patio will invite hikers to take a break without having to pay for museum admission. There are restrooms and even a dog water fountain to accommodate those strolling past.



Sandy

Sandy City has entered into a design agreement with Project Engineering Consultants. They are currently surveying the trail based on the master plan. They will then move into a public process, property acquisition, and construction.

Cherry Creek Canyon Bridge

A BST trail bridge was installed on USFS land by Draper City at Cherry Canyon.

Z Trail

Construction began on the BST section between the Mt. Olympus Trailhead to the "Z" Trail. Rehabilitation work was completed on the existing "Z" Trail. Flagging was completed for the 2.5 mile alignment and the initial trail cut is 90% complete, with 20% of the final tread complete. Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation has been working with the US Forest Service and the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation in developing this new section of the BST.



BST in Holladay and Herriman

Salt Lake County along with Holladay City has begun initial alignment planning for a section of the BST in Heughs Canyon. The county has also explored alignment for a section of the BST running east and west in Herriman City

Dogs could threaten Draper trail

Draper City currently has a trail easement from WaterPro for the BST, under that agreement dogs are not allowed in the Bear Canyon and Ghost Falls areas to protect the watershed. Motion-sensor cameras have caught numerous dogs splashing through Bear Creek. The city unveiled a plan to require permits for those wanting to take dogs into the area, but if tests don't reveal a 20 percent drop in a 15-month trial period, the utility will consider closing the area to everyone.



Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Salt Lake County	56	23

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Utah County

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No progress to report.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Utah County	69	30

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Section 3

About the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Coalition

Background

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Coalition is an organization of entities, both citizen and governmental, representing the communities in Utah involved in promoting, planning and building the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). The Coalition was formed on an ad hoc basis in 2001, and formalized and incorporated in 2003.

Trustees

Dave Rayfield – Cache Trails Coalition
 Barry Burton – Davis County Trail Committee
 Jim Byrne – Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee
 Geoff Ellis – Weber Pathways
 Jim Price – Mountainland Association of Governments

Organization Members

Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG)	Draper City
Brigham City	Sandy City
Bountiful City	Holladay City
Cache County	Salt Lake City
Cache Metro Planning Organization	Cottonwood Heights City
Cache Trails Coalition	Herriman City
Centerville City	Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG)
City of Logan	Provo City
North Logan City	Orem City
North Ogden City	Weber Pathways
Utah Conservation Corps	Ogden Trails Network
South Weber City	Ogden City
Layton City	Weber County Planning Department
Kaysville City	State Division of Parks & Recreation
Fruit Heights City	U. S. Forest Service
Davis County	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) & Great Salt Lake RC&D
Farmington Trails Committee	The Trust for Public Land
City of North Salt Lake	Utah Rocky Mountain Bikers
Salt Lake County Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee	
Salt Lake County	