



LINDON HERITAGE TRAIL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As you may already be aware, the City has completed construction of the first phase of a multi-use trail, The Lindon Heritage Trail, through the City. Below, you will find answers to questions you may have about the trail.

When was the trail construction completed? Following some minor inconvenience to residents, particularly closure of lanes on State Street during construction of the under crossing, The Lindon Heritage Trail dedication ceremony took place on October 23, 2008. The trail is now complete from 800 West to Canal Drive, where it connects to a previously completed trail, providing access from 800 West to the Dry Canyon Trail Head. Additional grant funding has been obtained by the City to extend an additional phase of the trail to the west. This new grant funding will be available in approximately 2012, and construction will begin shortly thereafter.

Where is the trail located? The first phase of The Lindon Heritage Trail runs from 800 West, up Lakeview Road, through an under crossing (tunnel) under State Street into the City Center Park, along Main Street, and east on Center Street to connect to the existing trail on Canal Drive. Future sections of the trail will extend to the historic Geneva Resort Park, located on the shores of Utah Lake on the western border of the City. Completed sections of the trail provide safe, convenient pedestrian access from the east side of the City to the west side.

How will the trail be paid for? The City was awarded federal grant funding of approximately \$4,000,000, which covered the majority of costs associated with construction of this phase of the trail. A small percentage of the construction costs, approximately 7% of total costs, were paid with City funds. Bids for the trail came in well under anticipated costs, resulting in a significant reduction in the amount of City funds required to complete the project. Additional grant funding in excess of \$3,000,000 will allow the City to complete all but one small section of the trail from east to west.

Is a trail an appropriate use of tax dollars? Residents should understand that the grant funds awarded to the City for the Lindon Heritage Trail project are federal funds designated specifically for trails. The revenue can not be diverted to other projects, such as roads, libraries, parks or public safety. If the funds were not used to construct a trail in Lindon, they would be used to construct a trail in another community. Elected officials and City staff feel very fortunate to have obtained the necessary funding to provide this amenity to residents, with a relatively small impact to the City budget.

Is the State Street under crossing tunnel safe? Safety was the highest consideration during extensive study and the design process of the Lindon Heritage Trail project. The tunnel is daylight at both ends, with a clear view through the entire tunnel. The tunnel provides residents safe east/west access to the City Center Park on the east side of State

Street. Residents can also safely access the new aquatics facility, located south of the City Center Park. Pedestrian and bicycle access across State Street without the tunnel presents extreme danger, which the tunnel helps to minimize.

Is the trail only for equestrian use? Contrary to some common misperceptions, the trail is a ten foot wide, asphalt surface, ADA accessible multi-use trail. While horses will have access to the trail, the majority of traffic is expected to be pedestrians and bicycles. The trail provides much needed safe pedestrian access for residents throughout the City, and will provide safe, convenient, free recreational opportunities for families.

Why is the trail named the “Lindon Heritage Trail?” Because the trail will eventually extend from the shores of Utah Lake on the west to the foothills of Mount Timpanogos on the east, the original name of the trail was “The Timp Lake Trail.” The original name caused some confusion with those who may be unfamiliar with the area wondering where “Timp Lake” was located. The name was changed to the “Lindon Heritage Trail” to reflect the nature of the trail route, which passes several historic farm sites. The Geneva Resort Park where the western trail head will be located, as well as Dry Canyon on the east end of the trail, were also important sites in the history and heritage of Lindon City. More information about Geneva Resort Park and Dry Canyon can be found in the book, “Lindon, Our Town.”

Does the Lindon Heritage Trail connect to other trail sections in the City? Yes. The Trails Master Plan shows trail sections throughout the City connecting to the Lindon Heritage Trail. The complete trail system will connect neighborhoods to parks and schools throughout the community. Residents currently walking and biking on the roadside will enjoy the benefits of a safe, designated pedestrian area without the presence of motorized traffic. In addition, the Lindon Heritage Trail connects to the regional trail system, including the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, the Jordan River Parkway and the Great Western Trail. Lindon is the only Utah Valley community with access to the Great Western Trail located within the City limits.

The Lindon City Council and Mayor feel that trails provide important health benefits and recreational opportunities, and enhance the high quality of life Lindon residents have come to expect. Extensive research went into each aspect of the Lindon Heritage Trail, including design, routing, and funding. The City Council invites you grab the bikes, the stroller, the kids, and the dog, and get out and enjoy a “Little Bit of Country” on the Lindon Heritage Trail!