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To: Ogden Valley Planning Commissioners

Subject: Ogden Valley Pathways Master Plan

The Ogden Valley General Plan, adopted in 1998, recognizes the values trails provide to both residents and recreational visitors. One of the goals of the Ogden Valley General Plan is to enhance quality recreational opportunities, which is implemented by identifying “areas suitable for community parks, campgrounds, or trails systems”. The Ogden Valley General Plan supported the development of a trails master plan and in 2002 the Ogden Valley Pathway Master Plan was adopted and incorporated into the Ogden Valley General Plan.

In early 2009, the Weber County Planning Division along with Weber Pathways established a project to create a countywide pathways master plan. The project was initiated with an endorsement by both Weber Pathways Board of Directors and the Weber Area Council of Governments. A representative from each municipality and entity (National Forest Service, Utah Department of Transportation, etc…) was invited to attend monthly meetings of the newly formed pathways committee. The existing pathways/trails/bike plan master plans from each municipality and entity were gathered and combined into one geographic information system based database. From this database, a countywide trails and bicycle route map was developed.

In October 2010, after finishing the Weber County Cooperative Pathways Master Plan, the Planning Division asked the Ogden Valley Planning Commission whether the cooperative map should be incorporated and adopted to replace the Ogden Valley Pathways Master Plan map. The Planning Commission concurred that the map should be implemented into the Ogden Valley Pathways Master Plan. Attached to this letter is a map that compares the trail in the Ogden Valley Pathways Master Plan and the Weber County Cooperative Pathways Master Plan. Dashed lines are proposed trails. Blue lines are trails in the Weber County Cooperative Pathways Master Plan while green lines are trails in the Ogden Valley Pathways Master Plan. White, or light blue areas are private lands while the darker blue areas are federal, state, or local lands. As you can see, there is much agreement between the existing pathways master plan and the cooperative master plan.

The textual portion of the Ogden Valley Pathways Master Plan is also attached. Please review this for the work session.

Some questions to consider:

* Should the cooperative pathways map replace the map general plan pathways map?
* Should any part of the textual portion of the Ogden Valley Pathways Master Plan be modified?

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