



BST Coalition Annual Report 2015

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 and the Utah Legislature 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 2015 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	10
Box Elder County	35	0
Weber County	29	26
Davis County	56	14
Salt Lake County	56	27
Utah County	69	30
BST Total Miles	310	107

Section 2 Progress Reports



BONNEVILLE SHORELINE TRAIL

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 and Davis Counties.

The BSTC has continued to work recruiting volunteers and coordinating efforts among coalition members. The BST volunteer mailing list now has 765 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.

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County by County Progress Reports

Cache County

Some annual erosion control maintenance was performed by local Boy Scouts as an Eagle Project on the Logan section of the BST at the mouth of Logan Canyon and adding sitting benches along the trail route.

A new trail will connect to the BST at the mouth of Logan Canyon known as the Highline Trail. The Highline Trail is a partnership between Logan City, the Cache Highline Canal Company, Cache County, Utah State University, and the U.S. Forest Service. Safety improvement construction includes the installation of safety fencing and trail signage. The trail sits atop the enclosed Cache Highline Canal.

Finally, efforts are being organized between Utah State University and Logan City to approach UDOT about a connecting walkway between the campus at USU and the BST along U.S. 89 at the mouth of Logan Canyon. This proposed route will significantly improve safety for trail users and motorists alike.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Cache County	65	10

For more information about BST planning in Cache County, contact Dayton Crites at (435)755-1646 or Dayton.Crites@cashecounty.org.

Box Elder County

Box Elder County does not have any official BST segments. However, several communities are adding the trail to various local plans, including Willard and Perry Cities.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Box Elder County	35	0

For more information about BST planning in Box Elder County, contact Zac Covington at (435) 713-1423 or zacc@brag.utah.gov.

Weber County

2015 was another good year for the BST in Weber County. The scope of the work included the construction of a new segment of the BST in North Ogden, a trailhead with a trail to connect to the BST, the reconstruction of sections of the BST in Ogden City, and the construction of a ped/bike tunnel in South Ogden. The major funding for the trail construction projects came from grants from Weber County RAMP and from REI. The tunnel was mostly funded by Weber County.

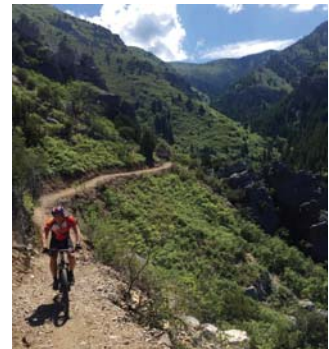
The main trail construction work was a five-mile long segment of the BST that connects a 5-mile section of the BST in North Ogden and Pleasant View to the terminus of the



BST section in northern Ogden City. This trailhead, located at 2750 N and Mountain Road, provides access to a one-mile single-track trail that connects to the newly constructed BST. The reconstruction work refined a hazardous rock fall area near the Ogden Nature Center North trailhead (1180 N. Mountain Road). The newly constructed trails eliminate the need to take a route on surface streets and the canal road in order to avoid private property in Coldwater Canyon and at the lower end of North Ogden Canyon.



The completion of the BST trail construction is making a significant positive impact on the community. Weber Pathways did not realize how high the latent demand was for this section of trail. During the construction of this section an impressive number of trail users were observed following the construction crews on the new trail. These users included hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and trail runners. When the work crews returned in the morning they found the new, loose surface to be packed in by all the users from the prior evening checking the progress of construction. Weber Pathways took advantage of this enthusiasm to recruit volunteers to put the final finish work on the trail. The trail segment continues to be highly popular and puts an exclamation point on the BST in Weber County. Weber County now has 22 continuous miles of single track BST.



In 2015, a pedestrian/bicycle tunnel was constructed under Hwy 89 at Skyline Dr. in South Ogden as part of a larger project to realign Harrison Blvd and widen Hwy 89. In mid-November the tunnel was officially opened for public use. The concept of a tunnel being included in this construction project was proposed and advocated for by Weber Pathways. But it took the forward-thinking initiative by South Ogden City, Weber County and UDOT to make it happen financially and within the scope of the planned road project.



This tunnel is in a site where numerous businesses and a church are located south of Highway 89. While, north of Hwy 89 there is a large residential population and a school. Skyline Drive is the bike route that leads to the Beus Canyon BST Trailhead. The tunnel also provides quick access to BST Connector constructed in 2013 located between the Washington Heights Church in South Ogden and the town of Uintah. As a side note, WP worked successfully to keep the Uintah Loop Trail, which is part of the BST Connector, free from puncture vine this year.

Future plans are for a connection on the south to the Weber River Parkway and eventually to the BST at the mouth of Weber Canyon. To this end, Weber Pathways is also supporting Uintah City in their effort to obtain permission from Union Pacific RR to widen one of their roadways in order to add bike/ped lanes. This will provide a 3-mile link from the BST Connector to the Weber River Parkway. Also, Weber Pathways is working with South Weber City to support their master plan for trails that includes tunnels under I-84 to connect with the WRP and to add connection from Fisherman’s Point to the WRP. Both of these efforts will create a connection to the BST in Davis County.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Weber County	29	26

For information about BST planning in the Weber County portion, contact Mark Benigni, Weber Pathways Executive Director, at (801) 393-2304 or mark@weberpathways.org or Geoff Ellis, Weber Pathways board member, at gellis@stanfordalumni.org.

Davis County

Fruit Heights City is continuing its efforts for improvements to the trail. We are in the final stages of completing paper work with the Forest Service deeding 100 acres of property over to Fruit Heights City. Once this is complete, the City will be focusing on trial improvements/maintenance of the BST through this 100 acres. Our main focus will be providing good and safe access to the upper Shoreline Trail and coordinate our efforts with Farmington City to insure a smooth connection of the trail system through Fruit Heights.

We will also be looking at a trail crossing with a possible bridge at Bairs Creek and making trail improvements through this section and connecting back to the upper shoreline/fire break road running to the north. The City has several groups interested in providing service to help with our efforts of making these improvements.

A developer approached sought support for an exchange of land east of Bountiful that could be used as part of a future BST alignment for land west of the Lions Club shooting range. Dozens of residents expressed strong opposition to the proposal and Bountiful City did not support the proposal.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Davis County	56	14

For information about BST planning in the Davis County portion, contact Jeff Oyler at 801-451-3279 or joyler@co.davis.ut.us.

Salt Lake County

Salt Lake County continues to work with a property owner in the Mount Olympus area to obtain an easement for the BST between the Mount Olympus Trailhead and Neff’s Canyon. The USFS began working on the BST section between Heughs Canyon and the Mount Olympus Trailhead this year, and we look to complete it in 2017. Signs directing people to the Heughs Canyon Trail have been erected in the vicinity of Wasatch Blvd and other adjacent public streets to guide people to the trailhead area.

Construction was completed on a new pedestrian suspension bridge that spans 185 feet across Bear Canyon and connects the BST in Draper. The bridge was constructed by Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Co. Inc., and was paid for by donations from residents and friends of Draper City.



The Bridge will serve to divert hiker traffic away from the upper canyon, which is a watershed, with the intent to keep dogs out of the stream, because the city and water companies had considered closing the canyon to hiking due to the dog problem. Support for the project included Draper City, Sandy City, Corner Canyon Trails Committee, WaterPro, Bonneville Shoreline Coalition, Scott Scharman, Paul Anderson, Paul Skene, R.E.I., Alta View Concrete, In Between Days, Premier Fitness Camp and, most notably, in-kind donations from the Wadsworth family including Ty, Con, Kip, Ralph, Tod, Nic and Wadsworth Construction. Ralph estimates the bridge was built for about \$155,000.

Improvements were also made to a small section of the BST north of the Bear Canyon Suspension Bridge to eliminate a steep downhill part followed by a steep uphill section. This new section goes under a very large rock formation.

The University of Utah’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism in partnership with the National Park Service has developed an Urban Rangers program servicing parts of the BST, which runs directly behind campus. U. students will act as volunteer rangers to become stewards of the area. They will educate trail users about responsible trail etiquette and help keep the area clean.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Salt Lake County	56	23

For information about BST planning in Salt Lake County, contact Angelo Calacino at 801-468-2534 or acalacino@slco.org.

Utah County

No progress to report for 2015.

Trail Miles	Proposed	Constructed to Date
Utah County	69	30

For information about BST planning in the Utah County portion, contact Jim Price at 801-229-3848, jprice@mountainland.org.

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

Organizations

Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG)	Salt Lake County
Brigham City	Draper City
Bountiful City	Sandy City
Cache County	Holladay City
Cache Metro Planning Organization	Cottonwood Heights City
Centerville City	Herriman City
City of Logan	Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG)
North Logan City	Provo City
North Ogden City	Orem City
Utah Conservation Corps	Weber Pathways
Davis County	Ogden Trails Network
South Weber City	Ogden City
Layton City	Weber County
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 City	
City of North Salt Lake	
Salt Lake City	The Trust for Public Land