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FARMINGTON CITY SUPPORTS CITIZEN'S AND BUSINESS REQUEST FOR SAFER PARK LANE OVERPASS

Farmington, UT (1-26-16) – Farmington City supports the efforts of local residents and businesses to improve pedestrian and cyclists' safety over the Park Lane Interchange complex in Farmington.

Amy Shumway, a Farmington resident and member of the City Trails Committee has been pushing City, UDOT and State officials for improvements to allow pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross the I-15 and US 89 highways which divide Farmington in the Lagoon/Station Park area. Mrs. Shumway along with dozens of community members will be presenting to the City a large check as seed money for this project. **This presentation will take place at the next scheduled City Council meeting on February 2nd at 7 PM (Farmington City Hall – 160 South Main).**

Mrs. Shumway and her five sons have baked over 1,000 loaves of bread in the past few years with \$1 from each loaf sold to be donated for the sole use of this project. That is a lot of bread and this project will require a lot of community support.

Mayor Jim Talbot said, “Amy recognized a major needed safety improvement in our community and was not satisfied to sit on the sidelines. She has contacted Council members, legislators, UDOT officials, neighbors, business owners and others and sought to get this project on the radar screen and funded. While we have known this safety improvement was sorely needed, we have been truly amazed at the amount of Citizen and business support Amy’s efforts have generated. We hope UDOT and our legislators will give it the funding attention it deserves. We are one of the most progressive cities in the state with our trail system but we need to do a better job of letting our residents, trail users, Lagoon and Station Park visitors have safer access across the freeways. We have a Frontrunner Stop right there but then we ask people to take their life in peril when they try to cross the large interchange complex.”

Amy Shumway said, “I would like to access the Legacy trail with my children because it is such a friendly trail but it is not safe to cross the interchanges on foot or bike. We have youth that

would like to access both Station Park and Lagoon for jobs and shopping but as a parent, I would be crazy to let them ride and walk across the interchanges as they now exist.”

The City in cooperation with Kaysville officials recently completed a citizen survey on alternative transportation needs in the area. The survey received 1,023 responses. By far, the number one recommendation is making east-to-west connections safer and more abundant, especially around Park Lane, Frontrunner, and Station Park.

Dave Millheim, Farmington City Manager said, “Amy met with us a few years ago and we explained the design and funding challenges of getting this project done. She refused to take no for an answer. She has been like the Energizer Bunny in making sure this project is getting the focus it deserves. We are pleased that UDOT officials and some legislators have started to pay attention to this important project. We hope that support continues to grow and we get this done sooner than later.”

Local businesses such as Lagoon and Station Park are also supportive of this effort. Local bike shops and homebuilders are also making donations to this project at the Council meeting.

Farmington has over 130 miles of trails on both sides of the freeways. The trails are heavily used and use is increasing as the Station Park area builds out. UDOT has spent a significant amount of money on new directional signage for the driving public in the interchange area and the City is grateful to the State for these improvements. It is still a dangerous crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. The City is making this project one of its top planning priorities and hopes the State of Utah will do the same.

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Joint Community Survey Results for Farmington

1,023 Total number of survey respondents



36-45
YEAR OLDS

Most common age group (36%)

OVER ALL WALKING & BIKING CONDITIONS

Walking and bicycling conditions are currently rated, on average, between fair and good



Respondents were interested most in walking & bicycling to



85%
feel comfortable or very comfortable walking

The most common type of person is one that is **not comfortable in traffic and will only ride a bicycle on paths and quiet residential streets**



NOT COMFORTABLE

COMFORTABLE

Top priorities for investment:



IMPROVE PATHS & TRAILS NETWORK



ADD ON-STREET BIKEWAYS



MORE SIDEWALKS, SHADE TREES & LANDSCAPING



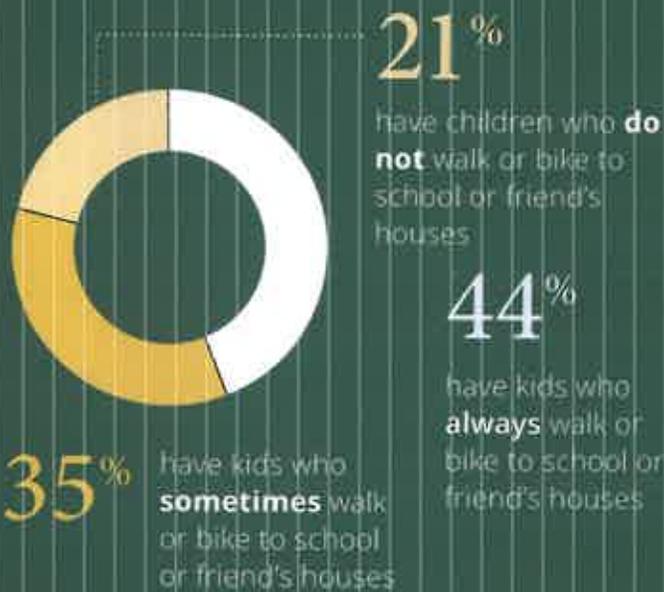
BETTER CROSSINGS



ACCESS TO TRANSIT
(FrontRunner & Buses)

WALK & BIKE HABITS

Out of respondents with children:



Public transit use is much higher when the trip begins with walking or biking.



Lack of safe crossings, high motor vehicle speeds, and too much traffic were the most cited reasons that their kids did not walk and bike more.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



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