

June Council Department Report - Jack Burns

Zion Region Collaborative (ZRC)

Transportation Workgroup

In coordination with Utah Tech, Emily Friedman reported progress on the assembly of "Blueprint ZRC". The purpose of the document is for public outreach, orienting new members/participants, and generally guiding the direction of the ZRC. The majority of the text has been written but more photos are needed that highlight areas such as outdoor recreation, downtown areas in ZRC communities, as well as natural and historic resources.

Emily and Tom finished a draft of the position description for the Trail Advocacy Group Coordinator/Team Lead. The incumbent would coordinate a number of meetings and activities beginning this fall along the SR-9 corridor and surrounding areas. Some of the work includes trail planning, fund raising, design and construction of new trails, maintenance, and trail user education.

Zion Scenic Byway Application Status Update

The state has submitted the grant application to the Federal Highways Administration. Funding decisions should be made by September. The purpose of the grant is to fund an update of the 2011 Corridor Management Plan for the scenic byway which runs from La Verkin to the East Entrance of the park. The grant would also fund extending the national scenic byway designation from the East Entrance to Mount Carmel Highway with willing participation for Kane County.

National Scenic Byway Signage

Originally, signage was considered as part of the grant application. UDOT made a generous offer to fund the fabrication and installation of the signs along the SR-9 corridor. The signs, similar in appearance of other scenic byway signs in the state, will provide public benefit by identifying the designated route and where possible the purpose of scenic byway designations. The project cost is estimated at \$60,000. A 20% match (\$12,000) has been secured from interested counties and communities.

ZRC Workshop #25

The next workshop is scheduled for July 14, 2022 at the Rockville Recreation Hall.