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October 4: Protecting our Byways Viewsheds Webinar

I attended this webinar hosted by the Colorado Department of Transportation. While interesting it was somewhat technical to the point that it was difficult to apply to issues relevant to Springdale. I was hoping to hear how CDOT used geospatial data to evaluate the placement of telecommunication towers while protecting viewsheds. They were not able to provide any examples of where that data had been used but sounds like it is still being developed.

October 11: ZRC Transportation Meeting

There was a small group in attendance but a good meeting discussion. Updates included UDOT Active Transportation Funding - Utah Trail Network. Utah legislature appropriated \$50 million annually to build out the state's network system. The Zion Corridor Trail is eligible for funds from this source. Other updates included Springdale's Balancing Nature and Commerce Project that focuses on transportation that encourages car-free travel, Zion National Park's battery electric fleet replacement, Outdoor Adventure Commission Funding. The OAC is particularly interested in projects with a community focus that addresses overcrowding and encourages dispersal. The ZRC is considering submitting several projects that would address trailhead infrastructure at Guacamole Mesa, trail underpasses on Sheep Bridge Road and support infrastructure along the Zion Corridor Trail.

The ZRC is onboarding a new coordinator, Vanessa Rogan, who will replace Emily at the end of her contract in January.

October 17: Wireless Communication Master Plan

Cityscape consultants did a site visit to look at potential telecommunication locations within the Public Use Zone in the town. The consultants visited each location to look at suitability in terms of unobstructed views, connectivity with other telecommunication infrastructure and access. Further analysis will be done to determine the best location(s) for cell coverage, structure type and height.