




**Flagstaff  
Urban  
Trails  
System**

# **FUTS Trail Users Survey Summary Report**



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## Introduction

This report summarizes the results of a survey of users of the Flagstaff Urban Trails System (FUTS) conducted in July of 2011 by the City of Flagstaff.

A survey of FUTS trail users was undertaken for several reasons:

- Collect basic demographic information on trail users
- Determine patterns of trail use
- Solicit user's perceptions of the FUTS system
- Learn what trail users like about FUTS, and what needs improvement
- Identify specific locations for new trails and trail improvements.

### Subject and sample

The focus was limited to FUTS trails and did not include Coconino County trails, Forest Service trails, or other single track trails in and around Flagstaff.

This survey uses a purposive sampling methodology rather than a random sample. A purposive sample is a non-representative subset of a larger population that is constructed to serve a specific need or purpose. In this case the survey targeted FUTS trail users in order to collect information about the FUTS.

### Promotion

The survey was hosted on the City of Flagstaff website through the month of July 2011, and was promoted in several ways:

- Information and a link to the survey were placed on the FUTS page on the City's website.

- "Notify Me" emails were sent from the City's website to approximately 350 subscribers on several occasions.
- Invitations to complete the survey and a link were posted on the FUTS wall on Facebook on several occasions. At that time the FUTS page had approximately 525 "likes."
- Several other organizations, including Flagstaff Biking Organization and Friends of Flagstaff's Future, helped to promote the survey through emails and website postings.

### Survey form

A copy of the on-line survey form is included in the appendices of this report. The survey consisted of 22 questions, most of which were multiple choice questions. Some of these questions asked respondents to check the most appropriate response, and some allowed respondents to check all of the responses that were applicable. In both cases, the percentages listed in the following tables are based on the number of respondents for that question.

The final two questions were more open-ended, and asked "what do you like most about the FUTS" and "what is most in need of improvement about the FUTS." For these questions the survey provided three boxes, and asked respondents to list one response per box.

### Responses

A total of 220 completed survey forms were submitted via the website. Prior to compiling summary data, duplicate surveys were checked by comparing age, gender, and similarity of responses for surveys submitted from the same IP address. No apparent duplicates were found.

## Summary of findings

- Survey respondents are somewhat older than the general population of Flagstaff. Respondents in the 18 to 30 year old age category are significantly underrepresented in the survey compared to the general population, while respondents in older age categories were overrepresented.
- The vast majority of respondents are from the Flagstaff area; only 3 out of 220 survey respondents are from outside Flagstaff. More than 1 in 10 (11.4 percent) are from Flagstaff's outlying communities, including Kachina Village, Mountaineer, Bellemont, Parks, Fort Valley, Doney Park, Fernwood-Timberline, Cosnino, and Winona.
- Survey respondents are frequent trail users. More than three-quarters (75.9 percent) reported that they used FUTS trails at least once per week, and almost one in five (19.1 percent) use the trails six or more times per week.
- The FUTS system is used for multiple purposes, including recreation (79.6 percent of respondents), health and exercise (78.2 percent) and to experience nature and open space (56.0 percent). In addition, more than half of respondents (50.9 percent) use the FUTS for travel and commuting.
- FUTS also supports a variety of activities, including walking or hiking (71.4 percent of respondents), bicycling (64.5 percent), and jogging (35.9 percent).
- Maintenance, cleanliness, and safety on FUTS trails were all very highly rated by survey respondents, with more than 90 percent of respondents rating these items as "excellent" or "good."
- Respondents were also asked to list specific concerns for each item:
  - Maintenance concerns include snow removal, drainage and erosion problems, and ruts and cracks in the trail surface.
  - Cleanliness issues include trash and pet waste.
  - Safety concerns include off-leash dogs, and perceived issues related to the presence of transients along the trails.
- In response to the question "what do you like most about the FUTS," the most frequently submitted comments were:
  - Avoids traffic and busy streets (41.2 percent of respondents)
  - Goes through natural areas and open space (32.1 percent)
  - Provides good connections around town (29.2 percent)
  - Is convenient and is easy to access from many places (23.8 percent)
- When asked "what is most in need of improvement," the top responses were:
  - Connect missing segments and complete the system (32.2 percent of respondents)
  - Build more trails (18.4 percent)
  - Better signing (11.8 percent)

## Respondent profile

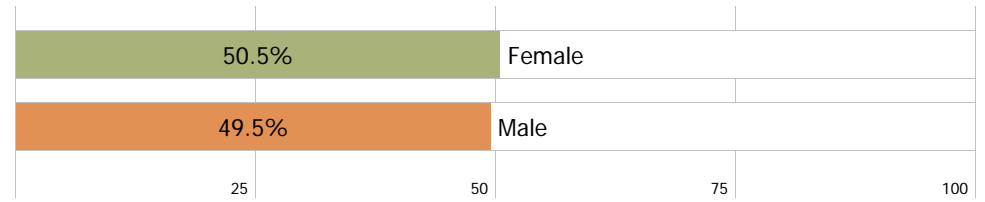
### Summary and conclusions

- Gender of respondents was evenly split; 50.5 percent of respondents are women and 49.5 percent are men. This very closely matches the general population of Flagstaff, which is 50.6 percent women and 49.4 percent men.
  - The median age of respondents is 49 years, which is somewhat older than Flagstaff's median age of 27 year, although the difference can be partially explained by the fact that survey respondents were all aged 18 and over.
  - Respondents in the 18 to 30 age category are significantly underrepresented in the survey compared to the general population. Only 9.3 percent of survey respondents are between 18 and 30 years of age, while in the general population 44.6 percent of Flagstaff residents (between the ages of 18 and 85) fall into this category.
  - Survey respondents in older age categories tend to be overrepresented in the survey:
    - People in the 30 to 44 age category make up 32.7 percent of survey respondents but only 22.5 percent of residents.
    - People in the 45 to 59 age category make up 33.2 percent of survey respondents but only 20.8 percent of residents.
    - People in the 60 to 85 age category make up 24.8 percent of survey respondents but only 12.0 percent of residents.
  - The vast majority of respondents are from Flagstaff; only 3 of 220 are from outside the Flagstaff area.
- A total of 25 respondents (11.4 percent) are from communities around Flagstaff, including Kachina Village, Mountainaire, Bellemont, Parks, Fort Valley, Doney Park, Fernwood-Timberline, Cosnino, and Winona.
  - In the Flagstaff area, respondents were heavily weighted on the west side of town. 70.4 percent of respondents are from the 86001 zip code, and only 27.4 are in the 86004 zip code.

**Table 1 Gender of respondents**

|        | No  | Pct   |
|--------|-----|-------|
| Female | 107 | 50.5  |
| Male   | 105 | 49.5  |
| Total  | 212 | 100.0 |

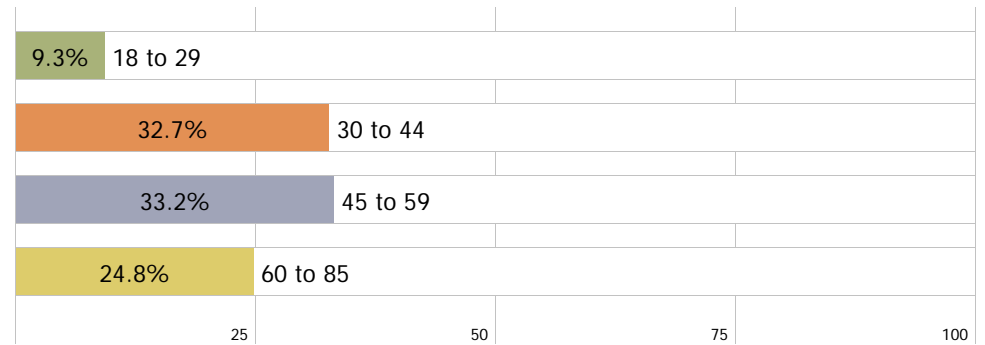
**Figure 1 Gender of respondents**



**Table 2 Age of respondents by category**

|          | No       | Pct   |
|----------|----------|-------|
| 18 to 29 | 20       | 9.3   |
| 30 to 44 | 70       | 32.7  |
| 45 to 59 | 71       | 33.2  |
| 60 to 85 | 53       | 24.8  |
| Total    | 214      | 100.0 |
| Median   | 49       |       |
| Range    | 18 to 85 |       |

**Figure 2 Age of respondents by category**



**Table 3 Where respondents live**

|                         | No | Pct  |
|-------------------------|----|------|
| Central North Flagstaff | 49 | 22.3 |
| Northwest Flagstaff     | 41 | 18.6 |
| Southeast Flagstaff     | 22 | 10.0 |
| East Flagstaff          | 18 | 8.2  |
| South Flagstaff         | 17 | 7.7  |
| Southwest Flagstaff     | 16 | 7.3  |
| Doney Park/Timberline   | 13 | 5.9  |
| West Flagstaff          | 13 | 5.9  |
| Central South Flagstaff | 11 | 5.0  |

|                              |            |              |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Kachina Village/Mountaineire | 8          | 3.6          |
| Northeast Flagstaff          | 5          | 2.3          |
| Outside of Flagstaff         | 3          | 1.4          |
| Baderville/Fort Valley       | 2          | 0.9          |
| Bellemont/Parks              | 2          | 0.9          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>220</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Map 3 **Where respondents live**

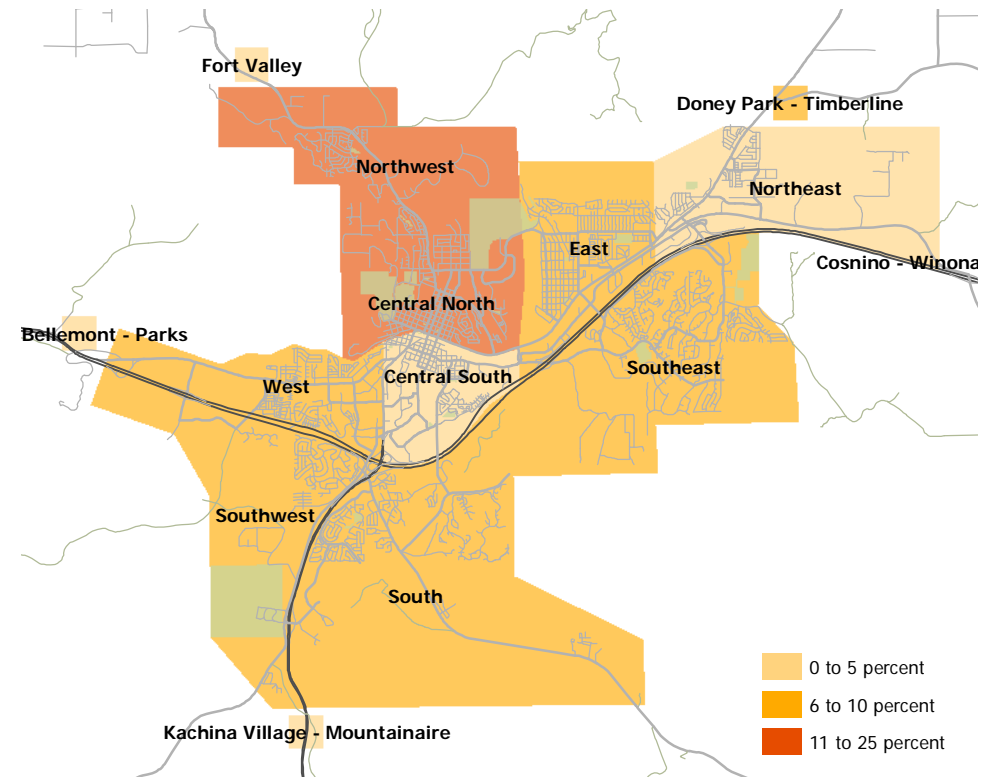
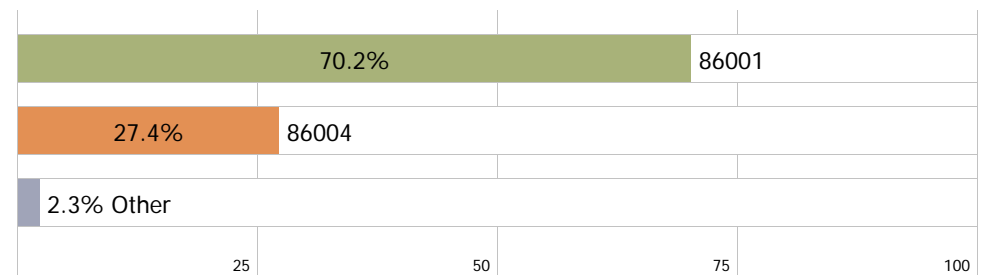


Table 4 **ZIP code of respondents**

|              | No         | Pct          |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 86001        | 151        | 70.2         |
| 86004        | 59         | 27.4         |
| 86011        | 2          | 0.9          |
| 86015        | 2          | 0.9          |
| 86046        | 1          | 0.5          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>215</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Figure 4 **ZIP code of respondents**





## FUTS trail use

### Summary and conclusions

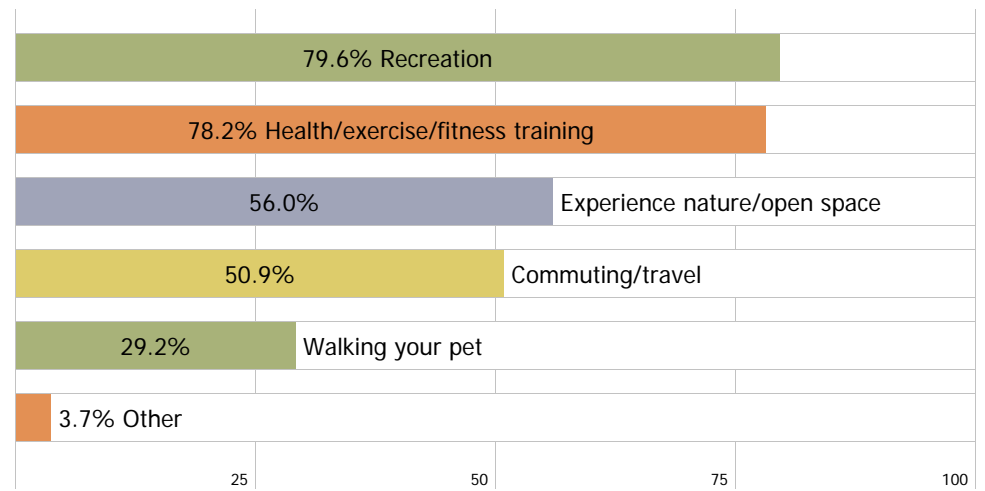
- The FUTS system serves multiple purposes, and presumably serves more than one purpose at the same time.
- Almost 4 of 5 respondents use the FUTS for recreation (79.6 percent) and health/exercise/fitness training (78.2 percent). For 56.0 percent of users, the trails are a way to experience nature and open space.
- Just over half of respondents (50.9 percent) use the FUTS system for commuting or travel. Although this is fourth-highest among purposes for using the FUTS, the numbers still indicate that FUTS are an important facility for multi-modal transportation.
- FUT are also used for a variety of activities. The most popular activities include walking and hiking (71.4 percent of respondents), biking (64.5 percent), and jogging or running (35.9 percent).
- More than three-quarters of respondents (75.9 percent) use the trails at least once per week. Almost one in 5 (19.1 percent) report that they use FUTS 6 or more times per week.
- More than half of respondents (53.7 percent) are on the FUTS for between 30 minutes and one hour during a typical FUTS visit.
- Few users drive to get to the FUTS trails – only 1 in 5, or 20.6 percent. Most (78.5 percent) walk or bicycle to the FUTS. This can be viewed as a measure of how well the FUTS is integrated into the community, and how convenient and accessible the trails are to where people live.
- Small groups are more typical among FUTS users – a total of 83.1 percent of respondents typically use the trails alone or with one other person.
- Weekdays (89.8 percent) are more popular than weekends (74.4 percent).
- FUTS are most frequently used in the morning (66.2 percent of respondents). Only 5.5 percent are on the FUTS during the night time.
- Spring, summer, and fall are equally popular for trail use. More than 90 percent of respondents use the trails during each of those seasons. Just under half of respondents (47.5 percent) use FUTS during the winter.
- According to respondents, the most frequently-used trails are located in the central and northwest Flagstaff.



**Table 5 Purpose for using the FUTS**

|                                  | No  | Pct  |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Recreation                       | 172 | 79.6 |
| Health/exercise/fitness training | 169 | 78.2 |
| Experience nature/open space     | 121 | 56.0 |
| Commuting/travel                 | 110 | 50.9 |
| Walking your pet                 | 63  | 29.2 |
| Other                            | 8   | 3.7  |
| Total responses                  | 643 |      |
| Total respondents                | 216 |      |

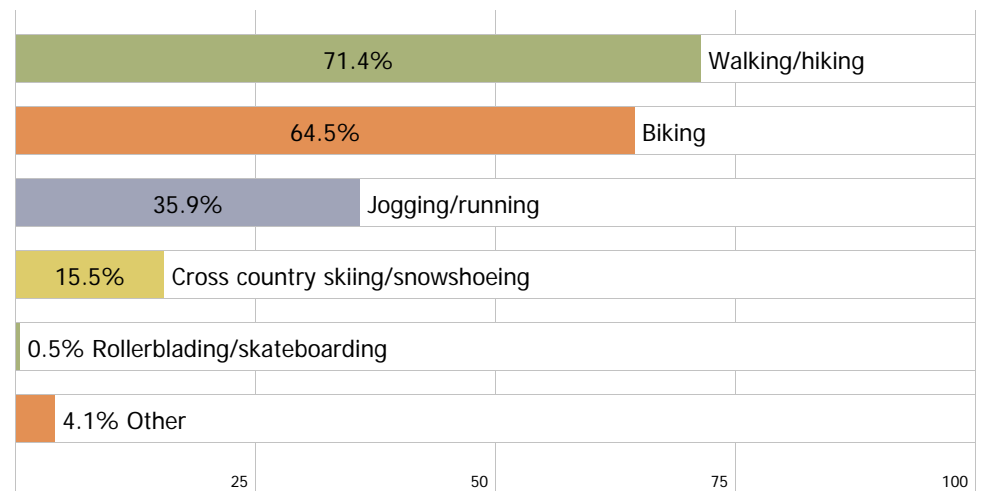
**Figure 5 Purpose for using the FUTS**



**Table 6 Primary activities on the FUTS**

|                                  | No  | Pct  |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Walking/hiking                   | 157 | 71.4 |
| Biking                           | 142 | 64.5 |
| Jogging/running                  | 79  | 35.9 |
| Cross country skiing/snowshoeing | 34  | 15.5 |
| Rollerblading/skateboarding      | 1   | 0.5  |
| Other                            | 9   | 4.1  |
| Total responses                  | 422 |      |
| Total respondents                | 216 |      |

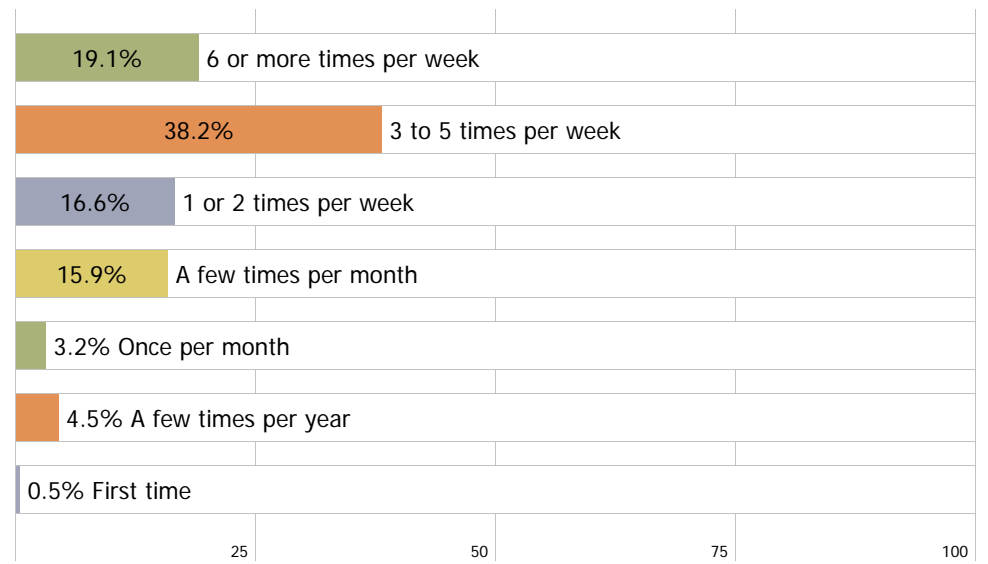
**Figure 6 Primary activities on the FUTS**



**Table 7 Frequency of FUTS use**

|                          | No         | Pct          |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 6 or more times per week | 42         | 19.1         |
| 3 to 5 times per week    | 84         | 38.2         |
| 1 or 2 times per week    | 41         | 18.6         |
| A few times per month    | 35         | 15.9         |
| Once per month           | 7          | 3.2          |
| A few times per year     | 10         | 4.5          |
| First time               | 1          | 0.5          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>220</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

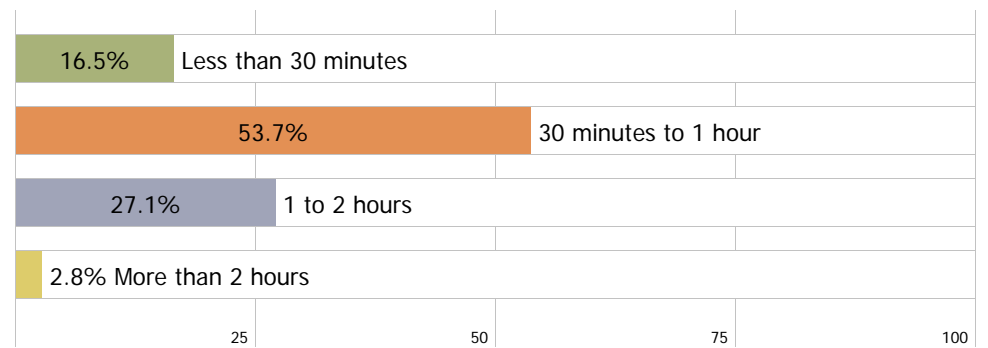
**Figure 7 Frequency of FUTS use**



**Table 8 Duration of typical FUTS visit**

|                      | No         | Pct          |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Less than 30 minutes | 36         | 16.5         |
| 30 minutes to 1 hour | 117        | 53.7         |
| 1 to 2 hours         | 59         | 27.1         |
| More than 2 hours    | 6          | 2.8          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>218</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

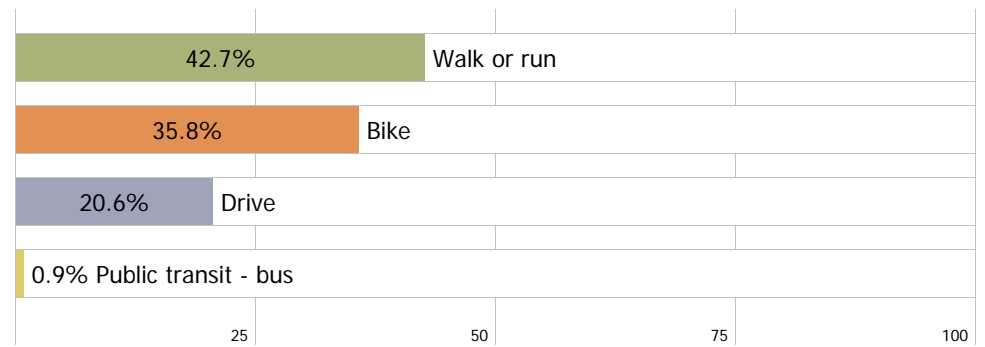
**Figure 8 Duration of typical FUTS visit**



**Table 9 Mode of transportation to FUTS**

|                      | No  | Pct   |
|----------------------|-----|-------|
| Walk or run          | 93  | 42.7  |
| Bike                 | 78  | 35.8  |
| Drive                | 45  | 20.6  |
| Public transit - bus | 2   | 0.9   |
| Total                | 218 | 100.0 |

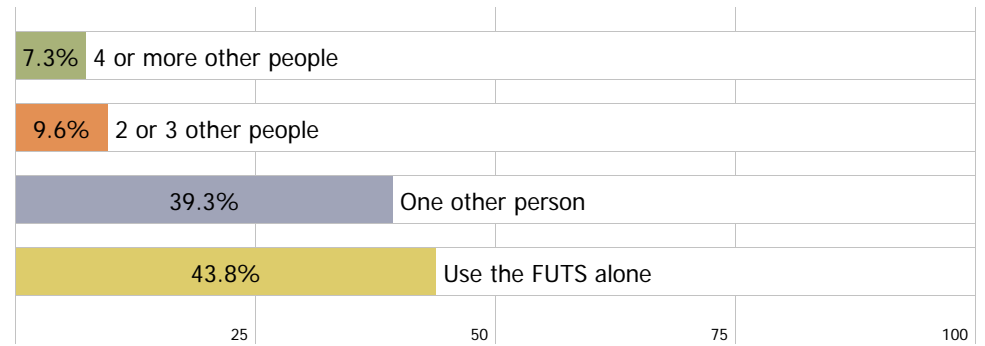
**Figure 9 Mode of transportation to FUTS**



**Table 10 Other people using FUTS with respondents**

|                        | No  | Pct   |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| 4 or more other people | 16  | 7.3   |
| 2 or 3 other people    | 21  | 9.6   |
| One other person       | 86  | 39.3  |
| Use the FUTS alone     | 96  | 43.8  |
| Total                  | 219 | 100.0 |

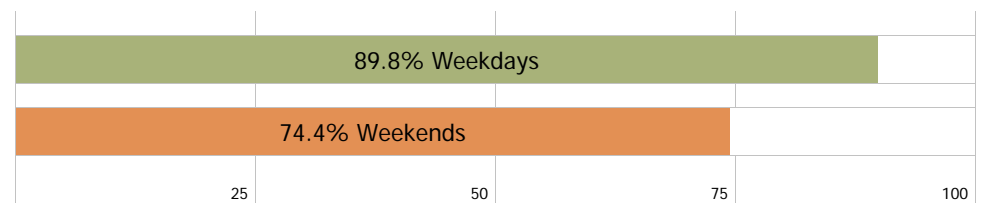
**Figure 10 Other people using FUTS with respondents**



**Table 11 Part of week when FUTS are used**

|                   | No  | Pct  |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Weekdays          | 193 | 89.8 |
| Weekends          | 160 | 74.4 |
| Total responses   | 353 |      |
| Total respondents | 216 |      |

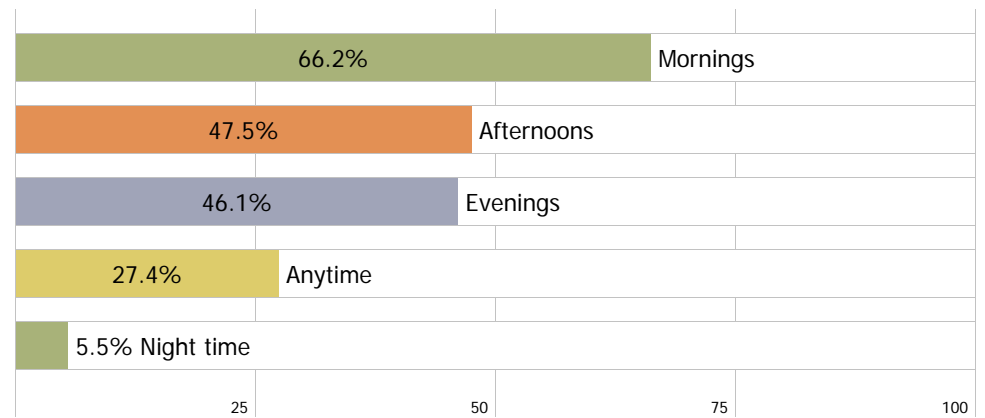
**Figure 11 Part of week when FUTS are used**



**Table 12 Time of day when FUTS are used**

|                   | No  | Pct  |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Mornings          | 145 | 66.2 |
| Afternoons        | 104 | 47.5 |
| Evenings          | 101 | 46.1 |
| Anytime           | 60  | 27.4 |
| Night time        | 12  | 5.5  |
| Total responses   | 422 |      |
| Total respondents | 219 |      |

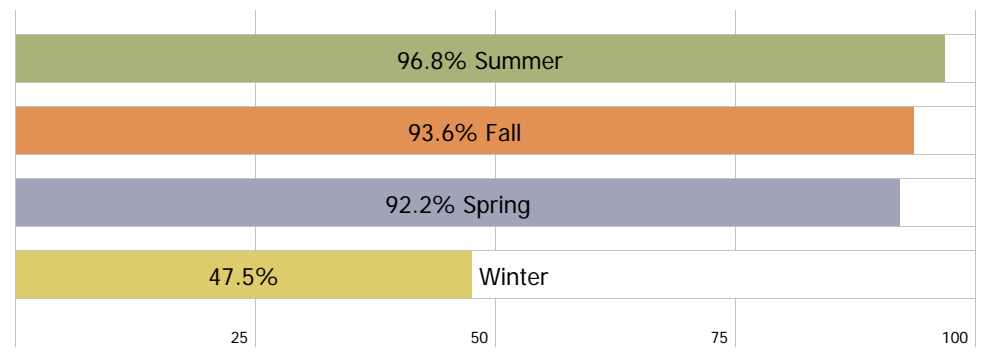
**Figure 12 Time of day when FUTS are used**



**Table 13 Season when FUTS are used**

|                   | No  | Pct  |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Summer            | 212 | 96.8 |
| Fall              | 205 | 93.6 |
| Spring            | 202 | 92.2 |
| Winter            | 104 | 47.5 |
| Total responses   | 723 |      |
| Total respondents | 219 |      |

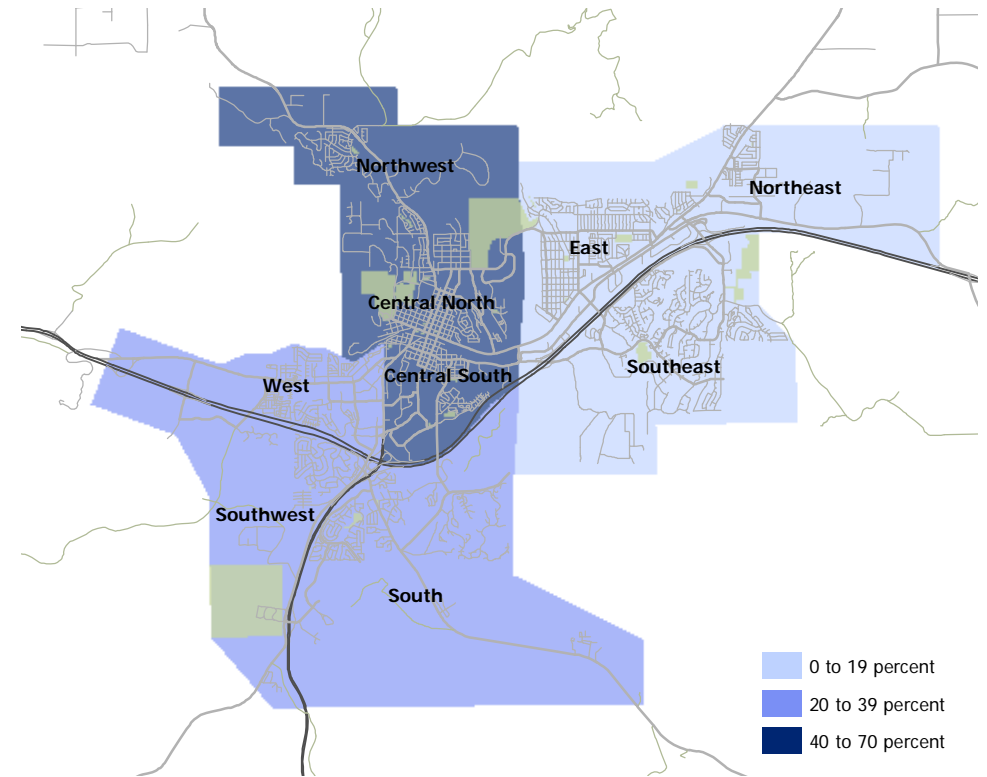
**Figure 13 Season when FUTS are used**



**Table 14 Location of trails most often used by respondents**

|                   | No  | Pct  |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Central North     | 151 | 68.6 |
| Northwest         | 97  | 44.1 |
| Central South     | 88  | 40.0 |
| Southwest         | 58  | 26.4 |
| West              | 47  | 21.4 |
| South             | 44  | 20.0 |
| Southeast         | 33  | 15.0 |
| Northeast         | 28  | 12.7 |
| East              | 25  | 11.4 |
| Total responses   | 571 |      |
| Total respondents | 220 |      |

**Map 14 Location of trails most often used by respondents**



## Respondents' ratings of FUTS trails

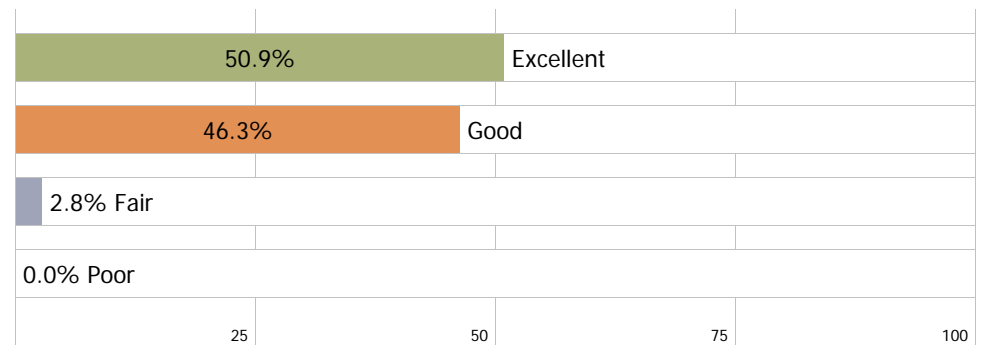
### Summary and conclusions

- Respondents rate maintenance and cleanliness of FUTS trails very highly; a total of 97.2 percent of respondents rate maintenance as either excellent or good, and 96.4 rate cleanliness as excellent or good. No respondents rated either maintenance or cleanliness as poor.
- The most-frequently expressed maintenance concerns include snow removal, drainage and erosion issues, and problems with surface conditions like ruts or cracks.
- Maintenance concerns at specific locations include frequent cracks in the asphalt surface of the Ponderosa Trail, erosion problems on the steep surface of the Karen Cooper Trail, and graffiti on the historic dam along the Karen Cooper Trail.
- Cleanliness concerns include trash and litter, and pet waste. Trash on the Sinclair Wash Trail below the Wal-Mart store was mentioned most frequently.
- Safety and security on the FUTS was also highly rated – 94.0 percent rated it as excellent or good. Unlike maintenance and cleanliness ratings, more respondents rated safety as good than excellent (37.9 percent versus 56.1 percent).
- Safety concerns include off-leash dogs and perceived issues related to transients along the trail. The most frequently mentioned problem area is the Route 66 Trail, just east of downtown.

**Table 15 Rating of FUTS maintenance**

|              | No         | Pct          |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Excellent    | 111        | 50.9         |
| Good         | 101        | 46.3         |
| Fair         | 6          | 2.8          |
| Poor         | 0          | 0.0          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**Figure 15 Rating of FUTS maintenance**



**Table 15a Maintenance concerns**

|                             | No        | Pct          |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Snow removal                | 12        | 26.7         |
| Drainage and erosion        | 10        | 22.2         |
| Ruts and surface conditions | 8         | 17.8         |
| Cracks in paved trails      | 6         | 13.3         |
| Graffiti                    | 3         | 6.7          |
| Weeds and vegetation        | 2         | 4.4          |
| Other                       | 4         | 8.9          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>49</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**Table 15b Location of maintenance concerns**

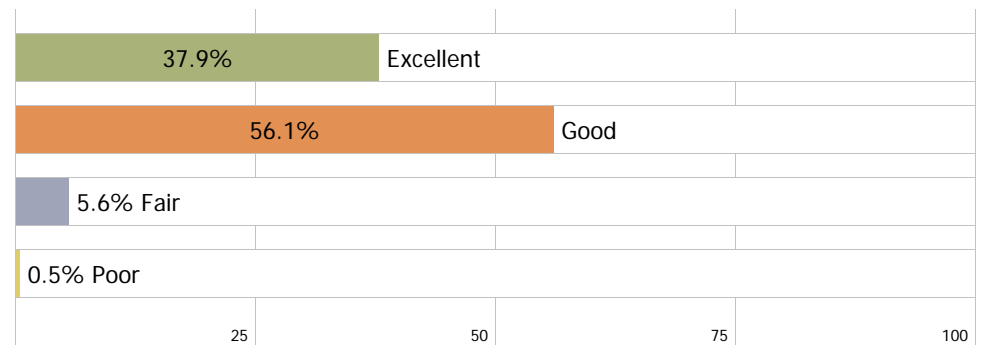
|  | No |
|--|----|
| Ponderosa Trail (cracks)   | 3  |
| Karen Cooper Trail – hill south of Anasazi Ridge (erosion)         | 2  |
| Karen Cooper Trail – near historic dam (graffiti)                  | 2  |
| Bow & Arrow Trail (soft surface)                                   | 1  |
| Karen Cooper Trail – Cherry to Sitgreaves (drainage)               | 1  |
| Karen Cooper Trail – Rio crossing at Bonito (drainage)             | 1  |
| Route 66 Trail – near Arrowhead (cracks)                           | 1  |
| Sinclair Wash Trail – Pine Knoll and McConnell (erosion)           | 1  |
| Sinclair Wash Trail – University Heights to Fort Tuthill (erosion) | 1  |
| Southwest Crossing Trail (graffiti, erosion)                       | 1  |
| Switzer Wash Trail (erosion)                                       | 1  |
| Tunnel Springs Trail (ruts)  | 1  |



**Table 16 Rating of FUTS safety and security**

|              | No         | Pct          |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Excellent    | 81         | 37.9         |
| Good         | 120        | 56.1         |
| Fair         | 12         | 5.6          |
| Poor         | 1          | 0.5          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>214</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**Figure 16 Rating of FUTS safety and security**



**Table 16a Safety and security concerns**

|                                  | No        | Pct          |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Transients                       | 12        | 29.3         |
| Dogs off leash                   | 6         | 14.6         |
| General safety concerns          | 4         | 9.8          |
| Trails are remote                | 3         | 7.3          |
| Lack of lighting                 | 3         | 7.3          |
| No police presence or call boxes | 3         | 7.3          |
| Poor signing                     | 3         | 7.3          |
| Bikes going too fast             | 2         | 4.9          |
| Vehicles on trails               | 2         | 4.9          |
| Other                            | 3         | 7.3          |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>41</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

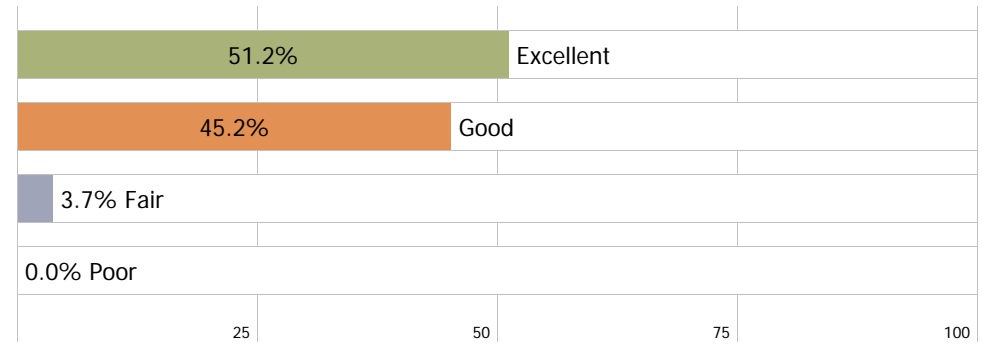
**Table 16b Location of safety and security concerns**

|   | No |
|---|----|
| Route 66 Trail – east of downtown (transients)          | 6  |
| Sinclair Wash Trail – I-40 to Fort Tuthill (transients) | 3  |
| Mars Hill Trail (transients, bikes going too fast)      | 3  |
| Arizona Trail – Butler underpass                        | 1  |
| Southwest Crossing Trail                                | 1  |
| Winifred Lynch Trail – Highway 89 underpass (glass)     | 1  |

**Table 17 Rating of FUTS cleanliness**

|           | No  | Pct   |
|-----------|-----|-------|
| Excellent | 111 | 51.2  |
| Good      | 98  | 45.2  |
| Fair      | 8   | 3.7   |
| Poor      | 0   | 0.0   |
| Total     | 217 | 100.0 |

**Figure 17 Rating of FUTS cleanliness**



**Table 17a Cleanliness concerns**

|              | No | Pct   |
|--------------|----|-------|
| Trash/litter | 14 | 56.0  |
| Pet waste    | 6  | 24.0  |
| Other        | 5  | 20.0  |
| Total        | 25 | 100.0 |

**Table 17b Location of cleanliness concerns**

|                                       | No |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Sinclair Wash Trail – Walmart (trash) | 6  |
| McMillan Mesa                         | 1  |
| Rio de Flag (trash)                   | 1  |
| Arizona Trail – Butler underpass      | 1  |

## Respondents' opinions regarding FUTS characteristics

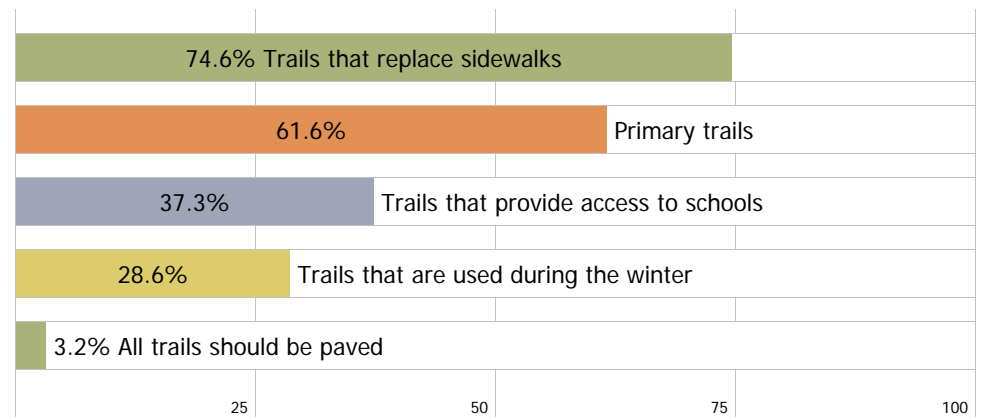
### Summary and conclusions

- Three in 4 respondents (74.6 percent) indicate that trails should be paved when they replace sidewalks along the side of the street, and 61.6 percent think primary trails that are used for commuting should be paved.
- 84.1 percent of respondents would like to see trails in natural or open space areas left unpaved. Three-quarters said secondary trails that are not used for commuting should be unpaved. 29 respondents (13.9 percent) think all trails should be unpaved.
- More than half of respondents (60.8 percent) are not in favor of allowing motorized or electric bicycles on FUTS trails. Another 37.8 percent indicated that motorized or electric bikes could be allowed with restrictions, and only 3 respondents said they should be allowed on FUTS trails without restriction.
- Among those who indicated that motorized or electric bicycles could be allowed with restrictions, 62.2 percent favored electric but not gas-powered bikes, 57.3 percent wanted restrictions on motor size and speed, and 45.1 percent said they should be allowed only on some FUTS trails.

**Table 18 When should FUTS trails be paved**

|   | No  | Pct  |
|---|-----|------|
| Trails that replace sidewalks on the side of the street | 138 | 74.6 |
| Primary trails that are used frequently for commuting   | 114 | 61.6 |
| Trails that provide access to schools                   | 69  | 37.3 |
| Trails that are used during the winter                  | 53  | 28.6 |
| All trails should be paved                              | 6   | 3.2  |
| Total responses   | 380 |      |
| Total respondents                                       | 185 |      |

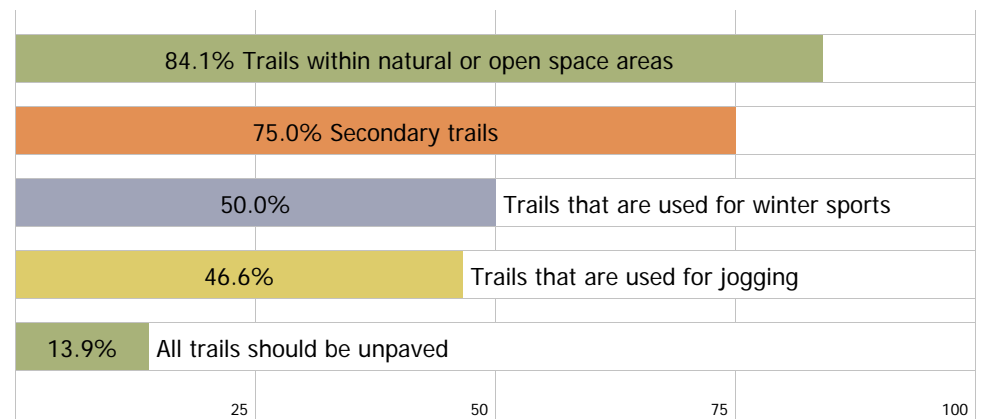
**Figure 18 When should FUTS trails be paved**



**Table 19 When should FUTS trails be unpaved**

|   | No  | Pct  |
|---|-----|------|
| Trails within natural or open space areas                                       | 175 | 84.1 |
| Secondary trails that are not generally used for commuting                      | 156 | 75.0 |
| Trails that are used for winter sports like cross country skiing or snowshoeing | 104 | 50.0 |
| Trails that are used for jogging  | 97  | 46.6 |
| All trails should be unpaved  | 29  | 13.9 |
| Total responses   | 561 |      |
| Total respondents   | 208 |      |

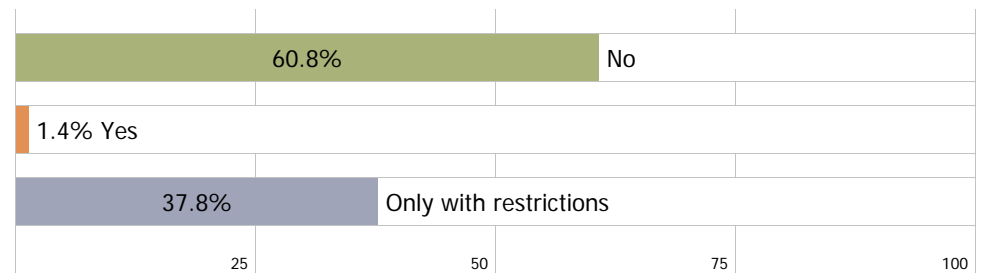
**Figure 19 When should FUTS trails be unpaved**



**Table 20 Should electric or motorized bikes be allowed on FUTS**

|                        | No  | Pct   |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| No                     | 132 | 60.8  |
| Yes                    | 3   | 1.4   |
| Only with restrictions | 82  | 37.8  |
| Total                  | 217 | 100.0 |

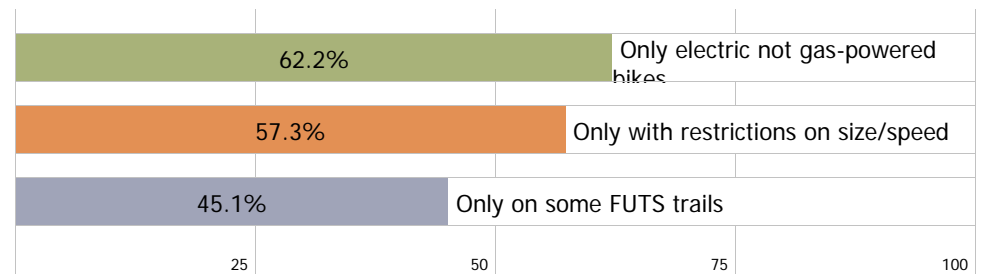
**Figure 20 Should electric or motorized bikes be allowed on FUTS**



**Table 20a Restrictions on electric or motorized bikes**

|  | No  | Pct  |
|--|-----|------|
| Only electric not gas-powered bikes            | 51  | 62.2 |
| Only with restrictions on motor size and speed | 47  | 57.3 |
| Only on some FUTS trails                       | 37  | 45.1 |
| Total responses                                | 135 |      |
| Total respondents                              | 82  |      |

**Figure 20a Restrictions on electric or motorized bikes**



## What's good about FUTS trails and what needs improvement

### Summary and conclusions

- For this part of the survey, respondents were asked to answer two open-ended questions; “what do you like most about the FUTS” and “what is most in need of improvement about the FUTS.”
- A total of 376 individual comments were submitted in response to “what’s good” and 244 comments were submitted for “what needs improvement.”
- All responses were grouped into common topics, which are summarized in Tables 21 and 22.
- All comments submitted for these two questions, unedited and ungrouped into topics, are included as an appendix to this report.
- The most frequent comments submitted in response to “what do you like most about the FUTS” include:
  - Avoids traffic and busy streets (41.2 percent of respondents)
  - Goes through natural areas and open space (32.1 percent)
  - Provides good connections around town (29.2 percent)
  - Is convenient and is easy to access from many places (23.8 percent)
- For the question “what is most in need of improvement,” the top responses were:
  - Connect missing segments and complete the system (32.2 percent of respondents)
  - Build more trails (18.4 percent)
  - Better signing (11.8 percent)

**Table 21 What do you like most about the FUTS?**

|  | No         | Pct  |
|--|------------|------|
| Avoids traffic and busy streets                | 69         | 41.1 |
| Goes through natural areas and open space      | 54         | 32.1 |
| Provides good connections/network around town  | 49         | 29.2 |
| Convenient, easy to access from many places    | 40         | 23.8 |
| System is extensive, community-wide            | 26         | 15.5 |
| Community asset                                | 16         | 9.5  |
| Well maintained                                | 15         | 8.9  |
| Promotes alternative transportation            | 13         | 7.7  |
| Access to surrounding forest and nearby trails | 11         | 6.5  |
| Quiet, peaceful, uncrowded experience          | 11         | 6.5  |
| Unpaved surfaces                               | 10         | 6.0  |
| Variety of trails                              | 10         | 6.0  |
| Friendly other people                          | 9          | 5.4  |
| Safety   | 7          | 4.2  |
| Can be used for transportation and recreation  | 6          | 3.6  |
| Good for walking or biking                     | 6          | 3.6  |
| Health, exercise, and recreation               | 5          | 3.0  |
| Community support                              | 4          | 2.4  |
| Allows users to explore Flagstaff              | 3          | 1.8  |
| Good maps of trail system                      | 3          | 1.8  |
| Landscaping                                    | 2          | 1.2  |
| Other  | 7          | 4.2  |
| <b>Total responses</b>                         | <b>376</b> |      |
| <b>Total respondents</b>                       | <b>168</b> |      |

**Table 22 What is most in need of improvement about the FUTS?**

|   | No         | Pct  |
|---|------------|------|
| Connect missing segments, complete system             | 49         | 32.2 |
| Build more trails                                     | 28         | 18.4 |
| Better signing  | 18         | 11.8 |
| Extend trails to outlying neighborhoods               | 14         | 9.2  |
| Dogs on leash, pick up after dogs                     | 12         | 7.9  |
| Better maintenance                                    | 12         | 7.9  |
| More grade-separated crossings                        | 10         | 6.6  |
| Enhance intersection and street crossings             | 10         | 6.6  |
| Snow removal  | 10         | 6.6  |
| Trash pick-up   | 8          | 5.3  |
| Pave certain sections of trails                       | 7          | 4.6  |
| Complete a loop around Flagstaff                      | 6          | 3.9  |
| Provide better maps and other information             | 6          | 3.9  |
| Remove weeds and invasive species                     | 6          | 3.9  |
| Provide rest stops (benches, drinking fountains, etc) | 5          | 3.3  |
| Connect to Forest Service trails                      | 5          | 3.3  |
| Adopt-a-trail or trail ambassador program             | 4          | 2.6  |
| Address drainage problems                             | 4          | 2.6  |
| Prohibit motorized bicycles                           | 4          | 2.6  |
| Improve bicycle courtesy                              | 3          | 2.0  |
| Improve safety  | 3          | 2.0  |
| Make accessible for people with mobility limitations  | 2          | 1.3  |
| More gradual grades                                   | 2          | 1.3  |
| Clean-up graffiti                                     | 2          | 1.3  |
| Softer surface  | 2          | 1.3  |
| Make connections to transit stops                     | 2          | 1.3  |
| Other   | 10         | 6.6  |
| <b>Total responses</b>                                | <b>244</b> |      |
| <b>Total respondents</b>                              | <b>152</b> |      |



## Respondent's suggestions for improvements at specific locations

### Summary and conclusions

- A total of 45 individual comments submitted in response to the question “what is most in need of improvement about the FUTS” suggest trail improvements at specific locations. These location-specific improvements are summarized in the tables below:
  - Table 23a lists locations where respondents would like trails to be completed or connected. Of the 20 comments submitted, 7 of them suggest connecting the FUTS trail through the Little America property south of I-40. This trail is formally known as the Foxglenn Trail.
  - Table 23b includes locations where grade-separated crossings (bridges or tunnels) were mentioned. A total of 4 locations were suggested; Downtown and Walnut-Florence were both mentioned more than once.
  - Table 23c shows locations where respondents think intersection improvements are needed. Each of the three locations – Fremont Boulevard and Fort Valley Road, McConnell Drive and Beulah Boulevard, and the trail crossing at Woodlands Village Boulevard – were mentioned twice. It should be noted that the survey was conducted before a traffic signal was installed at Fremont Boulevard and Fort Valley Road.
  - Table 23d summarizes 12 requests to extend FUTS trails to neighborhoods outside of Flagstaff. Seven of these comments mention Doney Park, and 3 mention Kachina Village and Mountaineer.

**Table 23a Locations to complete/connect trails**

|                | No | Pct   |
|----------------|----|-------|
| Little America | 7  | 35.0  |
| Downtown       | 2  | 10.0  |
| Milton         | 2  | 10.0  |
| NAU            | 2  | 10.0  |
| Switzer Canyon | 2  | 10.0  |
| Country Club   | 1  | 5.0   |
| Gore           | 1  | 5.0   |
| Pine Knoll     | 1  | 5.0   |
| Sechrist       | 1  | 5.0   |
| Total          | 20 | 100.0 |

**Table 23c Locations for intersection improvements**

|                             | No | Pct   |
|-----------------------------|----|-------|
| Fremont and Fort Valley     | 2  | 33.3  |
| McConnell and Beulah        | 2  | 33.3  |
| Woodlands Village Boulevard | 2  | 33.3  |
| Total                       | 6  | 100.0 |

**Table 23b Locations for grade-separated crossings**

|                  | No | Pct   |
|------------------|----|-------|
| Downtown         | 3  | 42.9  |
| Walnut-Florence  | 2  | 28.6  |
| Fort Valley Road | 1  | 14.3  |
| Route 66         | 1  | 14.3  |
| Total            | 7  | 100.0 |

**Table 23d Locations for trails extensions to outlying neighborhoods**

|                              | No | Pct   |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| Doney Park                   | 7  | 58.3  |
| Kachina Village/Mountainaire | 4  | 33.3  |
| Snowbowl                     | 1  | 8.3   |
| Total                        | 12 | 100.0 |



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## FUTS Trail Users Survey II

### Introduction

This survey is intended to collect information from trail users about the Flagstaff Urban Trails System (FUTS), which is a city-wide network of non-motorized, shared-use paths that are used for both transportation and recreation. This information will assist the City of Flagstaff in planning and designing future trails.

This survey is limited to FUTS trails, which are typically 8 to 10 feet in width, paved in concrete or asphalt, or surfaced with hard-packed aggregate, and located within city limits. The survey does not include single-track trails, which are typically 1 to 3 feet in width, surfaced with native soil, and located in the National Forest outside of city limits

This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. It will be available through July 31, 2011.

For a map of FUTS trails, follow this link. [FUTS map](#)

### Trail user information

1. What is your home ZIP code?

2. In what part of Flagstaff do you live?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Northwest (Cheshire; Coconino Estates; Westridge)   | <input type="radio"/> Southeast (Country Club; Foxglenn; Elk Run; Lakeside; Amberwood; Walnut Meadows Forestdale) |
| <input type="radio"/> Central North (Downtown; Townsite; Hospital Hill; North of Hospital; Cherry Hill; Switzer Mesa; Buffalo Park) | <input type="radio"/> Northeast (Christmas Tree; Smokerise; Mobile Haven; Mount Elden Foothills)                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Central South (Southside; Plaza Vieja; NAU; Sawmill; Pine Knoll; Rio Homes)                                   | <input type="radio"/> Baderville/Fort Valley  |
| <input type="radio"/> West (Woodlands Village; Boulder Pointe; Railroad Springs; Westglen; West Village)                            | <input type="radio"/> Bellemont/Parks   |
| <input type="radio"/> East (Sunnyside; Greenlaw; Park Manor; Shadow Mountain; Swiss Manor)  | <input type="radio"/> Doney Park/Timberline/Cosnino   |
| <input type="radio"/> Southwest (University Heights; Mountain   | <input type="radio"/> Kachina Village/Mountainaire  |
|   | <input type="radio"/> Outside of Flagstaff area   |



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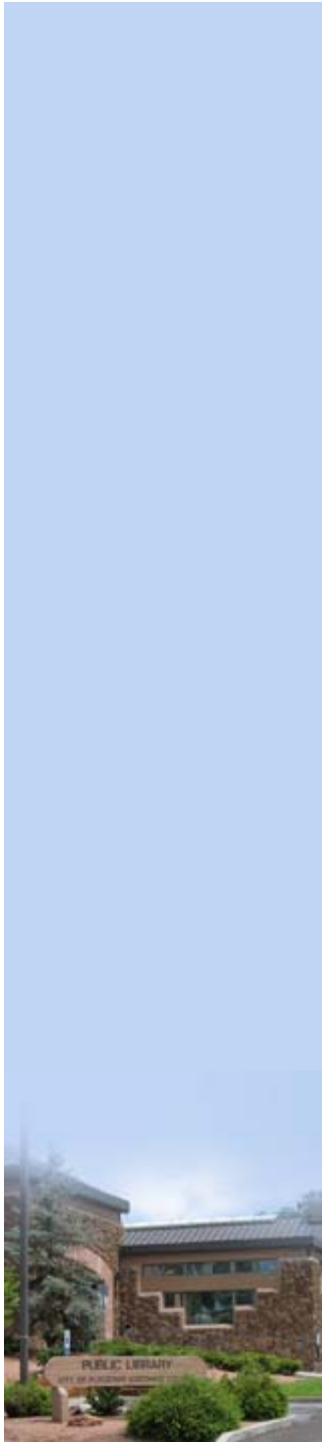


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|---|---|--|
|   | <input type="radio"/> Dell; Equestrian Estates; Fort Tuthill<br><input type="radio"/> South (Ponderosa Trails; Bow & Arrow; Bennett Estates; Pine Canyon; Frontier Homes)                   |  |
| Click on this link for a map of neighborhoods:  | <a href="#">Flagstaff districts</a>   |  |
| 3. What is your age?  | <input type="text"/>  |  |
| 4. What is your gender?   | <input type="radio"/> Female  | <input type="radio"/> Male   |
| <b>Trail use information</b>  |   |  |
| 5. On average, how often do you use the FUTS?   | <input type="radio"/> 6 or more times per week<br><input type="radio"/> 3 to 5 times per week<br><input type="radio"/> 1 or 2 times per week<br><input type="radio"/> A few times per month | <input type="radio"/> Once per month<br><input type="radio"/> A few times per year<br><input type="radio"/> First time   |
| 6. What are your primary activities on the FUTS? (check all that apply)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/hiking<br><input type="checkbox"/> Biking<br><input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/running  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rollerblading/skateboarding<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing/snowshoeing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list below) |
|   | Other activities: <input type="text"/>  |  |
| 7. For what purposes do you use the FUTS? (check all that apply)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Commuting/travel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Recreation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Health/exercise/fitness training   | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking your pet<br><input type="checkbox"/> Experience nature/open space<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list below)                |
|   | Other purposes: <input type="text"/>  |  |
| 8. How much time do you generally spend on the FUTS each visit?   | <input type="radio"/> Less than 30 minutes<br><input type="radio"/> 30 minutes to 1 hour  | <input type="radio"/> 1 to 2 hours<br><input type="radio"/> More than 2 hours  |
| 9. If you use the FUTS to commute or for transportation, what is the total round trip mileage of your usual or typical commute? | <input type="text"/>  |  |
| 10. How do you typically get to the FUTS?   | <input type="radio"/> Drive<br><input type="radio"/> Bike   | <input type="radio"/> Walk or run<br><input type="radio"/> Public transit - bus  |
| 11. How many other people typically use the FUTS with you?  | <input type="radio"/> I use the FUTS alone<br><input type="radio"/> One other person  | <input type="radio"/> 2 or 3 other people<br><input type="radio"/> 4 or more other people  |
| 12. Generally, when do you use the FUTS? (check all that apply)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends   | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays  |
| 13. What time of day do you generally use the FUTS? (check all that apply)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mornings<br><input type="checkbox"/> Afternoons<br><input type="checkbox"/> Evenings   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nighttime<br><input type="checkbox"/> Anytime   |
| 14. What time of year do you generally use the  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall  |

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|---|--|--|
| FUTS? (check all that apply)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter  |
| 15. The trails you use most often are located in what area of Flagstaff? (check all that apply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest (Cheshire, Coconino Estates, Westridge)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Central North (Downtown, Townsite, Hospital Hill, North of Hospital, Cherry Hill, Switzer Mesa, Buffalo Park)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Central South (Southside, Plaza Vieja, NAU, Sawmill, Pine Knoll, Rio Homes)<br><input type="checkbox"/> West (Woodlands Village, Boulder Pointe, Railroad Springs, Westglen, West Village)<br><input type="checkbox"/> East (Sunnyside, Greenlaw, Park Manor, Shadow Mountain, Swiss Manor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest (University Heights, Mountain Dell, Equestrian Estates, Fort Tuthill)<br><input type="checkbox"/> South (Ponderosa Trails, Bow & Arrow, Bennett Estates, Pine Canyon, Frontier Homes)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Southeast (Country Club, Foxglenn, Elk Run, Lakeside, Amberwood, Walnut Meadows, Forestdale)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Northeast (Christmas Tree, Smokerise, Mobile Haven, Mount Elden Foothills) |
| Click on this link for a map of neighborhoods:  | <a href="#">Flagstaff districts</a>  |  |

**Trail perceptions**

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|---|---|--|
| 16. In your opinion, the maintenance of the FUTS is...  | <input type="radio"/> Excellent<br><input type="radio"/> Good   | <input type="radio"/> Fair<br><input type="radio"/> Poor   |
| Comments/problem areas for maintenance:   | <input type="text"/>  |  |
| 17. In your opinion, safety and security along the FUTS is...   | <input type="radio"/> Excellent<br><input type="radio"/> Good   | <input type="radio"/> Fair<br><input type="radio"/> Poor   |
| Comments/problem areas for safety/security:   | <input type="text"/>  |  |
| 18. In your opinion, the cleanliness of the FUTS is...  | <input type="radio"/> Excellent<br><input type="radio"/> Good   | <input type="radio"/> Fair<br><input type="radio"/> Poor   |
| Comments/problem areas for cleanliness:   | <input type="text"/>  |  |
| 19. When should FUTS trails be paved (concrete or asphalt-surfaced)? (check all that apply)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary trails that are used frequently for commuting<br><input type="checkbox"/> Trails that provide access to schools<br><input type="checkbox"/> Trails that replace sidewalks along the side of the street | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails that are used during the winter<br><input type="checkbox"/> All trails should be paved   |
| 20. When should FUTS trails be unpaved (aggregate or gravel-surfaced)? (check all that apply)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails within natural or open space areas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Secondary trails that are not generally used for commuting<br><input type="checkbox"/> Trails that are used for jogging                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails that are used for winter sports, like cross country skiing or snowshoeing<br><input type="checkbox"/> All trails should be unpaved |
| 21. Do you think electric or motorized bikes should be allowed on FUTS trails? (check all that apply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, electric and motorized bikes should be allowed on FUTS trails<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only electric, not gas-powered bikes<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only with restrictions on motor size and speed | <input type="checkbox"/> Only on some FUTS trails<br><input type="checkbox"/> No, electric and motorized bikes should not be allowed on FUTS trails                |





**Open-ended questions**

22. What do you like most about the FUTS? Please list one item per line.

22a.

22b.

22c.

23. What is in need of improvement about the FUTS? Please list one item per line

23a.

23b.

23c.

**Thank you for participating!**

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## Raw responses to open-ended questions

### What do you like most about the FUTS

Nice commute around town

much safer than riding in traffic

wide extent across town

Availability in all areas of town

Bicycle only areas - too much speed on many areas for bikes and others

opportunity to get out and walk without competing with cars

Commute option on my bike

they are everywhere

easy access

great place to run and walk and see birds and plants

Great way to commute by bike or foot and stay off the streets!

access! close to home (boulder pointe) and work (nau). I can get my forest/trail run fix in on weekends and during lunch!

connectivity

Away from traffic: Can take kids on it and not worry about automobile traffic as much.

I like being able to bike away from the damn cars now and then.

easy access from home to FUTS

size of network

the scope of the trail system is great and where it will take you.

I love being able to walk out of my house and be in a trail within minutes.

It ties all parts of the city together.

Close to town, shaded.

Easy commuting through natural areas, rather than along roads or other urbanized areas (and the signs are very well done - it is easy to recognize and find FUTS trails)

Access to open space

Easy access from just about anywhere in town.

Provides safer alternatives to on-street facilities in some heavy traffic-volume areas, such as Santa Fe Ave. east of downtown.

Convenient outdoor recreation

Great variety of trails

Safe bike travel away from motor vehicles

getting away from road noise

ability to ride and walk without being on streets or paved surfaces

Excellent use of small open space corridors here in Ponderosa Trails

being able to walk in the woods

easily accessed from neighborhoods

proximity to homes

encourages alternative transportation

beautiful trails

Convenience of access.

Varied terrain. I especially like the more wilderness sections

it's everywhere

Ease of access

the use they get from our citizens. I see walkers, runners, joggers, dog walkers, bikes, strollers almost every time I'm on futs

Great asset for the community.

getting where i want to go off street

Provides non-motorized routes around town for bikes and pedestrians.

I love that it connects into so many other local trails.

There are so many options within the city!

They allow nature in the city without fees or a drive to get there

Being able to avoid riding on the street. Flags narrow street side bike lanes are unsafe.

gets us away from cars, the noise, the pollution and the danger from them.

Easy access to open space and forest

widespread--easy to access from all over town

Easy Neighborhood Access

quiet



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The length miles of trails!

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gets you away from streets/cars

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Connectivity

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peacefulness

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a NON MOTORIZED link between neighborhoods/work & home

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Locations

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connectivity to where I want to go

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Unbelievable resource for our community

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They're everywhere! They are great!

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off-street trail for walking and commuting

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The isolation from vehicular traffic along most of the FUTS.

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That it exists!!!!

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That in a town like Flagstaff, we offer such trails for all of us to enjoy.

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safety for bike commuting (separate from street)

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convenience

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where it goes

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Route variety

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Great access around town

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non-road connectivity

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I love being able to be "out in nature" and still be in town and it's great being close to nice trails

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Alternative to walking/riding along roadways

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That it exists!

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Ability to be off-road for travel or recreation

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The network can get me a lot of places

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Great for commuting

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i love the locations!!! trail system stretches through all the corners of flagstaff

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Being able to get around Flagstaff without worrying about getting run over on the roads.

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Wonderful transportation with minimum interference from cars

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close access to my home

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safety biking/walking removed from traffic lanes

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Ability to get to most areas in Flagstaff by biking on the urban trails

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Easy to get places once on the FUTS

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I like the concept of FUTS to encircle the city.

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That it is in so many place in town!

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great system!

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the way to hook up routes that take me away from traffic

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scenery, such as wildflowers, rock-lined canyons, trees, grass, etc.

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wide path to walk with my 3 kids

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The trail up to Cheshire is terrific and used a lot

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Brings recreational opportunities within two blocks of me.

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segregates my bike commute from traffic

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Enjoy the beauty of Flagstaff

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Its quiet and handy for the most part

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Fewer interactions with motorized vehicles.

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ability to get to nature quickly

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The absence of motorized vehicles and the natural setting, especially when they parallel the Rio de Flag.

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FUTS network is excellent for commuting as well as recreation

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settings, off road

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Beauty of area

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Location

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No motorized vehicles

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Having a safe space for bikes commuting across town (Rt. 66)

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allows bike commuting to avoid dangerous road traffic

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having a trail clear of cactus and other brush makes it easier to relax and enjoy.

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feeling like I'm in the forest when I'm in the city

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ease of use

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separation from motorized traffic

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safe avenue to commute on

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Connectivity where the roads don't provide it

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The natural open space in an urban setting.

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Great hiking/walking

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Easy access

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there is a network of many trails

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Safe biking out of motor traffic.

I like that we have it, and that there seems to be continuing support for future growth in the FUTS system. THANK YOU, City Hall FUTS People, for doing what you do!!

Being a way from cars.

that the system is getting large

availability

The well maintained surface

Best way to experience the nature side of Flagstaff

Close to home/convenient

Great way to get around town w/o having to be on the streets.

There are already so many great trails all around town

Great trails

good way to walk various areas around town and be off-road

numerous sites

The cleanliness

Provides an Urban Trail in the city.

safety

There are a lot of trails inside downtown and around neighborhoods.

connectivity

everything

It allows me to commute to work at least part way by avoiding traffic.

access from neighborhoods

keeps me off the roadway

I don't have to bike in traffic

Good surface for exercise

Continuity of routes

Open space to run

nature

Quietness and safety in town. The FUTS provides a quiet, safe and car-free route for commuting and exercising without having to leave town.

Connectivity

I love the fact that it is a community venture, not just a city one (the community is involved in its development).

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Walkable

convenient

close to home

Freedom from cars

views

access to most pleasant places around

variety of trails within the city

great way to experience nature

It's everywhere.

Extensive network of trails that extends all over Flagstaff

easy access in all parts of town

beauty

Safe place for biking off street

greatly encourages good and noble habits (walking,

The availability.

it's a great way to get to various parts of town, where it exists

Trails away from traffic are more enjoyable for commuting.

The ability to walk or ride between different sections of town without going too far out of the way

their existence

the connection throughout town

They go through interesting areas, such as Ft. Tuthill, Rio de Flag.

It looks and feels like natural land and I get the nature experience without having to drive out of town.

Daily use

seems to be good variety for various skill/fitness levels

much more pleasant than bike lanes

Great alternative to running on the road

Jack Welch's walks on the FUTS!

walk dog

major connectors between other trail systems

surface

I like to see other people enjoying their city

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Thank you for placing 'dog doo' bags at some entry points.

scenery

friendly nature of people who use trails

most are unpaved - I like that for running and keeping speeds down for bikes

I love being able to take my 2.5 year old daughter out on hikes and teach her about the local fauna and flora of the area without having to drive anywhere for it.

Great asset to the city - All viable, attractive cities have urban trails.

opportunities to see wildlife and plant life throughout the city

Lack of motorized traffic

Its integration into neighborhoods.

Use of scenic easements.

Alternative transportation

Variety in type of trail (flat, hills, paved, unpaved,etc.)

Natural surroundings

enjoying nature in the middle of the city or neighborhoods

beauty, particularly of trail along Rio de Flag

Extensive system

being able to commute,when possible,without being in motor traffic

Connects to lots of areas

well kept

great walking venues

easy to use

Well groomed and clear of debris.

the underpasses

Areas they cover

city is mandating developers build futs trails within the development -that's great for the city and the developpeers

Non-paved, no vehicle place to run.

It's a wonderfull asset for this community, urban visitors are jealous.

Love its scenery.

There are trails throughout the city

convenient paths through town.

Not crowded

well-planned, executed and maintained

Always expanding into new or different locations

Good map dispersement into the community with all the free maps

open spaces

Seeing lots of people riding their bikes in the morning

safe place to walk

even though they're called "urban trails," they are still a great mix between the convenience of "city" travel & trail atmosphere here in Flagstaff

Scenic beauty

FUTS is everywhere and accessible from all neighborhoods

connecting network all over town

The ability to cross most of Flagstaff and get close to my destination on the FUTS.

Long Beach Ca is my favorite bike frendly city. Flag is my favorite bike friendly town!

The options are there for those who want paved and/or unpaved paths. Not everyone can physically handle unpaved paths.

go through pretty areas

well-maintained

Safety

relatively flat compared to Forest trails

access to forest

Makes our town a top place to live

Alternative to driving

Thank you for not ruining FUTS with streetlights or other intrusive lighting.

Great for recreation

there are many entrances to the trail system all through flagstaff

Being separated from vehicles

Great access to the surrounding forest

variety of trails

connectivity

Keep you away from cars and traffic

I like that people can use the FUTS to commute and travel in lieu of cars/trucks.

the quietness of riding them  
off the road  
It's good to meet people  
Provides social opportunities within our neighborhood.  
allows me to bike to work and reduces my dependency on a car  
Avoid traffic  
I love the 'wild' sections along the Rio.  
inclusion of nature  
access to city  
They are wide enough to be a true transportation alternative.  
lack of motorized traffic  
they way I can get from my home to downtown  
length  
gets us away from traffic.  
Availability to access trails from multiple convenient locations  
takes one through some pretty scenery  
Smart to have sign in sheet to register who is in your party, in case someone goes missing.  
nothing motorized  
well maintained  
uncrowded  
location, location, location  
Provides access to other trail opportunities  
Car free access to shopping  
Makes getting around town pleasant  
they lead to other, forest trails  
Convenient route through town on 66.  
The motor vehicle has been the architect of our streets and neighborhoods, and I don't think that's given us the best design. (Pedestrians and bicyclists, beware!) The FUTS allows us an alternative to car culture. I love it. A chance to get around in a healthier way at a slower pace, and mix a little more of the natural world into our daily lives.  
Being close to nature.  
mix of commuter and open space trails

The beautiful areas the trails go through  
connectivity  
Can use the trails without worrying about motorized traffic.  
natural environment  
You can bike on them.  
It provides a convenient place for exercise right out of my door.  
experience of open spaces  
wide enough for multimodal  
safer for kids than near car traffic  
Well maintained  
Links to transit  
Non-paved trails  
a network within Flagstaff  
Another name for motor-assisted bicycles is "motorcycles"; they can travel faster and with more momentum than bikes, can be loud, and should thus travel in traffic with cars, not on FUTS with human-powered pedestrians and cyclists.  
Helping Flagstaffians spend time outdoors!  
I love that it is neighborhood accessible.  
Avoids car traffic  
accessible  
smooth soft running surface  
No motorized vehicles  
cleanliness  
ease of travel (wide, smooth)  
trails that interface with the woods surrounding the city  
It's away from cars, mostly.  
I get to see parts of town that I wouldn't see if I only drove  
quick release from urban feel  
Peaceful beautiful bike commute  
jogging, commuting, etc.)  
Ability to get into forest very easily.  
mostly unpaved (a more cushioned, forgiving surface than pavement, for running)

Many of our FUTS go through beautiful areas. If car drivers only knew what they were missing.

Ability to avoid walking or riding on busy streets

their locations

Freedom to run on a path/trail without having to breathe car exhaust.

around town

combination of some gravel and some paved is good

link between Cheshire and Coco estates is awesome!

informative trail signs & maps

absence of motorized vehicles

integration of FUTS system with City

useful locations

I love being able to take my dog on hikes any day of the week. The proximity of the trails make them an excellent option for those of us who lead busy lifestyles (I'm a student, employee and single parent).

You never meet a stranger on the trail!

variety! I can change my commute or choose a new place to exercise pretty easily without having to drive some place

Encourages "active" commuting and recreation

Improved quality of life opportunities

Many trails connect to another trail. Great for linking trails within the city.

connectivity of trail (to different areas of town)

living in a community that thinks the FUTS trail is a vital & important part of the community

stays away from roads so it stays healthy / clean air

promoting alternative transportation

it's separated and within open space where possible

Ability to avoid roads

FUTS maps updated frequently (thank you martin.) 22d-trails are spread all over town

Love how many miles of it we have here in Flagstaff!

views of the Peaks

Great balance between commuter routes and recreational routes

easy access

Landscaping along the trail - especially Route 66

community drive

more direct (as the crow flies) path to/from places

seeing people be healthy/exercising

safe

Trail condition / cleanliness

Encourages walking and biking

Improving network of trails

Great for exploring other neighborhoods especially when walking with Jack Welch.

landscaping and maintenance is awesome!!

Nice tranquility & beautiful forest around Flagstaff

surface of the trails...good for my cyclocross bike

Some go through scenic and interesting areas.

I like that it allows people to bike/run away and apart from cars/trucks.

in between my house and my work @ nau

In Cheshire it has opened up an overlook on the Cheshire dam pond

Emphasizes the amazing natural areas our city is blessed with and therefore helps to preserve them.

re 22b - ultimately saves me money

Quicker commutes

Multi-use. Commuting ease, recreation and fitness opportunities.

number of trails (more would be nice)

easy to use

ease of use

Gets us out in the forest.

easy access

quiet

Enhance neighborhoods

Rio de Flag!

you meet many people using them

Nice landscaping on some trails.

On questions 19 & 20, I don't have strong feelings on paved vs unpaved, except where trails become muddy & unuseable when wet, it would be nice to harden those up somehow. (Kiltie Lane for example)

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well maintained

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gets me away from cars on my bike

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Trails are very well maintained and safe to walk on.

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clean air away from motorized vehicles

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They can take you to some other trails

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experience of riparian areas

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layout

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Scenic route choices

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Connects most of the city for commuting

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a safe place to get exercise

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Feels like you are not in the city

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safe

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keeps me off the streets and away from vehicle traffic

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Senic surroundings

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connectivity of trails

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connectivity throughout area

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connectivity, more to come

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Seeing others enjoying FUTS

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excellent job with rails, where needed!

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As Flag FUTS becomes more connected, more folks have incentive to use them.

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Abilty to ride long stretches with minimal traffic and traffic signs

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their maintenance

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They cut through areas without roads to cut down on travel time without the use of a car.

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## What is in need of improvement about the FUTS

places by school paved

more loops where you can park the car and ride loops

winter maintenance

Thank you for all you do to create and promote FUTS- having lived here 20 years, it has been a welcome and wonderful addition to Flagstaff

more FUTS mileage

maps & mileages at entrances & major intersections

people who do not keep their dogs on a leash or pick up after them

don't even THINK about allowing motors.

A trail to Mountaineer and/or Kachina would be fabulous!

Connection from Hospital Hill to 180. Formalize the "wake-up trail"

Too bad public doesn't often use the items mentioned in 22b above (winter especially). It's gross to snowshoe over it unexpectedly.

complete coverage within the City limits, so more!

Visibility, and maps

making sure all trails connect with Forest Service trails

Incomplete ones, like by Turquoise Dr. The mix of paved/nonexistent is odd.

Need to have a light at Fremont and 180, as kids and others can't get to the paved portion without crossing a heavily used roadway.

The paved trails should be maintained better - patch up cracks and holes, etc.

Security - more police presence.

The area off of Lonetree where the fires took place has been pretty devastated, not by the fires but by the subsequent demolition of trees to protect the town. Can this area be restored a bit more - it looks like a war zone.

continued habitat restoration work along the Rio and other degraded areas

Expand network of trails

Native landscaping between Valley Crest St. and Schultz Pass

Connectivity between FUTS segments.

Could be expanded and interconnected more

Signs that explain where the trail leads, and how long (in miles) a particular trail is.

Connections between trails

add porta potties

More connectivity to fill in gaps in system and links among trail segments.

try to get people to leash their dogs when on the FUTS

gravel trail east of Buffalo Park down to Cedar Ave needs to be paved

plowed in winter

continuation of FUTS paths in some areas

continue to educate public about it

Better signing of secondary trails.

Some better snow removal on commonly used trail, especially Coconino Estates

need to integrate into Rio de Flag stormwater project

More connections

keep building more trails. Futs trails are a great draw for flagstaff

Add new trails where logical.

better signage on maps

signage

I really cannot think of anything, other than the yukky sewage smell along the sections near campus.

Spring trash FUTS cleanup regularly

When the trail comes to a street, it's not always aligned or easily visible where it re-connects.

Please keep expanding it.

The steeper paths should be paved in addition to places where the snow stays longest. This way the path can be clear earlier in the spring.

invasive species removal

Section around Wal-Mart. Lots of trash on that trail. Crossing of Woodland

less people

Off road connection from sitgraves over/under the RR tracks to West Rt 66

signage including maps showing links

Finish the connectivity

more trail miles

graffiti, especially vulgar stuff, makes it more difficult to want to share it with children/guests

Better signage

better trails through town, so you don't have to fight the NAU students

Don't change a thing! They are superb.

Continue finishing for connectivity

Horses should be allowed when they are the only access to Forest Service neighborhoods from land with horses

extend outside the city on the east side, toward Doney Park neighborhoods

Better grading/surfacing methods.

Connectivity. Signage to get you to the next section would be nice.

Better marking of paths.

more trails that better connect and don't dump people onto major thoroughfares

nothing

Complete the circle of the city

More of them!

completion of the sections along Switzer Canyon Drive

Ambassador program to pick up trash, etc.

KEeping motorized vehicles off route on Observatory Mesa between Railroad Springs and Thorpe Park trail.

I can't think of anything. Really. The FUTS is awesome.

Some trails have edge erosion and need repair

The pavement quality needs work.

Upgrading the substandard trails some developers put in originally.

i use to live in doney park and had always wished the trail system extended to timberline & doney park area.

Filling in the gaps to link them together

Work in coordination with county to expand trail system beyond Flagstaff city limits.

connect all trails together to create superloops

some intersections don't connect

Make more urban trails!

I sure would like a connection from Timberline to the FUTS

FUTS needs to be completed so that it encircles the city.

need bike route out 89 to get past the mall.

more FUTS trails.

offer a soft surface alternative, such as pine needles/wood chips

would like the trail to be paved all the way into north campus (there's a section missing @ pine knoll)

Some finer gravel in places would be more comfortable to run on

Keep on building new trails!

needs more connectivity

Occasional trash cans

I'm generally very opposed to motorized use for most of FUTS but think the disabled should have an exception in some cases. One person in Foxglenn is traveling on the Foxglenn Park - 4th St portion on a Segway. When I confronted him about it, he explained his disability. That use seems reasonable, if it's quiet (eg. electric.)

Better snow removal. Timely.

More trails

There needs to be a stoplight at Fremont Blvd.

signage

not sure

It is pretty good as-is.

While this may not be a FUTS issue, there are areas around town where there is unpaved FUTS trail and no bike lane, for those of us on road bikes the sudden discontinuation of bike lane and no safe alternative makes commuting dangerous.

just more of it

some tress should be planted for more shaded areas. If there were more shade, I would use trails more often in summer.

more trash cans

more trails

connect isolated segments

more

Change the Woodlands Village Blvd FUTS crossing. Please please please please please!!!!

I love the trails--no complaints

Acquire the trail connection behind Little America

for snow recreation it would be good to have a marked trail for cross country skiing and one for snowshoes where applicable

Ice needs to be removed from the dips in the shade along Route 66 between Switzer Canyon Rd and downtown in the winter.

We've made great strides, but still have a long way to go. Please continue to improve connectedness; Downtown to RR Springs along the foot of Mars Hill would help me out alot. And from behind RR Springs out to Woody Mtn Store, without having to lose and gain so much elevation with the current FUTS route down RR Springs Avenue would be another great connection to the Kiltie Lane area. And any truck traffic in the narrow roundabout on WM road is a minor menace for cyclists.



More connections between trails, such NAU and Lone Tree.

Lack of linkages from one side of town to the other

More signage would be nice. Names of trails and directions for instance.

Extention to Kachina/Mountaineire

pavedfor winter use so I don't get so muddy.

There are some places that are disconnected like behind Little America. I would like to see a FUTS trail follow the Rio de Flag all the way from the West side of town out to Picture Canyon

More FUTS

N/A

Don't know of any problems that need improvement.

connectivity between the individual trails

Increase the amount of trails

nothing

Downtown, there is a need for a tunnel or bridge across Route 66.

expansion of connections to USFS trails

connect trails where discontinuous

need to add more trails

Should not be a substitute for proper sidewalks and bike lanes

Ease of wheelchair use should be universal

Trash pick-up days

washed out areas

We need pedestrian and bicycle crossing signs along roadways that intersect with the FUTS so that cars are aware of crossings.

Dog owners should pick up poop

I wish there were even more FUTS added to the system.

The trail that terminates at Wheeler Park is awkward.

more grading of bald spots

please continue to maintain the system

continue to add trails with passes under or over main streets

NOt sure we can continue to afford for the overall level of use by the community.

link trail from Fox Glen to Sinclair Wash trail.

Muddy areas / drainage.

Winter is hard for bike commuters when trails are muddy or when they become snow-packed and icy (hard to ski on that surface).

more even grading of surfaces

some safety measures

Better linkages

clearer signage, perhaps???

Dogs should be banned from trails. Dogs should be banned from trails.

connecting trail segments (closing gaps in the network)

Some of the FUTS are graded much more steeply than adjacent roads...that seems reverse of what should be. FUTS should be primarily designed to facilitate bike/ped commuting, not punishments

Grading near bonito st where it is wet or muddy a portion of the year

completion of the planned trails

bike riders need to behave better

Fix large cracks, such as those along Pulliam Dr.

Make more!

maybe lighted

navigating through downtown

more trails! more trails! more trails! like the Rio thru Little America for instance

more trails to outlying areas (although maybe these are outside city limits...)

rest points along the routes

I'd love to see the ring of planned FUTS trails around the city completed!

The FUTS should be labeled better. Newcomers find the FUTS very hard to find because the sings are often very small, if they are there at all.

Volunteer civillian trail police?

continued enhancement of watchable wildlife sites with interpretive materials

Educate bike riders to alert pedestrians/runners before pass

Regular, scheduled maintenance to preserve existing system.

More readily available maps and signage

Better descriptions of trails online.

North of Elks Club needs to connect through to Mt. Elden Lookout Road. (We are a landowner there and WANT the connection formalized)

maybe some more signage around to inform about the area and to remind people to respect the area

Extension from Sunnyside area out to East Side of town out past the Mall to allow for safe commuting to Doney Park area

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make more trails for commuting

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Better available trail maps.

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get thru Little America Rio section

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Complete Flagstaff Loop

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finish connecting sections south of town

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not connected

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More trails if possible

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more connectivity between trails

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Section around Wal-Mart. Crossing at Woodlands Village and onto the NAU Campus under Highway 40

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litter pickup

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Connect bus stops and FUTS even more

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completing all main streets to accomodate the large 14' FUTS

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Just keep building more of them

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More scotch thistle eradication

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Better signage and obstacles warning against motor vehicles on the FUTS.

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Needs more ped/cycle bridges or tunnels.

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better signage for who has right of way (i.e. horses, bikes, people with strollers, etc)

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Fewer unleashed dogs. I LOVE dogs, but I've had a few bark and growl at me at my very young grandson when they are at face level.

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Better way of getting through downtown area

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A better way to get across McConnell/Beulah. The drivers are too unobservant to feel safe riding my bike.

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Improve trail from the top of University Heights to Equestrian Estates and to Gore

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Better access to outlier communities (Katchina, Pine Dell, Donny Park)

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route more around perimeter of city, but in nature

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expand east toward campbell ave

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Some urban trails are disconnected from others - find ways to connect all of them.

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bicyclists should use it rather than being in the street, esp on big hills that they can't navigate well, but they instead ride in the middle of the street

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Very loose gravel may cause problems for cyclists and those in wheelchairs

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some sidewalks could be replaced with FUTS to accommodate both walkers and cyclists

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People to be responsible to clean up after themselves and pets

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The 4th St to town section needs to be re-established.

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maps

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connections to outlying areas in county

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Parts of the paved FUTS along Milton/Rt 66 could be repaved.

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possibly adding some benches for rest would be nice.

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plastic bag recepticle where people can bring excess bags for people to use to pick up after dogs

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trail to and from kachina villiage

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Remove Siberian Elm and White poplar - Encourage native vegetation

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Ice collects in the underpass near Country Club.

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Cut the tunnel under the tracks, Walnut street to Florence Street: I know this is not EZ to arrange with the railroad people, but we've been talking about the tunnel for over 21 years that I know of personally.

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Parking at some trail heads.

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There is a need for a connection from downtown going south toward the Walmart area (the south Milton corridor).

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Many paths are too remote for use at certain times of the day

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Mileages to landmarks

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Drawing attention to graffiti

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Occasional drinking fountains?

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Bike riders need bells or at least warn pedestrians verbally when approaching

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A pedestrian/bike friendly bridge over Route 180 at some point.

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A trail is needed north/south at the tracks downtown.

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please continue to expand the system

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help w/ crossings of busy streets

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Alternative crossing of major streets eg rt 66

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Dogs, if allowed, should be leashed and cleaned up after.

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Greater connectivity is needed to encourage many folks to bike commute.

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maps

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missing links in places

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signage to ask people to leash their dogs, with a phone number to report unleashed dogs (even if nobody responds to the call, it sends a message to dog-owners)

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reduce water runoff impacts in surrounding environment

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Make more trails!!

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Adopt a section of the trail?

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continue improving connections between FUTS, public transport, and Forest trails

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More Adopt-a-FUTS, stewardship.

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Blocking FUTS trailheads with plowed snow, or plowing snow into FUTS segments adjacent to roadways.

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Better maintenance of trails after snow/rain to prevent so much mud for the users.

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more underpasses in downtown/busy street intersections

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More dog poop bags and trash cans

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more connectivity to USFS trail system

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Lack of a formal easement across Little America. Major disconnect

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Trash / recycling bins are needed, especially near schools

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empty trash cans

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Particularly, create a FUTS that runs from Cheshire to Snowbowl

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More trails!

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Continue to connect the trails so they are more seamless.

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have extensions that go to forest service trailheads-schultz, campbell mesa, elden L.O., etc....

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we need a FUTS parallel to Milton somewhere

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More trails although it is a great system!

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Routes with less grade to negotiate may encourage more commuting from Foxglenn.

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Thanks!!!

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road crossings

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installing water fountains.

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Pavement on areas with poor drainage or frequent wash-out; downtown.

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On Q21, I'm not opposed to a few quiet motors on the FUTS trails, but if motors surged in popularity, it would change the experience in a way I would not want to see.

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Trails need to be added to the Country Club area, or at least access to trails

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separate from vehicles wherever possible

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Clearing snow in popular trails

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Leash laws and cleanup should be strictly enforced.

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Any trail that is used primarily for commuting should be paved and maintained to facilitate winter commuting.

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