

Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Maintenance Responsibility

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Purpose

To establish a policy for the Utah Department of Transportation (Department) to identify who is responsible for maintaining bicycle and pedestrian trail systems when they are constructed in the Department right-of-way.

Policy

It becomes the local government's or agency's responsibility to maintain the trail and any structures in perpetuity and requires an agreement whenever a bicycle or pedestrian trail is constructed in conjunction with a Department project, or when a local government or agency proposes to construct a bicycle or pedestrian structure within state right-of-way. A trail will not be constructed if the local government or agency will not agree to maintain the trail system.

Definitions

Bicycle or Pedestrian Trail

A trail system constructed within the Department's right-of-way that is physically separated from the roadway pavement by things such as a gravel area, a landscaped area, or curb and gutter.

Bike Lane

A designated lane constructed adjacent to a travel lane where there is a continuous pavement surface between the bike lane and roadway travel lane. Maintenance responsibilities for the bike lane will be determined during the design process. A signed agreement must be in place in order for the bike lane to be constructed if it is determined that the local agency will have a role in maintenance.

Department Maintained Bicycle or Pedestrian Structure

A structure built on state right-of-way where the structure is owned, maintained, and inspected by the Department.

Trail Maintenance

Includes any items such as the following: pavement maintenance, pavement markings, structures, drainage facilities, trail signs, lighting, fencing, gates, bollards, trail amenities, landscaping, weed control, sweeping, snow removal, or trash removal.

Local Government or Agency Maintained Bicycle or Pedestrian Structure

A structure built over or under a Department facility that is sponsored by a local government or agency where the structure is designed and constructed using Standards for Road and Bridge Construction and where the Department will inspect the structure, yet all maintenance is the sole responsibility of the local government or agency. Note: Only bicycle or pedestrian structures owned by the Department will be maintained by the Department.

Procedures

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Responsibility: Project Manager

Actions

1. Coordinate construction costs with the local government or agency when a trail is being proposed in conjunction with a new Department project.
2. Inform the local government or agency during early coordination with the local government or agency on a Department project occurring within their boundaries that trail maintenance will be their responsibility.
3. Prepare and sign agreements with the local government or agency before trail plans are developed. A trail will not be included on the project if an agreement cannot be obtained early in the design process.
4. Design and construct the structure using Department Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and maintained by the local government or agency when a local government or agency proposes a project to construct a trail crossing of a Department facility. An agreement must be signed before permission will be granted.