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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **RAPZ-Funded Study Results in Half-Million in State Funding for Bonneville Shoreline Trail Construction**

CACHE COUNTY, Utah – Cache County today announced that \$570,000 in state grant funds have been secured to construct two miles of Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) from Hyde Park to Smithfield.

“Cache County has been collaborating with local communities for several years now on regional trails projects,” said Cache County Executive David Zook. “Those efforts, supported by RAPZ dollars, have resulted in several victories for County residents. When we work together - our community wins. Our ultimate goal with this project is to build the BST from Green Canyon to Smithfield Canyon.”

Working with North Logan, Hyde Park and Smithfield cities, Cache County’s Trails Division, referred to as the Trails Cache, has been actively planning more than seven miles of BST to connect Green Canyon to Smithfield Canyon. This effort was supported by a \$50,000 feasibility study, funded with RAPZ tax funds, and completed in December 2024, which outlined a proposed trail alignment and estimated construction costs.

The construction of this BST segment has been divided into three phases. The first phase, which will add approximately two miles of trail from Hyde Park to Smithfield Dry Canyon, will be funded by a \$570,000 Outdoor Recreation Initiative grant from the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

With the RAPZ-funded feasibility study completed, the Trails Cache team is actively seeking funding for the remaining two phases, which are estimated to cost \$2 million. Without regional coordination efforts between the three cities and led by Cache County, this project could have taken up to a decade to complete if the cities applied for state funding separately. However, by collaborating instead of competing for funding, the project is on track to be fully funded and potentially completed in just three to five years.

“This has been a long time in the making,” said Smithfield Mayor Kris Monson. “Over 20 years ago, the Smithfield Trails Committee started discussions on the possibility of the BST. We have been dreaming of this opportunity for that many years, and now it’s going to happen! This is a huge win for Smithfield, Hyde Park, and North Logan.”

The Trails Cache team and partner cities extend their gratitude to the RAPZ Committee, Cache County Council, and the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation for their support in making this project a reality.

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