

Midway City Council
16 November 2021
Regular Meeting

Midway Lane Equestrian Trail /
Letter of Support

Memo



Midway

Date: November 16, 2021
To: Midway City Council
From: Luke Robinson
Re: Equestrian Letters of Support

The Midway Parks, Trails and Trees Advisory Committee (PT&TC) has recommended that the City Council approve the attached letters of support regarding equestrian use on Memorial Hill and the inclusion of a soft surface equestrian trail along Midway Lane between Midway and the Wasatch Event Complex. The PT&TC is an advisory committee to the City Council and may make recommendations to the City Council regarding trail issues. In the PT&TC meeting held on October 26, 2021, the committee reviewed draft versions of the attached letters and with some minor modifications a motion was unanimously passed to recommend that the City Council approve the letters and that they are submitted to the appropriate bodies at the county for consideration. Sheila Siggard, who's term on the PT&TC recently ended, has been meeting with the groups at the county who oversee Memorial Hill and the maintenance of the paved trail along Midway Lane, and would submit the approved letters as part of her future meetings with them. Additional support may be requested in the future if there is enough interest with the county in engaging UDOT regarding the trail along Midway Lane.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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RE: Midway Lane Equestrian Trail

Dear Wasatch County,

As the Midway City Council, we would like to support our Midway riders and recommend that a trail for horses be made along the Midway Lane with the approval of UDOT and in compliance with their design and construction standards for trails. Members of our Parks, Trails and Trees Advisory Committee have surveyed local equestrians and assured them we would do what we can to fulfill their needs and desires. Several residents have expressed the request for a soft trail for horses to be able to ride to the Wasatch County Event Complex.

As you know, Wasatch County is changing a great deal, but we all want to hold on to our heritage and everyone desires to keep the rural feel of our unique, beautiful valley. Equestrians are dwindling in numbers, so perhaps there wouldn't even be very many. There are periodic riders now and making a soft trail along the paved one would be safer for horses. Many horses are pastured or boarded in the North Fields, and this would allow riders to go to the event complex to prepare their horses for shows and events or just ride there for pleasure.

We're trying to connect and build Midway's trails and adding this route would be a great asset for our equestrians. There is definitely a concern about cars, but that is a concern for walkers, as well. Adding a soft equestrian trail, as far away from the road as possible would benefit riders and those who enjoy and cling to our rural atmosphere. We would support any safely measures requested by the County.

Caution signage could be added, and everyone appreciates attempts to slow traffic. Encouraging riders and making it safer for them would be an asset to the scenic North Fields area.

Thank you for your consideration and support,

Respectfully,

Midway City Council