

# Singletrack Sidewalks Public Comment Summary

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# Purpose

- Summarize what has been submitted so far
  - Allow time in this meeting for people with new ideas to speak
  - Show that we are paying attention to all the comments
- What will not be discussed today
  - Opinions of the Parks, Recreation, and Museums (PRAM) board
  - Corrections of any facts
  - Comments directed at attacking other commenters rather than the issue itself
  - The process itself

# Sources

- Comment sources
  - Comments submitted on GuidingGolden.com
  - Letters to city staff or city council
- What are not sources?
  - Social media (Next Door, Facebook, MySpace, Friendster, etc.)
- Other documents at which we are looking (though not discussing tonight)
  - City staff report on STS
  - STS proposal
  - Environmental report by ERO Resources

# Perspectives

- Many points have been made by people of different backgrounds. For example:
  - *I am a mountain biker and I oppose this proposal*
  - *I am not a mountain biker and I support this proposal*
- Different opinions have come from many neighborhoods
  - *I live in X and I support/oppose this proposal*

# How the summary was compiled

- All comments as of the afternoon of 8/27/2018 were compiled into a spreadsheet
  - 141 unique users on GuidingGolden.com
  - 24 additional unique writers / groups to city staff and/or city council
- Main points were summarized
- New points were added to a spreadsheet
- Points that were already made by others were noted in the spreadsheet

# What will be presented

- A unique point may have been made by one author or many authors
- If there is a point-counterpoint...
  - Then one or more people made both the point and the counterpoint.
  - The counterpoint may be in rebuttal to another comment or may just be an original thought
- Points were gathered into categories for sake of clarity of this presentation
- Points may fall into more than one category
  - The category chosen was for most relevance
  - Points are not repeated even if they fall into more than one category
- For the most part\*, categories are presented in random order and points are presented in random order
  - \*The exception immediately follows

# Non-specific

- Generally oppose
- Generally support

# Environment

- People will wander off track (trail braiding)
- STS better than social trails for environment
- Will not negatively impact environment
- Not reversible
- Concern about erosion / grass / snow
- Areas of historical significance
- General environmental concern / views / landscape
- Concern about plants and animals



# Neighborhood / Community

- Concern about dust creation
- Eagle good example
- Won't cause increased traffic
- Concerned will draw extra use to area / parking issue
- Decrease noise (dirt vs. concrete)
- Discourage camping/fires
- Help community value / opportunity for volunteerism
- Bad for community
- Increase noise
- Decrease privacy

# Conflict with other trail users

- Will cause conflict / safety issue
- Concern about design / conflict (STS crosses paved path)
- Conflict is not an issue
- Help with conflict (general) and/or spread out traffic
- Questions about multi-use

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- Help property value
- Concern about cost to city
- Decrease property value
- All costs, use increases, etc. require detailed study
- Concern about legal liability
- Concern about maintenance
- Help economy
- City should complete / allocate money toward other projects first

# Users

- Adults will use trails / Main use is adults
- Interferes with dogs walking off paved trail
- Good for families / kids / beginners
- Displace walkers / runners who go off paved trail
- Proposal serves a minority of population
- Wants trails available for runners

# Process Related

- Giddyup is following right processes
- Description dishonest (including definition of "STS")
- Opposition is spreading non-factual information
- Issues with process (timing, non-transparent)
- PRAM is biased
- Wants opportunity for a tour
- People from outside of Golden may be commenting on Guiding Golden
- Against staff recommendation
- Survey biased
- Suspicious of Giddyup (motives / commitment)
- Pilot not well defined

# Location

- Local access for easy trails
- Redundant with paved trails
- Wants trails on North side of town or STS expanded in general
- Benefit commuting/connections
- City agreed to leave Bachman property primitive (segment 1)
- Mountain bikes incompatible with a residential area
- Redundant with other trails in region (particularly for beginners)

# Design / Construction

- Too big for a pilot project
- Doesn't think a dirt surface trail has merit
- Support dirt surface trail
- Too difficult for kids / area is dangerous (snakes)
- Build something like Valmont / additional Golden bike park instead
- Giddyup is capable of new trail construction
- Concern with dirt spreading onto paved trail
- Giddyup not capable of building new trail
- Concerned STS is for racing

# Outdoors Experience

- Will upset experience of open space
- Encourage appreciation of outdoors / getting outside / physical activity



Thank you for participating  
in the public process