



Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund
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Mayor Moriarty, Vice Mayor Martinez, and City Councilors,

The Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund is a volunteer coalition of hikers, bikers and equestrians who believe that the trails that connect us to the adventure and beauty of the red rocks are worth caring for. Our central goal is to help sustain and enhance the Red Rock Trail System, and this includes educating the public about the use and management of non-motorized trails in the Coconino National Forest (CNF) in and around Sedona.

We believe that a city-wide comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan is relevant to both Sedona's Transportation Master Plan and the mission of the SRRTF. A comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan should address access to the non-motorized forest trails around Sedona from the roads and pathways within the city.

Approximately one quarter of the CNF trails around Sedona reside inside the city limits. When hiking the loop trail around Airport Mesa or the trails in the north urban interface, it is hard to tell where the forest ends and the city begins. One sometimes feels that the trails are just an extension of city infrastructure.

In today's world, people living in cities often feel disconnected from nature and public lands. Forest trails provide recreational opportunities for people to reconnect with nature and improve their mental and physical health. Trails benefit families, community and society in general. Sedona residents are not the only ones benefiting from the CNF trails around the city. Tourists from around the US and other countries come here to enjoy our trails and the beauty of the red rocks. These tourists make a significant contribution to Sedona's economy.

Sedona has a world-class trail system and we should have an equally great bicycle and pedestrian city-wide pathway system. A comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan would provide guidance to help the City achieve the level of infrastructure excellence that tourists find when they visit other recreational communities similar to ours.

We hope this letter will encourage the City to create a city-wide comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan that replaces any earlier pathway plans that may exist. The SRRTF supports such a plan for the greater good of Sedona residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin P. Adams".

Kevin P. Adams
President