North Moab Recreation Area
Transportation Connections

Executive Summary

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Introduction

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are responsible for ensuring that public lands are managed in a way that protects and enhances their natural beauty. To achieve this goal, they work with local communities to develop plans that address transportation needs.

Visitation

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Healthy trails form the pillar of the recreational assets of the area. Many public lands are open to public use, providing opportunities for hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities. Local businesses work together to determine appropriate business model to expand alternative transportation modes via means that mutually benefit the visitors, the operators, and the local economy.

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There are 43 parking spaces for people to park their car and get on their bike. There will be a 200-foot loading and unloading area for shuttle vehicles and tour operators. There will be restrooms. And, there will be a 90-day loan period available to public agencies and political subdivisions connecting the transit hub to the Lion's Park."-Sun Times July 2011

Sustainable Transportation

There is a need to promote sustainable transportation options in the Moab area to reduce traffic, congestion, and pollution while improving visitor experiences. These transportation options should complement the existing tourist information and visitor services provided by the Moab Trail Alliance.

Symbiotic relationship with bike shops.

Moab is home to several bike shops, which provide a unique opportunity for visitors to explore the area on two wheels. Local businesses would like to be involved with these bike shops.

Sustainability

There is limited content promoting alternative modes and the paved path. There is little to no content promoting the greenway and connectivity.

What is the Transportation Scholars Program?

The Transportation Scholars Program is a program that provides for the coordination of transportation planning and implementation for six to 12 months who assist in transportation planning and implementation to help raise and park public lands and reduce traffic. The City of Moab is an active supporter of the Transportation Scholars Program.

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