I love living in a community that values time spent outside and a future where walking and biking are a safe and comfortable choice for everyone.

When I first started working at FOP in 2014, there was a good amount of community skepticism about the pathway system and whether it was worth the public investment. Were the pathways only for a small group of fit people or would this infrastructure benefit a larger swath of the community?

Fast forward to 2021 with annual pathway counts surpassing 1 million, and the answer to that question is quite clear. Instead of wondering if we really need pathways, the question today is “How do we all get along on these popular public corridors, and what additional infrastructure will improve safety and access?”

Many of you have shared your answers to that question through online surveys, phone calls, emails and visits to FOP’s outreach table. The pathways and trails are a public asset, and who better than the public to guide future growth and improvements?

We value your feedback and spent a good amount of time in 2021 putting your ideas to work. I hope you will continue to be involved in dreaming big for Jackson’s trails and pathways, and join Friends of Pathways in advocating for a future where Every Neighborhood is Connected to this amazing network.

Thank you for being such a good FRIEND to FOP in 2021. Of all the things I love about my job, it’s the FRIENDS that make it most special. I haven’t met all of you face to face; in fact, that has been harder the past two years. But I know you through your incredible generosity, commitment, and mutual love for Jackson’s trails and pathways.

Looking forward to our paths crossing in 2022!

Katherine Dowson
Executive Director
Over 1 million trips were recorded on our pathways in 2021. This is the greatest number of trips ever recorded in one year on our pathways—a huge success—and shows that as our pathway system improves, it becomes more inviting to a larger group of people. Indeed, Teton County’s multi-use pathways are integral to our lives and proving themselves as the best way to get around Jackson Hole.
Friends of Pathways is working to get Every Neighborhood Connected to a pathway or trail so people can travel from their home - without the use of a car - to the pathway network, to the trail network, and deeper into the millions of acres of public land surrounding Jackson Hole.

This year we connected Adams Canyon to Wilson Canyon and extended the Game Creek trailhead to the pathway system, which means you can now loop around Snow King Mountain strictly using pathways and trails – no need for roads!

In 2021, an estimated 700,000 total trail users took to the 130 miles of trails we maintain.
In partnership with the Town of Jackson and Teton County, Friends of Pathways launched the Teton Mobility Project in an effort to create a strategic network plan for the future of our pathways. Through an interactive map, we asked the community: What should the pathway network look like in the future?

In total, the interactive map recorded 891 visits by at least 327 unique users. These users generated 821 total comments, placed 554 points into the map, and drew 103 network lines. In total, 1,992 “likes” and 345 “dislikes” were assigned to the points and lines indicating a high level of engagement.

The data has also revealed a long list of projects which have been organized based on their positive impact to the network and their feasibility. This list will soon be made public as we work to get it adopted into the Teton County Pathways Master Plan.

Moving forward, Friends of Pathways will actively pursue the high priority projects and opportunistically pursue the lower priority projects.

People want…
- New safe connections to neighborhoods
- To upgrade existing pathways and bike lanes for safety, comfort, or to reduce conflict
- New recreational routes

Now that we have sifted through the data, three themes emerged from the comments.

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Through an interactive map, people identified their top five future trail projects, new routes, places to access, ongoing maintenance issues, and places that experience user conflict.

Future improvements will take those comments into account as well as cost, environmental impact, sustainability, safety, accessibility, and the trail-user experience.

Themes pulled from the comments:
* E-bike regulation
* Need for etiquette education
* Desire for more loops
* Desire for directional trails
* More trails needed to disperse users

In the fall of 2021, Friends of Pathways launched the Teton Trails Project to take a fresh look at the current trail system in Jackson Hole with an aim to identify deficiencies and prioritize future improvements in the trail network through user input.
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