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Mayor Becker and Council Member Luke Garrott Announce 2010 Utah Bike Summit
Cycling Advocates Join Government Leaders to Further Bike Initiatives

SALT LAKE CITY – Committed to improving conditions for biking throughout the region, Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, Salt Lake City Council Member Luke Garrott, the Salt Lake City Bike Advisory Board and advocates from the cycling community are hosting the 2010 Utah Bike Summit on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 at the Salt Lake City Main Library. This year’s Summit, titled “Building Strong Voices for Bicycling,” will focus on sharing ideas and developing solutions to make Utah more bicycle-friendly.

The Summit will provide an opportunity for policymakers and Utah’s growing bicycling community to collaborate on important topics and policies related to cycling. A series of panel discussions and workshops will be offered addressing topics such as coordinating with businesses, being an effective advocate, and working effectively with community leaders and decision makers.

“We have seen notable results of Salt Lake City’s commitment to increasing bikeways and creating solutions for alternative modes of transportation,” said Mayor Ralph Becker. “More work needs to be done. I encourage all interested individuals and organizations throughout the state to join us.”

“With collaboration and involvement from the cycling community, we can take our bike-oriented initiatives even further,” added District Four Salt Lake City Council Member Luke Garrott. “The Bike Summit offers a venue to gather input, share ideas and continue the discussion with biking enthusiasts in Salt Lake City.”

Mayor Becker and Councilman Garrott will kick-off the Summit at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 16. Panelists and speakers will include Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon; Utah State legislators; representatives from UTA, Utah Department of Transportation and Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau; and local biking advocates. The Summit’s keynote address will be given by Jeff Miller, president and CEO of the Alliance for Bicycling and Walking. A Friday afternoon meet and greet reception sponsored by Specialized Bicycle Components will be held at the Gallivan Center in Salt Lake City. Breakfast and lunches will be provided.

Registration for the 2010 Utah Bike Summit is free. Please register by Monday, April 12 at www.utahbikesummit.com. Late registrants will be accepted as space permits.