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Canal Trails and Active Transportation

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Potential Legislation

- Direct UDOT or other entity to **develop a toolkit** for local entities to facilitate canal trails, including sample license agreements, available funding resources, and lessons from previous projects
- Direct UDOT, through a consultant or internally, to **inventory every major canal in the state** and evaluate for potential in a regional trail network, including land ownership type and willingness of the canal company to pipe the canal
- Further analysis of canal companies' **liability** concerns



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- Require **notice before a canal is abandoned** for municipalities, UDOT, or MPOs to determine if land could be used for a trail or other purpose
- Consider canal corridors as **high priority transportation corridors**, which requires cities/counties to notify UDOT of land use applications that may adversely impact corridor development
- Create a **state grant program** to cover costs of enclosing a canal with the construction of a trail (e.g. canal company contributes 50%, state grant for 50%)

