



Happy Halloween,

We've had a busy October in Salt Lake City, and I'm thrilled with the progress we've made on some big projects! Here's a quick update on a few items we're working on as well as some newsworthy events this past month.

2023 Water conservation and infrastructure improvements

The summer irrigation season has ended and we are moving toward cooler temperatures. Even though we use less water in the fall and winter months, please continue your conservation-minded habits.

Conservation is the most impactful way that we can protect the Great Salt Lake. Since the year 2000, the population within our Public Utilities' service area increased by 15%, but our overall water use decreased by 31%. The fact that Salt Lakers have reduced our dependence on water, in spite of booming growth, really speaks to our commitment to water conservation! As of October 8, we used 23,441 million gallons of water during the outdoor irrigation season, which is 5.1% below the average usage from the last three years.

Taking care of our aging water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure is also a priority. We are in the middle of replacing our Water Reclamation Facility to meet changing water quality standards and to serve 200,000+ customers for the next generations. On Nov. 1, we will begin construction to rebuild our City Creek Water Treatment Plant, which was the first municipal water treatment plant built west of the Mississippi River.

We know how important access to City Creek Canyon is to Salt Lakers which is why we will keep the road open to bikers, runners and walkers on weekends and holidays. The hiking trails will remain OPEN up to picnic site 16 during the construction period.

\$1 Million Public Art Grant

Salt Lake City is one of eight cities nationwide to win a competitive \$1 million Bloomberg Public Art Challenge Grant. Following nearly a year of applications and interviews, we received the great news this month. Our idea? We need to bring more

awareness to the decline of the Great Salt Lake and can inspire action through world-class art. This is the largest grant the Salt Lake City Arts Council has ever received. Look forward to updates over the next two years as the Arts Council partners with artists, scientists, and diverse communities to invest in new public art about this environmental crisis.

Learn more about the Arts Council's proposed project, "Wake: the Great Salt Lake"

Main Street Survey

Open Streets has been amazing this fall. I hope you had the chance to visit a few restaurants or take in some of the awesome events hosted these past six weeks. A quick reminder, we want to hear what you think about transforming Main Street, from South Temple to 400 South, into a first-class pedestrian promenade.

Our vision for Main Street is about creating a walkable destination that brings people together, whether they connect over dinner and drinks, meet up for a concert, or go for a family outing before a Jazz game. This will set us up for strong long-term economic health in Downtown Salt Lake City.

Take the survey through Oct. 31





Shelter Update

As October comes to a close, the first stage of the winter homelessness response plan is underway. St. Vincent de Paul opened the first 65 overflow beds on Oct. 16 and the Homeless Resource Centers have added an additional 175 beds for the winter. In the next week, 170 beds at the new West Valley Emergency Shelter will open 24/7. We anticipate the Sandy MVP housing program will open by the end of the year and complete over 600 beds planned for this winter.

We are grateful for our partners at Salt Lake County, the State of Utah and the tremendous service provider teams who have helped make those beds a reality.

The City has made huge efforts to ready the Temporary Shelter Community site. Grading, fencing and electrical installs took place in October and the pods should arrive very soon. The state did encounter delays selecting a qualified operator but is quickly reissuing an updated RFP.



"We are ready!"

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) decided it would announce the host cities for the 2030 and 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Games at the same time. This is great news for Salt Lake City!

This next stage we're entering in the bid process for the Winter Games is another step forward into our City's bright future and a continuation of our Olympic legacy. We are ready, and we are the closest we have been to hearing excited cheers for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City since the closing ceremonies in 2002. I'll join Gov. Cox and other leaders on Nov. 21 to present to the Future Host Commission and will be sure to share more exciting updates with you.

Utah ready to 'skate over the finish line' for 2030, 2034 Winter Olympic games



Reaching new heights

The Astra Tower is the newest addition to our quickly growing skyline in downtown Salt Lake City. It may sound a little cliché, but we're quite literally reaching new heights. Not only is it the tallest building in the neighborhood, but it's the tallest building ever built in Utah, reaching more than 450 feet into the sky over State Street.

[Read more about the Astra Tower](#)



Glendale Park Groundbreaking

Construction is officially underway for our first regional park in 60 years—and it's happening on our City's westside. The Glendale community has been central to the design process and reimagining this space. Phase 1 of the 17-acre park will feature accessible design, full-court basketball, a picnic lawn, an ice and roller skating ribbon, a boat ramp, a sledding hill, a swimming pool, a water play feature, a stage, a dog park, a community plaza and so much more.

Young or old, outdoor enthusiast or a nature lover, there will be, literally, something for everyone in this park. I can't wait to see this space come to fruition for the benefit of everyone.

Take a look at the Glendale Park Master Plan

Road construction updates

As we near winter, I wanted to briefly share the status of various road projects across our City that have completed this year or are ongoing. We continue to appreciate your patience as we execute and finish improvements made possible by the voter-approved 2018 Funding our Future street reconstruction bond.

200 South; 500 East to 150 East: The project team is wrapping up work for this season and has completed repaving, bus boarding island and bike lane installation to 150 East. Project crews will return in spring 2024 to complete the 150 East to 400 West section when Dominion completes its gas line replacement project.

900 South; 200 East – Lincoln St (945 E): Asphalt paving west of 700 East is complete. New curb, gutter, and parking spaces are wrapping up near 9th & 9th, with asphalt replacement coming in early November followed by concrete bus pads between 900 and 700 East.

1100 East; 1700 South to 900 South: Asphalt paving between 1700 South and 1300 South is complete and crews will be striping bike lanes in November. Paving between 1300 South and 900 South will be ongoing through winter.

Highland Drive: Phase 1 is on schedule to be completed in November. Two-way traffic will be restored on Highland Drive in November until Phase 2 begins in early 2024. A public meeting will be held then to coordinate with residents and businesses ahead of construction starting.

2100 South Sewer: Crews will complete sewer work between 1300 and 1200 East by early November. Work will pause for the holidays and resume in 2024 between 1200 and 1100 East. Crews will replace pipe on the north side of 2100 South in early December; a mailer was sent to those in the area with updates.

2100 S Roadway: Anticipate a final open house late this year or in early 2024. Construction is planned in 2024-25. Our vision is to maintain mobility, find safer infrastructure elements, elevate pedestrian and bicycle experience, efficient access to destinations, and enhance neighborhood character. You can find more information about the design and sign up for updates [here](#).

1300 East: Reconstruction from 2100 South to 3300 South: This has been delayed until 2025.

Local Streets 2023: Crews completed work on 10 different local street segments throughout the city.

Read more about SLC road construction

As always, feel free to reach out to me at mayor@slcgov.com

Best regards,



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