

### Hello, Salt Lakers.

I hope you are enjoying the start of your new year! I'm honored to serve as your mayor and couldn't be more optimistic about the path we are on as Salt Lakers.

Last night, I presented the 2024 State of the City address in the heart of Downtown. I want to send a note of thanks to our friends at the Eccles Theater for providing such a beautiful venue. And thanks to everyone who attended! In case you missed it, here are a few messages from the remarks and I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

#### **Downtown**

When I think about what makes cities great, I think of cities that are built for all generations. They are built for families, young professionals, creators, elders, students, and all abilities. My administration is focused on building families back into our downtown—a great downtown is home to all ages, at all stages.

If Downtown is the pulse, then our City is the heart of Utah and the Mountain West. The decisions we make today are setting the stage for not just tomorrow, but for the next 10 years, 20 years, and even 50 years.

We are building a catalytic future that embraces our growth and seizes the opportunity to cement our identity as the center for sports, entertainment, and culture in our state. The future we are building together will position our City for even greater success.

## **Main Street**

Salt Lake City's history has an opportunity to shepherd some of the greatest investments in our future and quality of life that we've seen in decades. Last night, I announced the next steps toward something long-visioned in our City—a Main Street pedestrian promenade that will be the epicenter of activity downtown.

Next month, my administration will submit comprehensive study results to the City Council, along with a conceptual design to show what's possible. I look forward to the work ahead and developing a budget proposal that could move this project forward.

## **Green Loop**

The Green Loop is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to encircle our downtown core with incredible open spaces for our communities. This linear park network will reconstruct 5 miles of downtown streets into places for every generation to come together to play, walk, shop, picnic, and relax.

While my administration won't see the opening of the Green Loop, we will lay the foundation and spur the momentum for this transformational project. I'm determined to see the Green Loop move forward and become one of our most celebrated features in Salt Lake City. You can read more about the Green Loop here.

#### **Glendale Park**

Last year, we broke ground on the City's first regional park in 65 years. When Phase 1 of Glendale Park is completed in the coming year, it will bring us closer to the transformation of an old waterpark site into a beautiful, accessible community space that will better serve our families and neighbors on the westside.

In Phase 1 of Glendale Park, residents will enjoy an all-ages, all-abilities playground, a basketball court, a large pavilion plaza, and a promenade for community events. Investing in families and all generations of Salt Lakers continues to be a top priority for me.

I am thrilled about Salt Lake City's bright future and the generational opportunities that we are working to accomplish for the benefit of all our residents. We will be proud of the partnerships we built and the initiative we took to ensure Salt Lake City thrives for another century. You can read my full State of the City remarks here and watch the address here.

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

## Best regards,







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