



500 NORTH TRAFFIC CALMING



PROJECT BACKGROUND

In response to concerns from area residents, Salt Lake City is planning to implement traffic calming strategies on 500 North between Redwood Road and 1200 West.

For a neighborhood street, 500 North has unusually high vehicle traffic, which has associated speeding and safety issues. In 2018 a child from the neighborhood was hit by a vehicle and tragically did not survive. This is not acceptable. We know that reducing the speed of vehicles can substantially reduce the probability of serious injury or death in auto / pedestrian collisions.

In recent months the City built a lane narrowing feature near the Jordan River Parkway trail crossing. We are actively considering other modifications that include neighborhood gateway signs, raised crosswalks, and curb extensions that improve pedestrian safety while accomplishing traffic calming objectives.



Examples of possible 500 North safety improvements: Above, Raised Crosswalks; Below, Mini Traffic Circle



HOW IS THIS PROJECT BEING FUNDED?

This project was made possible by funding from City Council, which allocated a portion of Salt Lake City's share of Transportation Funding from the County's Quarter-Cent Sales Tax - these funds are available now. The city would like to move forward with improvements as soon as possible, pending input from the community, with construction anticipated within this calendar year (2021) or early 2022.

The funding provides approximately \$270,000, a substantial amount of funds for traffic calming features. Still, it is well below the cost of reconstructing the street or addressing the overall pavement condition. This project will focus on spot improvements added to the corridor that slow vehicle speeds and potentially provide the dual benefit of improving pedestrian crossings.



NEXT STEPS

The project team has been busy developing a draft design for the intersection, which will be available for public review and comment in late Spring or early Summer. **Check the project website for updates and new content.** www.slc.gov/transportation/500north



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