

1000 WEST CORRIDOR PLAN

1000 West is an important street for the Fairpark neighborhood as well as for greater Westside-area connections and access to events at the Utah State Fairpark. Over the last three years, Salt Lake City Transportation Division has engaged with the community about 1000 West's challenges and opportunities while also making smaller improvements such as adding buffers to the bike lanes, reducing the speed limit, and installing an all-way stop and high visibility crosswalks at 300 North. We are now looking at further improvements for the street and want to consolidate individual projects into a coherent plan. As a first step, this summary proposes a set of overarching goals for the corridor based on the feedback received, and recaps the improvements and ideas to achieve the goals.



Community Priorities for the Corridor

The following are goals that reflect nearly 200 public comments about 1000 West.

CALM THE TRAFFIC

The most frequent topic was the speed of traffic and lack of traffic control. Comments emphasized how the width of the roadway encourages fast driving and leads to a lack of visibility among all street users, and sought solutions to slow traffic.

"People walking/biking not seen by motorists."

"Roadway is too wide."

"People race all the time."

IMPROVE CROSSINGS

The width of 1000 West challenges crossing by people walking, biking, and using other active modes. Comments noted a lack of marked crossings at some intersections and that existing crosswalks are insufficient. The neighborhood is "all ages and abilities" – this includes school age children, seniors, low-income, and people with disabilities.

"The crosswalks do not feel safe."

"These intersections are very wide and it can take a long time to cross when you have to use a cane."

REFLECT SENSE OF PLACE & WELCOME

Many people expressed the desire to make 1000 West more appealing and inviting, and to use street space to create community in the neighborhood as well as an inviting gateway to the Fairpark - through greening, art, or other amenities.

"[The street] should be more attractive and safer for pedestrians."

"Serve as a more inviting entry point."

"More vegetation would be nice - it's a bit of an asphalt jungle."

ELEVATE OTHER MODES

The wide roadway challenges non-driving modes such as biking, micro-mobility, and walking, but it also provides potential for improving those modes on 1000 West. People also wondered how 1000 West can support the transit network with good access to TRAX on North Temple and Route 205 on 600 North.

"Its bike lanes make it a good connector from Rose Park to 200 South/Downtown."

"It has a potential for a more comfortable bike solution."

PROVIDE ACCESS IN BALANCE WITH COMMUNITY

1000 West must maintain its function within the overall street network, accommodate special event traffic, and foster neighborhood livability.

"Having double lanes on the street makes it easier to travel when events are going on."

"The events are sporadic. Therefore the street design needs to center the residents first."

"1000 W should be a statement street of the future of Fairpark... We should make it safe for locals and visitors."

Improvements, issues, and proposed ideas

Goals addressed by improvements and ideas

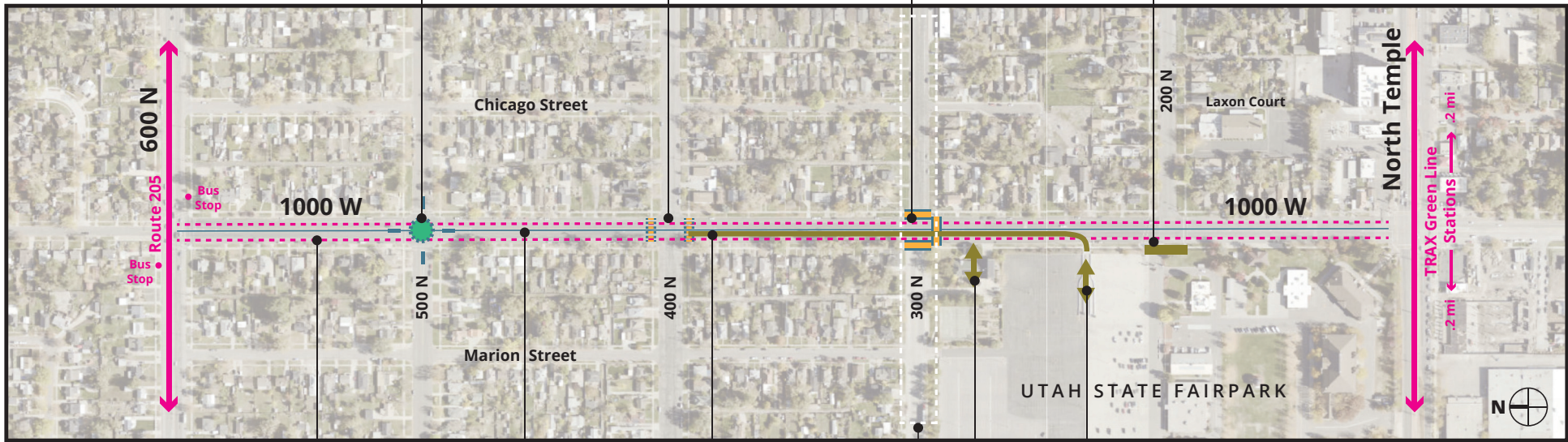
- Calm traffic
- Improve crossings
- Sense of place
- Bicycling and transit
- Event access

Proposed one lane roundabout with median islands

Raised crossings proposed on 400 North across 1000 West

Crosswalks were painted red in 2022 and all-way stop added.

New drop-off area for the State Fairpark



Bike lane buffers added to 1000 West but more protection for the bike lanes has been considered.

Speed limit reduced

Fairground traffic sometimes blocks outer southbound lane for 1 - 2 blocks

300 North will be reconstructed in 2024-25

Fire station needs easy entry/exit onto 1000 West

New, more efficient entry into Fairgrounds

Potential strategies



Traffic circles



Green medians



Median splitter islands at intersections



Roundabout



Raised crossings



Bike bulb-outs