

# 1300 South-2100 East Traffic Calming: Engagement Report



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During the Spring of 2023, Salt Lake City Transportation provided residents with a draft safety plan to review for the stretch of 1300 South between 1700 East and Foothill Drive and a small portion of 2100 East between Laird Avenue and Browning Avenue. The safety plan was created in response to traffic safety issues in the neighborhood. The draft safety plan was issued through the project webpage.

In May 2023, the project team sent out 166 postcards to highlight the project boundary, inform residents along the corridor of the impending project and provide access to the draft safety plan on the webpage.

Public engagement around this project was brief and impacted the final design. Once the conceptual design for the Traffic Safety Plan was announced, we heard from and had discussions with residents who are both in support of and opposed to the design. Based on this feedback, we changed the original design from 11 speed humps and one raised crosswalk to 9 speed cushions and a total of three raised crosswalks. Modes of engagement for the 1300 South-2100 East Traffic Safety Plan consisted of community meetings, community council meetings, and a conversation with a master plan committee.

Below are highlights from each of these meetings and conversations:

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## **Safety Plan Discussion at Bonneville Elementary** *December 13th, 2022*

Jon Larsen, Director of Transportation, led a robust discussion around improvements to traffic safety around the neighborhood. More than 50 neighborhood residents attended and expressed strong support for traffic calming, enhanced pedestrian safety and additional transportation investments near Bonneville Elementary School. In the meeting, there was specific and strong support for speed humps along 1300 South.

## **Bonneville Safety Committee Meeting** *April 3rd, 2023*

Project Manager Bill Baranowski and Hannah Barton, the Mayor's District 6 Liaison, presented to the Bonneville Safety Committee the Traffic Safety Plan conceptual design for calming traffic along 1300 South and 2100 East. The purpose of the presentation was to provide details and receive feedback about the proposed speed hump installation in Summer 2023. The meeting saw strong support for the plan and there were even requests from committee members to extend the boundaries and scope of the project.

## **East Bench Master Plan Committee** *April 24th, 2023*

Bill Baranowski presented the proposed 1300 South-2100 East Traffic Safety Plan to a combined meeting of the East Bench Master Plan committee, a committee composed of Community Council Chairs from District 6 Community Councils, and the Bonneville Hills Community Council. The plan was well received by the members of the committee with the consensus being in favor of it. The presentation also presented opportunities to educate the public about traffic calming, why we do it, what works, and the current process we use to implement traffic calming across the City.

## **Wasatch Hollow Community Council** *May 24th, 2023*

Bill Baranowski and Hannah Barton presented the Traffic Safety Plan conceptual design for 1300 South and 2100 East to the Wasatch Hollow Community Council at their monthly meeting. The presentation focused on the proposed elements of the plan as well as providing context into the reasons the Transportation Division focuses on traffic calming as a tool to combat excessive speeding and safety issues on our roadways. The presentation also outlined the Livable Streets program and the prioritization process the City uses to equitably distribute transportation focused capital improvement projects. Bill provided answers to specific questions about the safety plan which focused on emergency response times, noise, and potential traffic delays.

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## **Yalecrest Neighborhood Council** *June 8th, 2023*

Hannah Barton attended the Yalecrest Neighborhood Council meeting and presented the details of the Traffic Safety Plan. Many residents who attended the Wasatch Hollow Community Council on May 24th were also present and voiced their concern with their level of involvement in the creation of the plan. Some residents also called for an open house and public vote to gauge public support for the plan.

## **District 6 Community Office Hours** *June 12th, 2023*

Hannah Barton talked with area residents, at Laird Park, during her Community Office Hours. Six residents who attended the previous Yalecrest and Wasatch Hollow meetings came to voice their opposition to the Traffic Safety Plan for 1300 South and 2100 East. This input, and that from other community members, was the impetus for the changes made to the plan, involving the switch from speed humps to speed cushions and the two additional raised crosswalks.

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## **Internal City Emergency Response Coordination**

The project team made a concerted effort to involve internal city staff dedicated to emergency response. Bill Baranowski and Dan Bergenthal, Livable Streets Program Manager, met with Captain Jared Schreiner from the Fire Department on March 8th, 2023 to discuss the Traffic Safety Plan. Captain Schreiner and the Fire Department were phenomenal partners in making sure this plan met their goals as well as the goal of traffic safety in the neighborhood. The Fire Department fully supports the Traffic Safety Plan for 1300 South and 2100 East.

