



MEMORANDUM

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DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY and NEIGHBORHOODS

TO: Salt Lake City Historic Landmark Commission

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DATE: May 27, 2021

RE: 900 South Reconstruction and 9-Line Trail Project Update (near Liberty Park)

To Members of the Historic Landmark Commission,

Introduction

More than 18 blocks of 900 South, from 900 West to Lincoln Street (945 East), will be redesigned and reconstructed soon. Construction on Phase 1 (300 West to West Temple) begins in 2021. Phase 2 (the remaining 16 blocks) is currently in design and will be constructed in 2022 and 2023. Overall, the project will result in a narrower and repaved roadway, more green space, and roughly 2.5 miles of the 9-Line Trail on the south side of the street.

This memorandum discusses the two blocks (500 East to 700 East) of Phase 2 that are pertinent to the Commission and to Liberty Park. **All changes to 900 South in this segment will occur within the public right-of-way and will not require Commission action. However, they may appear to the public as improvements to and an enlargement of Liberty Park.**

Proposed Designs and Benefits

The south curb of 900 South will be moved approximately 10-20' to the north. Existing asphalt and concrete south of that new curb location will be removed, reducing impervious surfaces within tree root protection zones. Speeds along and turning onto and off of 900 South will also be slower.

The reclaimed area between the new curb location and the existing row of large trees at the northern edge of the park will be landscaped with grass (to match existing). A new 12'-wide section of the 9-Line Trail, shared by people walking and bicycling in this segment only, will also be added to that space.

Design changes to the three intersections of this project relevant to Liberty Park are described on the following page.

500 East

- The intersection will be modified to narrow 900 South and reduce turning speeds.
- New trail and sidewalk crosswalks will connect people walking and bicycling to and from the park.

600 East

- The signal will remain as-is
- The dividers (on the south leg of the intersection) that channelize people driving and bicycling into and out of the park will be extended north.
- A new brick-patterned east-west trail crosswalk (concrete) will be added.
- Existing north-south crosswalks will be shortened and straightened.

700 East

- The eastbound Route 9 bus stop on the south side of the street and north side of the park, near the west leg (near side) of the intersection, will likely be relocated to the east leg (far side).
- 700 East itself will be narrowed slightly by extending the curb on the southwest corner to the east, shortening the south crosswalk at that intersection and formalizing the southbound bike lane width.
- Other signalization enhancements to improve crosswalk safety are currently in discussion with partners at UDOT.

A more visual project overview will be provided in the June 3, 2021, Commission meeting. This summer, the project team will engage the public in their review of the proposed design. As stated earlier in this memo, construction of Phase 2, including the part of the project near Liberty Park, will occur either in 2022 or 2023. The project team will keep the Commission informed as timing is formalized.

Thank you.

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