SALT LAKE CITY CONTACTS

Housing and Neighborhood Development Division,
Bob Gore, 451 South State Street,
Room 406, 535-7122.

Transportation Division,
Mike Barry, 349 South 200 East,
Suite 450, 535-7147.

Engineering Division,
Permits Counter, 349 South 200 East,
Suite 100, 535-6248.

Building Services Division,
Permits Counter, 451 South State St.,
Room 215, 535-7752.

Salt Lake City
Privately Owned Street Lighting Program

Salt Lake City Corporation
Division of Transportation
349 South 200 East, Suite 450
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Form H4.A2 June 2007
LIGHTING PROGRAM

This program began in 1995 when a group of residents on Michigan Avenue asked the City for permission to install decorative lights in the parking strip which would be connected to individual homes for electrical power. They proposed this as a neighborhood project in which each property owner “hosting” the light would own the light, pay for the power and maintain it in working order. A unique aspect of this program is that the residents organize themselves to do all of the work: acquire funding, select poles and fixtures, hire a contractor, and perform all ongoing maintenance. The City’s involvement includes approving the residents’ proposed lighting equipment and pole locations, issuing permits, inspecting installations and possibly providing a one-time matching grant to help offset the initial cost to buy and install the lights.

LIGHTING INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS

Although neighborhoods can do some of the trenching work themselves, electrical connections must be made by a Utah Licensed electrical contractor with a minimum classification of S201 (Residential Electrical Contractor). Contact the City’s Transportation Division for a list of contractors who have expressed interest in performing such projects or look in the Yellow pages under “Lighting Fixtures – Retail” and “Electric Contractors”.

COST OF PROJECT

The cost of each project depends on the type of light, number of lights and the contractor your neighborhood hires. Typical costs range from $1,400.00 to $1,600.00 per light installed.

FUNDING

One-time Neighborhood Matching Grant funding may be available to assist residents with the purchase and installation costs of lights. Depending on availability of funds, each approved application can receive a maximum grant of $5,000.00 per block face. Grant requests must be matched by the neighborhood dollar for dollar. To be eligible for a Neighborhood Matching Grant, applicants must submit a lighting design approved by the City’s Transportation Division. Grant funds are paid upon completion of the installation. Grant applications are available at: www.slc.gov/ced/hand/new/pages/nmg2-1.htm or by calling the City’s Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Division. Please direct lighting completion of the installation. Grant applications are available at: www.slc.gov/transportation/StreetLighting or by contacting the City’s Transportation Division who can also answer any design and equipment questions. • Contact Transportation Division, Mike Barry, 349 South 200 East, Suite 450, 535-7147.

CAN THE OLD CITY LIGHTPOLES BE REMOVED?

YES! Once a private lighting project is complete, the City’s Transportation Division will determine which old poles, lights and overhead wiring are no longer necessary and will remove them.

LIGHTING DESIGN

The lighting equipment and locations proposed by residents must be approved by the City’s Transportation Division. There must be at least six street lights, including at least one at each intersection, along one or more continuous residential blocks. Design and installation specifications are available at: www.slc.gov/transportation/StreetLighting or by contacting the City’s Transportation Division who can also answer any design and equipment questions. • Contact Transportation Division, Mike Barry, 349 South 200 East, Suite 450, 535-7147.

REQUIRED PERMITS

A Revocable Permit is required for each light. These permits are signed by the property owner who provides the power to the light. The permit allows the privately-owned light to be located on the public right-of-way and requires the owner to operate and maintain the light. The permit is recorded with the County and all fees are waived. Permit applications are available from the Transportation Division. Transportation Division, Mike Barry, 349 South 200 East, Suite 450, 535-7147.

PUBLIC WAY PERMIT

A Public Way Permit is required to work within the public right-of-way. The City’s Engineering Division issues this permit. Typically, the residents’ contractor is responsible to obtain this permit for the project. Permit fees are $85.00 per light. Engineering Division, Permits Counter, 349 South 200 East, Suite 100, 535-6248.

ELECTRICAL PERMIT

An Electrical Permit for connection to power on private property is required for the electrical connection to the home. The City’s Building Services Division issues this permit. Typically, the residents’ contractor is responsible to obtain this permit for the project. Permit fees are $59.59 per light. Building Services Division, Permits Counter, 451 South State Street, Room 215, 535-7752.

LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

Private lighting is owned by the property owner who powers the light. By signing the revocable permit to allow the light to be located on public right-of-way, the property owner is responsible to maintain and operate the light at all times.

TO GET STARTED

The first step in getting started is to determine if there is sufficient interest from the rest of the neighborhood. A neighborhood meeting is often useful in determining the level of interest of the other residents. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the costs, style of lights, and lighting layout and to see if others are interested. Keep in mind that the lights must be spaced evenly throughout the block and the layout must be approved by the Transportation Division. If there appears to be sufficient interest and your neighborhood wishes to pursue a lighting project, the neighborhood sponsor should refer to the “Private Street Lighting Project Checklist” or contact the Transportation Division for further assistance.