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| 10/16/2024 13:47 | Jim Webster | | Dan, I was unable to attend the Council meeting but am very familiar with challenges faced by Mosquito Abatement and submit this comment. Since the arbitrary widening of Red Butte Creek in Miller Bird Refuge as flow decreases a West. Nile Virus (Culex Papiens) mosquito breeding habitat was created. Ari's team has done effective, although labor intensive management of this public health impact. While higher runoff in the past two years has precluded the stagnant breeding pockets, Public Lands has enabled the build-up of debris and refused to clear the channel. This neglected maintenance has created an equally impactful mosquito breeding habitat according to qualified entomologists who have visited the site. The contemplated raise of our property taxes to accommodate neglect by Public Lands is unjustified. Jim Webster |
| 10/16/2024 16:31 | Ryan Stenquist | City County Building Flags | Hi, I drive past the city county building every day during my commute. I have been disappointed to see that Palestinian flags are prominently displayed outside the building. To many, these flags represent the anti-Israel movement and the related associations with Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist groups. During the month of October, one year after the terrorist attacks on October 7th, 2023 in Israel, this is particularly insensitive. Please remove these flags as they do not represent the politics of the constituents and taxpayers of the city, county, or state and are offensive. The United States does not recognize the state of Palestine. Please also let me know of the contact information of any decision makers on this matter. Thank you, Ryan |
| 10/18/2024 12:28 | Kerry Lehtinen | You embrace new technology | The schools can't afford the bullet proof glass. Why not replace a lot of the windows with large screen TVs? The large video could be hooked to a camera showing the same view that a window would have and it would be bullet proof at a fraction of the cost. Brick in the window and hang the TV. In an emergency, the videos could be switched to information boards telling students what to do, etc. Some care would have to be taken to make the "windows" an outside view most of the time so it would not be like being in a sports bar for kids. I have a view of my front window in my office and after a while, it is just like a real window. Kids these days are used to a video life, so replacing the windows with the same view would not be a major issue. (Bill Gates did this with art work in his home.) Just an idea to cut costs and still have a bullet proof solution. Kerry |
| 10/18/2024 12:45 | Hilary Jacobs | Living Room Trail Maintenance Project | Hello Councilman Dugan, I want to thank you for taking the time to meet with Dan and me at the Council office today. We appreciate Austin and Taylor being part of the conversation, too. Stewardship of the SLC Foothills Natural Lands is a complex issue with many moving parts: ecosystem integrity, geological complexities, wildlife corridors, weed mitigation, and the not-inconsequential impacts of diverse recreational activities are but a few examples. This can be achieved by securing a skilled Land Use Management Planner who can oversee this large project with a broad-brush vision. This is quite different from the necessary focus of a Trails Manager whose work requires honing in on distinct spaces. Salt Lake City has an opportunity to be counted among municipalities with exemplary recreational plans that protect the lands while meeting the needs of recreationists. And SLC has the capacity to do this by pulling together a team of experts who can manage the unique complex challenges to make this happen. Maintaining transparent honest communication with the public, and obtaining input from stakeholders, are critical building blocks in this effort. I look forward to continuing this conversation. Thank you so much for taking this important issue seriously. There are a lot of distractions these days and I appreciate that you do not lose sight of the importance these natural lands hold. We are all incredibly privileged to have ready access to spectacular nature. With appreciation, Hilary Jacobs Save Our Foothills |

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| 10/18/2024 13:34 | Phylcia Miller | Phone call to City Council | Phone call - I want to express my frustration with the noise pollution from the trains. We live on the line and it happens all day and all night. Our area used to be very peaceful until recently. Please help us with the issue. |
| 10/18/2024 15:29 | Malinda Fisher | Pierpont Avenue Construction Concern | Hello, We are a small, locally owned artist's boutique shop located at REDACTED. We have received multiple notices of re-pavement of the entire road in front of our store that estimate it will last 5 weeks of entire road closure. Initially this was supposed to start at the beginning of October, however as we are quickly approaching the end of the month we are extremely nervous about this timeline as it encroaches on the holiday season. The survival of our business depends on our holiday season sales and having the entire road closed during this time would be terrible. We are wondering what the current timeline is for the closure of Pierpont Avenue and what we can expect for construction the next few months? We are honestly hoping to see if the construction would be postponed until next year when our livelihood doesn't depend on it and or what financial help we can seek if this isn't a possibility? Thank you for your time and I am looking forward to hearing back. Malinda Fisher |
| 10/22/2024 11:20 | Greg Spencer | Voicemail | Greg Spencer calling, I live at the corner of REDACTED. Sometime when you have a minute, drive up Michigan Avenue between 17th East and 20th East and look at the profound shape of the sycamore trees. Urban forestry in this city is not willing to do anything to help. We're trying to do some things as neighbors but wondering if we can partner with the city to mitigate the cause to spraying the trees for insects and anthrax. REDACTED, that is my number, thank you. |
| 10/22/2024 11:39 | Mark S Baranowski | Voicemail | Hi Dan, I'm a resident in your district. Last night we were terrified with 12 flyovers over our house. Apparently, the Air Force decided to celebrate the hockey game by rattling our windows, terrifying our cats, my ears are still ringing. Is there any way Salt Lake City could ask the Air Force to never, ever do that again? Moreover, it cost \$35,000 to \$45,000 per hour, per plane to put them in the air so that was a total of over \$200,000 of taxpayer money and the air pollution in our sky. It was terrifying and it was the biggest imposition on us to the citizens of Salt Lake City imaginable. We've already been put through enough. We're already being taxed \$200 a year for the hockey team and now we're subjected to this. It's just too much, Dan. Can you, from the city, please issue some sort of request to the Air Force or somebody to never, ever do this to us again. Thank you very much, bye. |

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| 10/22/2024 13:04 | Kerry Lehtinen | Thanks for your Yalecrest insight | <p>I was only one of three remote viewers. Maybe we can get the attendance to increase in the future as technology is better. I think everyone appreciates you taking your evenings for these meetings. > > Detective Fallows gave an interesting answer when I asked if there was any legal issues with young kids riding these electronic bikes. They are heavy, they go fast and I see more and more kids in the 12-year range driving them. He said no. They were not considered motorcycles and were in a gray area. Either the state or city should pass an ordinance that you have to be 16 to operate an electronic bike. That will make it easier for people and insurance companies when these kids cause accidents. If they are under 16, they are violating the law at the time of the accident. > > I agree your response on the homeless, etc. I lived for a while in a luxury corporate apartment almost under the Bay Bridge in San Francisco and the building next door was one of the largest homeless soup kitchens. I used to go down once in a while and stand in line for coffee in the morning and just talk with folks. They lived in tents, under bridges, etc. but there was a morning migration to the kitchen. I was always amazed how positive the overall attitude was. Funny, but I realized that with all my building's security, I was the one living in a prison, as nice as it was. > > How many companies in Salt Lake make "sheds" ? Have the city ask each to make five as donated shelters. Would not cost them much and good publicity for them. And you may end up with 50 shelters added a year. > > We are still trying to get the street lamps trimmed at Davis Park. I could do it in 30 minutes but that is against City rules. Silly to have lamps that are covered by leaves. I'll try again before I ask you to get involved. I got my handyman involved and we are getting the rest of our lamps on Ninth South up and running again. > > You did not mention that the opening hockey game set a record for beer sales. Mitt also doesn't mention that he brought liquor by the drink to Utah for the Olympics. HA. > ></p> |
| 10/22/2024 16:43 | Byron Marchant | Trickle-Down Tennis | <p>There are, according to the LDS Church, 232,654 (end of 2023) LDS Church members in Nigeria, the most of any country in Sub-Saharan Africa: https://newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org/facts-and-statistics/country/nigeria yet in Nigeria, it seems, there is no public tennis facility where economically disadvantaged (poor) Nigerian youth can find a game at a public (taxpayer funded) facility without paying a fee. That's much like Liberty Park tennis courts in Salt Lake City, located in the Central City neighborhood (where many poor families and kids reside), where the fee to use a public outdoor court is \$8-\$10 per hour (and not much used during the daytime except for tournaments where mostly club members compete). There has been little or no Liberty Park Junior Tennis development since 1969, when Conrad Harrison and the Salt Lake City Commission destroyed it at the request of Harry James (and his tennis club cohorts); and there has been no LDS mayor in Salt Lake City since Ted Wilson. Trickle-down economics, like trickle-down tennis, is dangerous (economic insanity). Byron Marchant</p> |
| 10/24/2024 14:03 | Barbara Ostler | Donner Park | <p>I live across the street from Donner Park. It is my front yard! Please - no art installations or gardens. Favor - more tables, benches and a few shade trees. Please - find another use for our good tax dollars! Love - the natural state of the park! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. WE HOPE TO MEET WITH YOU PERSONALLY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS.</p> |

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| 10/24/2024 14:05 | Cindy Cromer | loss of partial indemnity for community organizations | . Dan-The Salt Lake Network met this morning to discuss the change to the recognition ordinance which occurred in 2023 affecting the coverage that the City had provided previously. Someone else had talked to Chris W. I indicated that you had been responsive by e mail and phone. Several of your constituents were at the well attended meeting. The only person from the City was Hannah Barton from Community Engagement. The meetings are recorded. I have a list of the attendees and about a page of handwritten notes. I can send them if they would be helpful. I did learn that Amy Fowler and Chris Wharton did not attend the City Council meeting at which you made the motion. The vote was 5-0 and Ana V. Is now gone. So there are four current Council members who participated in the vote. The discussion was constructive and will resume after the break for the holidays. Best, cindy c. |
| 10/24/2024 14:13 | Rob Kaelberer | Speed Limits | If you really want to save lives, ya'll might consider "no parking" signs 30 feet from any intersection or heavily used driveway. Its pretty dangerous if one has to pull halfway into the street to see if anyone is coming. |
| 10/24/2024 14:33 | Amanda Funai | Narrow Street of Kensington Avenue near 15th East | Hi Dan Dugan, (Martha and Amanda added), They just drive way too fast on this little narrow street on Kensington. I move out and off the street Nov 8th so Im passing off this signature list job off to Martha or anyone else that wants to take it on. I think during evening business hours there are more cars parked on our street than all other streets in the neighborhood. My car was just side swiped as I have two cars and had one on the street while packing up things. The narrow street is 2nd to the speed problem, in my opinion. So would just a speed bump half way down solve it? Some other neighbor will have to take this issue on. Maybe a neighbor with lots of kids would want to carry the torch on neighbor signatures on this issue. I'm copying this to Amanda, my east neighbor, who has 5 young boys in her house. Thanks, Jody Johnson Architect On Mon, Aug 26, 2024 at 6:21 PM Jody Johnson <jjarchitec@gmail.com> wrote: Hi Dan, Since we last spoke via email - my car has been sideswiped all along the entire side of it as well as my friend's beautiful expensive truck was hit while parked on the narrow street of Kensington Avenue between 14th east and 15th East. My friend's truck was hit by a hit and run. Pieces of the side mirror and truck's side wall flew everywhere and the driver saw it but speeded up and kept going. My ex-husband's vehicle was also side swiped decades ago when parked on the street. Most residents have to shuffle 2 cars in and out of their driveways. Whomever has voted to allow all the commercial business to populate at 15th and 15th, including new bars and restaurants should also figure out a proper solution to the parking situation on Kensington Avenue which has not been addressed. My daughter was learning to drive but a car refused to move out of the way for her to get into our driveway and she got a panic attack! My house goes on the market in a few weeks and I move back to my home state but I needed to vent as a long time active Architect in this community as this situation has never been addressed properly and is unfair to the residents of Kensington Avenue. Our street is quite narrow compared to other streets and cars also drive way too fast on it as well. I am also the Architect that was active in getting a stop sign placed on Kensington at the corner of Kensington and 14 th east many years ago. I will forward your email to a few other residents on the street so all can decide if they would like to do something about this. Cars still run the stop sign on 1500 East at Kensington also where children and pedestrians cross. I am an architect that loves and supports mixed use neighborhoods but this is one neighborhood where the mixed use has not been addressed fairly. Thank you very much Dan ! Kind Regards, Jody Johnson Architect |

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| 10/24/2024 15:12 | Jim Byrne | Salt Lake City Council Water Property Tax Increase Proposal | The proposal to increase property taxes for water in Salt Lake City by 75% flies in the face of the City's commitment to "Save the Great Salt Lake" and the basic principles of economics. Hiding part of the cost of water in property taxes acts like a subsidy to water usage rates allowing the customer to see a smaller water bill for their usage, and thus (by basic economics) incentivizing excessive usage and therefor less water for the Great Salt Lake. It also exempts public buildings and churches, etc. which don't pay property taxes from the actual cost of the water. Please reject this proposed change and instead look to charging the full cost of water in usage rates. Jim Byrne |
| 10/24/2024 15:15 | Millie Fletcher | proposed property tax increase for water infrastructure | . I am concerned about the Metropolitan Water District's proposed property tax increase for water infrastructure. As I wander through the neighborhood and through the University campus, I see large expanses of Kentucky blue grass everywhere, houses, state agencies and churches. State agencies and churches do not pay property taxes. Do churches support infrastructure in other ways? There must be another way to do this without the public "subsidizing" the state and churches as this plan seems to do. There's more, though. This proposal hides the cost of water use inside property taxes, obscures the actual cost and fails to address the problem of usage ie. less water left over for the Great Salt Lake as unused water goes to the lake to which I thought we have a commitment to restore and save. Moreover, I do not understand the argument that charging for actual water usage unfairly impacts low income people. How is that accurate; more lawn, more property, more children? Exactly how does that overburden low income people? I would like to have that argument clarified. While I believe we have thoughtful, intelligent people working on community issues, this one seems to need to be revisited from the beginning to align goals and to better ensure that the financial burden is where it belongs. Thank you for your service and for considering my concern. Millie Fletcher |
| 10/24/2024 15:19 | Jessica French | Burning wood | Hi, Dan- My name is Jessica French, and I am a constituent in District 6. I wanted to share a concern, and see if there's any possibility that local laws or regulations could be altered to address it. I appreciate the City's stewardship of the environment and of air quality, particularly in the prohibitions against idling and burning wood during the winter months. However, air quality is an issue year-round, even when there are no inversions. My husband and I are committed to maintaining a low carbon footprint. We still use a swamp cooler, we power our house and single car using solar power, and we ride our bikes more than we drive for local trips. We eat locally, wash our clothes in cold water, and we do everything we can to avoid using unnecessary energy. In the spring and fall, when it is cool at night but quite warm during the day, we cool our house by opening windows overnight, and closing them (and our shades) as soon as the sun is high enough to heat things up. Last night when we opened the windows, we smelled smoke in the air because a neighbor had a fire in their backyard. I know fire pits are very popular, and while I don't want to deny anyone the enjoyment of the outdoors, it's a problem when it comes at the expense of air quality to their neighbors, even if it doesn't affect the entire region. Propane fire pits are available, and they don't generate nearly the stink as wood fire pits. I would urge you to consider amending the Salt Lake City wood-burning ban to be year-round. There is no need for people to burn wood recreationally in a densely populated urban area, and it poses a real nuisance as well as a health hazard to the neighbors. Thanks very much for your consideration. Jessica French |

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| 10/24/2024 15:22 | Michael Tanner | City Redevelopment | Hello Dan, Thank you for continuing to represent the people of District 6. I'm sure it's not always easy. Regarding the vote tonight for the massive downtown redevelopment project and tax increase, I am opposed. I notice on this morning's local news, their straw call-in poll showed at least two thirds of those responding were not in favor of this initiative. The main reasons were that billionaires should fund their own projects, and opposition to more tax, which is already too high. Unlike other similar cities, Salt Lake City has already had recent major improvements, and is not in need of another hockey team. Thanks for your consideration. Mike Tanner |
| 10/25/2024 6:47 | Luis Bracovich | Noise pollution | For the last 3 weeks our neighborhood is experiencing a lot of noise coming from the trains. This is a lack of empathy for the community how can you allow these trains to make noise all day non stop. No one around the area can sleep properly due to the noise. At 1 am , 2 am 3am and intensifies from 4am to 7 am this is a lack of consideration for the people I'm sure that most of you don't live close to these areas so I understand that you don't care and put the excuse that is for our safety but literally you are ruining the quality of life of every individual that is living close to these areas . |
| 10/25/2024 8:41 | Anonymous Constituent | City services | I'm confused why I pay so much for Slc services and my service I receive are inadequate with the cost. Call to haul program is difficult to navigate and the customer service is very bad. I can see why there are trash piles all over our neighborhood cause the community does not understand the process or how to navigate the website. When I call u just get an answering machine. The cost of sanitation services have gone up but even that service has gone down. Employees of Salt Lake City use to care about their customers and their jobs now they seem to hate their jobs which reflects on the customer service you receive as a Salt Lake City resident. I see more city workers at home or sleeping in their vehicles than I do them working. So why do I need to pay more for their services and more for Salt Lake City government when they have such poor services. I would have never purchased a home here if this was the services I would have received 20 years ago. The city council should be here for the people of the community and to help their districts and I feel they are not. |
| 10/25/2024 12:30 | Ryan Littlefield | Wasatch Drive | Mr. Dugan, I am writing to inquire about the possibilities of making improvements to Wasatch Drive between 1300 S and the intersection at the southeast corner of the Hogle Zoo property. I live just north of Bonneville Golf Course and drive/cycle/walk on the Wasatch many times per day. My wife and I also own Contender Bicycles in the 9th and 9th neighborhood. As Wasatch Drive is one of the main cycling corridors for people heading towards the canyon or to the campus, we frequently hear from friends and customers how bad this stretch of road is. The bottom line is that the road is dangerous for just about anyone who uses the road or chooses to walk on the sidewalk. Having seen that several streets in the St. Mary's neighborhood have recently been reconstructed, I am curious what the city's agenda for this stretch of Wasatch Drive is? I would also be happy to help in any way possible. Thanks. -- Ryan Littlefield Contender Bicycles |

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| 10/28/2024 13:38 | Jim Webster | UU/city land deal | Dan, I understand from Lynn that the UU/city land deal has not been finalized. For many years I've advocated the consolidation of road salt storage at the U's location West of Guardsman. There are significant advantages of this cooperative effort: 1. the stockpile would be covered as per UDOT and federal guidelines, 2. brine runoff would be eliminated, 3. truck access would be efficient and less disruptive of traffic in general, and 4. most critical, the city's land INTENDED for Steiner master planned build-out would again be available. This land deal, so far has precluded, if not sabotaged the once city approved expansion to the South as was previously intended before the U essentially adverse possessed the 5.5 acres of federal land without compensation to the USFS. I've taught courses at the Harvard Business School in land massing and location analysis prior to advising real estate developers in my private practice. This "lease" deal is the very worst negotiation I've seen in over 50 years of consulting land developers. The city is stuck with a virtually worthless, yet very maintenance intensive panhandle as city negotiators enabled the U to "cherry pick" whatever was in its and NOT the community's best interest. |
| 11/1/2024 14:39 | | (EXTERNAL) Salt Lake City Arts - Thank You Letter Attached - Attachment 1 - 1 page | Good evening, Council Member Victoria Petro-Eschler Please find attached the Thank You letter from the Salt Lake Children's Choir for the Project Support Award and Arts Learning Enhancement Award. With warmest regards and prosperous wishes for the upcoming holiday season, Theodore "Teodor" Zajler, Managing Director c.c. David Heslington; Board of Directors, President Ralph B. Woodward, Artistic Director |
| 11/4/2024 9:10 | Tom VASILIOU | D2 Council Comment | Hello dear sir As you know 15 millions peoples came to our country . Instead to make streets wider, city makes unnesasary big wide sidewalks and pouring concrete slabs everywhere, restricting traffic, and abusing public funds that can be used to help homeless. Please make streets wider because climate change is ruining the earth with floods and hurricanes. . Yours tom vasiliou |
| 11/4/2024 16:37 | Anonymous Constituent | Voicemail to City Council | I'd like to make a comment on sugarhouse and i hardly going to the post office in sugarhouse, It's so difficult to get out from the post office because the road is so narrow. I also do not support the new green lane in downtown that the Mayor wants. thank you Bye! |
| 11/5/2024 9:01 | Anonymous Constituent | Phone call to City Council | How many Americans have to die before SLC will open their City owned businesses and let them in. There are bathrooms and shelter. We lost 6 Americans last year. Gail Miller is tearing down a perfectly good motel for no reason when the homeless could live there. Stop giving away our rights and homes to immigrants and undocumented non-citizens and take care of American Citizens. We are tired of watching our people die while the undocumented get everything handed to them. The Mayor doesn't care, she says she does but then her husband buys places and kicks people out making more homeless. No one can afford his places, I know I live close to come. As a politician, you shouldn't be making money. She used to not be rich and now she is! She is taking all the citizen's money and lining their pockets. If you are a white American you get nothing. Equity makes things so much better for the other but white Americans get nothing! If you apply for help and you say you are white, you are denied. Text me and tell me how many Americans need to die before you do something about it! |



Oct. 30th, 2024,

Salt Lake City Council
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5476

Dear Council Member Victoria Petro-Eschler,

On behalf of the Salt Lake Children's Choir and Board of Directors, I am writing to express our appreciation and gratitude for the Project Support Award of \$3500.00 and Arts Learning Enhancement Award of \$550.00. These funds were put to great use for the Choir's Spring concerts ("At Springtime") presented on May 10-11, 2024, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. The Choir was able to hire vocalist Julia Tymochko and jazz pianist Steve Keen as guest artists, and their performances undoubtedly contributed to the exquisite musical experience for our audience. Reception of the Project Support Award and Arts Learning Enhancement Award allowed all Choir personnel to fully focus on preparing and successfully performing a diverse and challenging repertoire.

Both concerts presented multidimensional facets of the Choir that highlighted the dedication and uniquely beautiful choral sound of our choristers. Programming consisted of art songs from the Classical canon, folk and popular music from many lands, and American jazz. Such variety was intended to display to audience members the beauty of other cultural traditions and musical styles, and to highlight the aforementioned impressive sound and technique of the choirs. Several choristers specifically mentioned having fun learning the concert repertoire (and in general participating in rehearsal), and all were dedicated in presenting these works. Audience members and parents of the choristers heartily enjoyed the performances: one long-time follower of the choir described the performances as "the best in recent memory." We certainly intend to continue similar concert programming in fulfillment of our mission of arts education, of meaningful and memorable high-quality performances, of developing the musicianship of our choristers, and of celebrating the richly diverse tapestry of cultural heritages and musical traditions that is our audience and staff. This is an incredible organization of wonderfully talented individuals; we are proud to present quality performances for the Salt Lake City community at large.

The Salt Lake Children's Choir is immensely grateful for these awards that contributed to the success of our Spring concerts. We hope to see you at our concerts, specifically our upcoming Christmas concerts and the celebration of our 45th anniversary.

With warmest regards and prosperous wishes for the upcoming holiday season,

Theodore "Teodor" Zajler, Managing Director
cc. David Heslington; Board of Directors, President
Ralph B. Woodward, Artistic Director

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| 11/5/2024 13:28 | Tim Richards | (EXTERNAL) raising tax's | <p>. Hello: Why did you feel the need to vote for a BILLION Dollar Tax Levi to support a Billionaire for special "pet projects" Sports? Really ? I would have been completely happy if the Billionaire took the JAZZ, it's not like the city relies on them? we could replace them in a heartbeat with something that would draw "bigger " crowds to the city..... Every citizen in the city should not have to be forced to pay a TAX for every day purchases to fund a "sports area" that most of us won't even attend. Really are you that far out of reality that you can't see how ridiculous that is? I will be making all my purchases outside of the city, in the neighboring town of (bountiful)</p> <p>Groceries/furniture/restaurants/.....everything... and i will be pointing friends and NEW citizens that move to our city (if they dare) to buy "outside of the city" -Tim Richards</p> |
| 11/7/2024 15:18 | Matthew Whitaker | Opportunity for Federal Grants and Partnerships to Protect SLC's Diverse Bird Population | <p>Salt Lake City Council Members, My name is Matthew Whitaker. I'm a Salt Lake City resident currently studying at the University of Utah. My wife and I recently had our first child, and we're happy to call Salt Lake City our home! As a new dad, I've been thinking a lot about the future and the sort of world I want my son to be able to grow up in. I enjoy watching birds, so I'd love for my son to grow up experiencing is the diverse bird species that live in and around our city. With Salt Lake City's proximity to the Great Salt Lake, we're located along a major migratory pathway for birds. However, cities and birds don't have a great relationship. At least 1 billion birds die each year across the country due to collisions with windows. Like me, you've probably witnessed one of these collisions or its aftermath yourself. Since the majority of birds migrate at night, these hazards are aggravated by city lights, which attract and disorient these birds. Birds that are trapped in the city lights waste valuable energy for migration or perish in a collision. These problems are certainly present in Salt Lake City, but we have some great organizations I've been learning about who are already researching and working to solve some of these issues. For example, Salt Lake's Tracy Aviary, the second-largest aviary in the nation, has been surveying bird-window collisions downtown for the past several years to try and identify significant hazards for these birds. The Great Salt Lake Audubon, the oldest conservation group in Utah, also makes valuable contributions by researching the levels of artificial light at night throughout the county. At the city level, we already have a great street lighting master plan that includes considerations for protecting wildlife habitats from harmful effects of street lighting. While these efforts are great, there's more we can do to partner with these organizations and protect the hundreds of migrating bird species that pass through our city. One opportunity for collaboration is the Urban Bird Treaty Program (https://www.fws.gov/program/urban-bird-treaty). This program, run by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, aims to unite city governments and local conservation programs by providing an official designation and monetary grants for helping preserve and restore bird habitats, mitigate hazards to birds, and engage our community in these issues. Our neighboring city Ogden is currently the only city in Utah involved in the program. The program has brought together the Ogden Nature Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Weber State University, Wasatch Audubon, Wasatch Widgeons, Youth Impact, YMCA of Northern Utah, DaVinci Academy of Science and the Arts, Ogden City Trails Network, and Ogden City Public Services, and the group of organizations has received grants from the program to fund related projects. As part of our responsibility to the land we live in, and especially as we unite our efforts to protect the Great Salt Lake, I believe it is more important than ever that the city unites in a more organized way with existing community organizations. In particular, we should follow Ogden's example by signing the Urban Bird Treaty and seeking designation as an Urban Bird Treaty City. This will help ensure that our valuable bird population is protected for current and future generations like my son, and can help unite community members in a common cause. I'd love to help coordinate these efforts. If you agree that this is worth pursuing, let's take the next steps — I can help construct a more concrete plan. I look forward to learning how I can best work with you to get this started. Thanks, Matthew Whitaker</p> |

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| 11/9/2024 0:24 | Anthony Tobler | Rio Grande Plan | <p>As a resident of the region, I want to show my support for the citizen-proposed Rio Grande Plan. I really cannot stress enough how much of a once in a lifetime opportunity I think it is. I believe the plan would elevate the entire region to a whole new level, with benefits that would last for decades. In spite of the benefits, too often the only thing we ever hear about is the cost. And I get it. In fact I very much appreciate leaders who work to keep costs low for taxpayers. They play an important role in keeping our government balanced and responsible. But at some point, we need to be open minded and honest enough to realize when a specific plan makes sense to invest in.</p> <p>And the Rio Grande Plan is clearly worth the investment. Currently many regional leaders support a 4 billion dollar plan to widen a section of freeway. And if you truly believe that's an important investment, then I trust your judgement on that. But come on. Let's be honest. If adding an extra lane of freeway is worth the cost, then the Rio Grande Plan is definitely worth its cost. It provides way more varied benefits, and way longer-lasting benefits. And all those benefits could actually cost less to Utah taxpayers than the freeway widening, for a couple reasons. First, there is currently billions of dollars in federal money available for projects like the Rio Grande Plan. So if we take advantage of that now, the cost would drop significantly. Second, the Rio Grande Plan would open up 75 acres of very valuable land for redevelopment. The economic benefits of this could pay for itself in just a few years, which is exactly what happened in Denver when they invested in a similar plan. So to those who ask valid questions about cost, that's the answer. More wide-reaching and longer-lasting benefits, for less cost to Utah taxpayers, equals a plan that makes total sense. That's why I ask you to please, please work to make this a reality. We can start by getting an economic impact study done. Especially leading up to the Olympics and especially leading up to the growth we are expecting as a region. We cannot afford to miss this truly once in a lifetime opportunity. Thank you!</p> |
| 11/9/2024 14:40 | Enoch Smith | Enoch Smith | <p>Please support the Rio Grande Plan! Our population is continuing to increase FAST and traffic is getting worse. Streets that used to be 2-lane and traffic-free are now 4-lane or even 6-lane and it's not enough. Ultimately, we need an effective public transit system, because if we can't move more people per square foot, we'll never keep up with growth. Air pollution is already 60% of the air pollution in Salt Lake. EVs and hybrids will help reduce that, but not everyone is going to make the switch. More clean public transit is the only long-term solution. Utah is surprisingly the most urban state in the country by proportion of population living in a metro area. Our landscape and resource scarcity naturally promotes population density, so northern Utah is the perfect place to invest in mass transit. The Rio Grande has historical significance, and the current intermodal hub was never intended to be a permanent solution. It's OK to have a little grandeur in public works - it reminds us of better times, as well as encourages us to make our own investments in future generations. Please help restore the Rio Grande as the center of transportation downtown, and support aggressive expansion of public transit in general. If we want to meet challenges on the horizon, we need to start building now. Thank you for your time!</p> |
| 11/12/2024 11:13 | David Waldman | Phone call to City Council | <p>Caller is upset about the road extending Edgehill Rd into the Foothills. He would like to have this item added to the agenda or more information about it. He will be at the meeting tonight to make comment.</p> |

| Date/Time Opened | Contact Name | Subject | Description |
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| 11/12/2024 11:26 | Stetson Wade | Rio Grande Plan | Please invest in the Rio Grande plan. I live in cache valley and still care about salt lakes public transit. If it's not good there (SLC), then it won't be likely to spread to places that need it. Think how embarrassing it will be in the Olympics to have a bunch of Asian and European visitors who are used to amazing public transit to be dumped out of the frontrunner only to wait 20 minutes in the freezing temperatures for the blue line. Not only will it just look nice and boost the appeal of SLC, it could save LIVES! Every at-grade crossing is just asking for disaster. Several people have died because of these dangerous crossings, and it also slows down and inconveniences people on the train. If the transit is only as good as or worse than driving, then the appeal to use it will be weakened. Politicians bemoan a \$5 billion transit expansion, yet don't bat an eye at a \$9 billion dollar highway expansion that hurts the environment and is unreachable to those that can't afford a car. The Japanese Shinkansen line, which serves 2388km of track and carries nearly half a million people daily was famously overbudget and had TONS of critics, but is now considered one of the best high speed rail projects ever, and its cost is almost never thought about in retrospect. Please, Please, PLEASE get this done before the Olympics, Stetson Wade |
| 11/12/2024 14:12 | Alice Rathofer | Sales and Use Tax Increase. | Dear Councilman Dugan, I would like to know when the tax increase will become effective so that I may change my buying and purchasing to outside of Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Alice Rathofer District 6 |
| 11/12/2024 14:42 | David Waldman | Edgehill - new access road - Attachment 2 - 7 pages | City Council: I will be at today's meeting with neighbors to discuss the new road cut at the top of Edgehill road. Please enter these attached comments into the public record and if possible have this document printed for the council to view while we speak. Thank you David B. Waldman |
| 11/12/2024 16:16 | Daniel SCHELLING | Save Our Foothills - Attachment 3 - 5 pages | Dear Members of the City Council, Please read my comments for tonight's City Council Meeting (Tuesday, November 12, 2024) regarding Rocky Mountain Power's work in the Foothills. The pdf includes photographs that illustrate the environmental destruction I will discuss at tonight's meeting. Thank you, Daniel D Schelling, Ph.D. Director and Chief Structural Geologist Structural Geology International, LLC |
| 11/12/2024 17:19 | Kathryn Fitzgerald | General Comment - Item B1 (10/1/24) | VOTE NO! I urge you to oppose the propose participation agreement and 5% sales tax. This "revitalization" is simply a land and property. Grab to appeal to one segment of the population at the expense of cultural + artistic experiences. |
| 11/12/2024 17:37 | Cassandra Maguscar | General Comment - Downtown Entertainment District | I'm here to register my disapproval of the sales tax increase. Stadiums do not bring economic good to communities per numerous studies, so there is no reason for the public to fund them. I'm also strongly for the absolute presentation of Abravanel Hall. |

NAME. And ADDRESS - (David Waldman [REDACTED])

1. Edgehill is a **small road** with 11 homes
Located at the Top of the upper avenues -
Above 18th Ave
Just **below the Open Space** Public land
2. Edgehill Road ends with a **hammerhead turnaround**
Adjacent to open space lands
3. **Map** – see Exhibit #1

ROAD CONSTRUCTION – WITHOUT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

1. Last week a **bulldozer, backhoe and other equipment** cut a
650 foot long - **20** foot wide road
2. Road went from **hammerhead turnaround** to a City **water tank** located above the homes. The water Tank is
approximately 60 feet higher up the hill from homes
3. There was **no** published **City map** showing this new route
4. There was **no public comment** ever solicited on this road
5. There was **no notice** to the surrounding residents of this
construction
6. On November 8, 2024, residents received a notice. **However,**
the construction was commenced and completed on
Monday, November 4, 2022 –
FOUR DAYS AFTER CONSTRUCTION WAS STARTED,
RESIDENTS WERE NOTIFIED.
7. It appears that the road construction was in conjunction with
Rocky Mountain Power's replacement of wooden power lines
with new metal power poles.
8. In effect the road was created prior to any **required notification**
to residents.
9. We are **not** here to complain about the **Fire Mitigation** Electric
pole replacement and modification work.
10. **Photos** – see Exhibit #2 & 3

COMPLAINT – FAILURE TO RESTORE AREA TO PREVIOUS CONDITION

1. We are here in **response** to statements made that the new **access road was both existing and** the that the **natural beauty** of the hill as it was prior to Nov 4th will **NOT** be restored following the **conclusion** of pole installation work
2. Apparently, the **City Dept of Public Utilities (DPU) wants** this **access road to be permanent**
3. DPU put in writing this week they will not **pave** this road but not how they will **protect the residence** of Edgehill from **dramatic water runoff**
4. **Map** – see Exhibit #4 - approved access roads

DETAILS ON NEW ACCESS ROAD:

1. Encompasses at least **10,000 sq/ft**
2. The road has a grade/slope of **25 degrees** for at least 30% of the road length
3. Road would **create a new water shed collection basin**
4. The new road would be the **third road** in the area to **access one** DPU water tank
 - A. The 1st **Existing** access road is off of **Terrace Hills** behind a gate
 - B. The **2nd** Existing access road is off of **18th Ave at the trailhead** behind a gate
5. To claim a **access already existed** is **absurd** - not even a monster truck could have climbed this terrain
6. **Environmental study** would need to be accomplished

HISTORY OF WATER CONTROL AND DAMAGES

1. **History of Edgehill Road water issues:**
 - A. **Initially** built with a **poor** water control **design**
 - B. **No open storm water sewers** in the road for collection

- C. 80 degree **bend on Edgehill road** that does **not adequately** control fast **flowing water**
- D. 25-years ago **SL** worked with engineers to control flooding by **redesigning** the road curve
- 2. The new access road above Edgehill road will only **exacerbate** an already known storm water problem
- 3. So as not to repeat past history on Edgehill the existing design of Edgehill will need to be further **improved to handle** the large **quantities of water** this access road will **dump into the neighborhood**

POTENTIAL LIABILITY OF SLC

- 1. **City's Liability** if this road is **adopted**:
 - A. **Water flooding** and **mud slides** onto Edgehill road
 - B. 6 of the 11 **homes** would be **vulnerable** to flooding
 - C. Fast moving **water** will enter the **home's lower** level via **breaching window wells**
 - D. Yard **landscaping** will be impaired
 - E. **Skateboarding** and sledding **down the access** road
 - F. **Injuries** from impact with cars and hillside
- 2. **New Trail Head** - In effect, this access road creates a **new trail access** point whether designated or not.
- 3. **Parking and Traffic Congestion** - **parking** on Edgehill Road to access new trail head.
 - A. Edgehill Road is **NOT wide** enough for **parking on both sides** as it is only **30** feet wide
 - B. In **comparison Terrace Hills** is 45 feet wide
- 4. **Safety Hazards**
 - A. **Dangerous blind curve** on Edgehill
 - B. Made nearly impassable **with cars parking on Edgehill Road**
 - C. Increased activities requiring police and security surveillance

REQUEST TO SLC CITY COUNCIL

1. New access road is **abandoned** after the RMP pole work is **completed**.
2. **Restoration** of hillside contour and vegetation as it was prior to bulldozer's arrival
3. Insure **water will not flow** down hill and **onto Edgehill Road**
4. The **turn-around** should be **reconfigured** to insure:
 - A. Modern day **fire trucks** can adequately **reverse course**
 - B. Continuous **barriers** encompassing the Edgehill **turn-around** that keeps **motor bikes off** the trail system
5. Post signage prohibit **motor bikes on the road and off** the trail system
6. Engineering and construct barriers to prevent **landslides** onto Edgehill Road from steep adjacent slopes
7. **Prohibit** use of Edgehill Road as **trailhead**
 - A. Posted: **Not a trailhead**
 - B. Posted: **Parking - only one side** of Edgehill
 - C. **No parking** at the 80 degree bend on Edgehill Road
 - D. Posted: **No access signage** at Edgehill and Little Valley

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. **Water mitigation** on new **access road** which functions to route large volumes of water that will cascade down the new access road **away from Edgehill Rd** and our homes.
2. Continuous **barriers** encompassing the Edgehill **turn-around** that will keep **motor bikes off** the trail system.
4. Posted: **Not a trailhead**

5. Posted: **Parking - one side** of Edgehill Road only
6. NO Parking at the 80 degree bend.
7. Posted: **No access signage** at Edgehill and Little Valley Road

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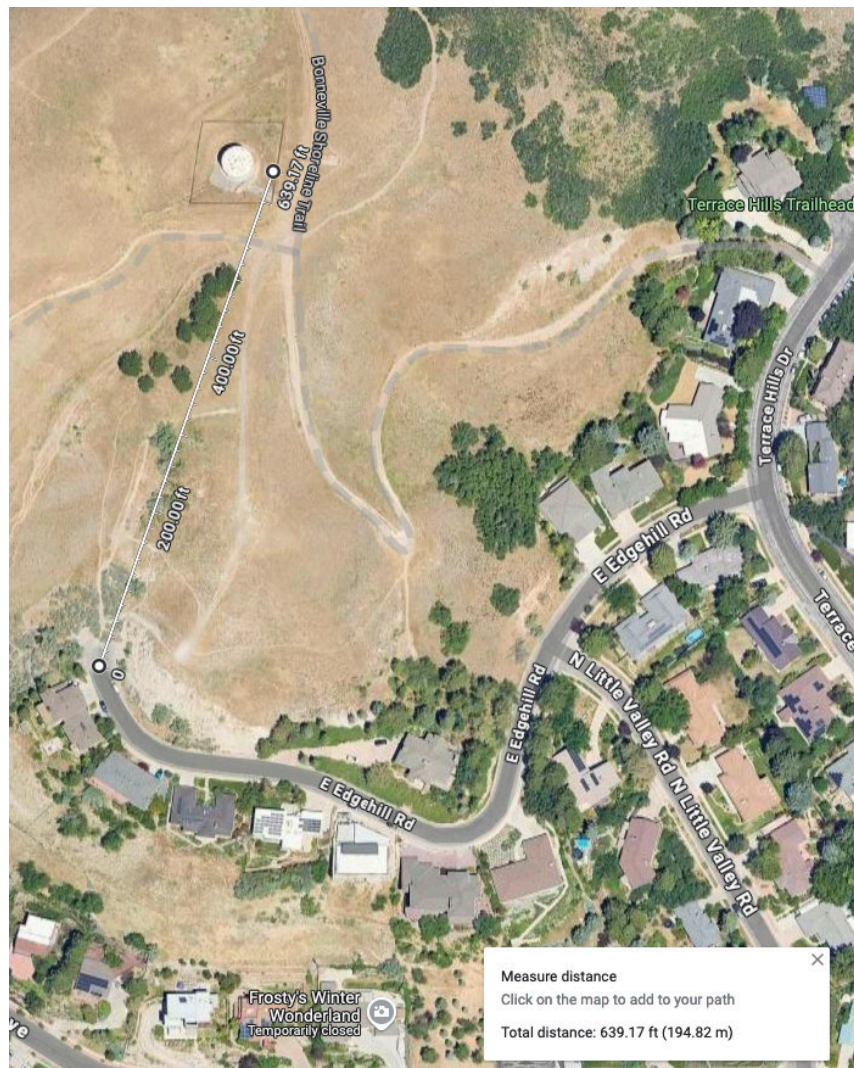


Exhibit #1



Exhibit#2



Exhibit#3

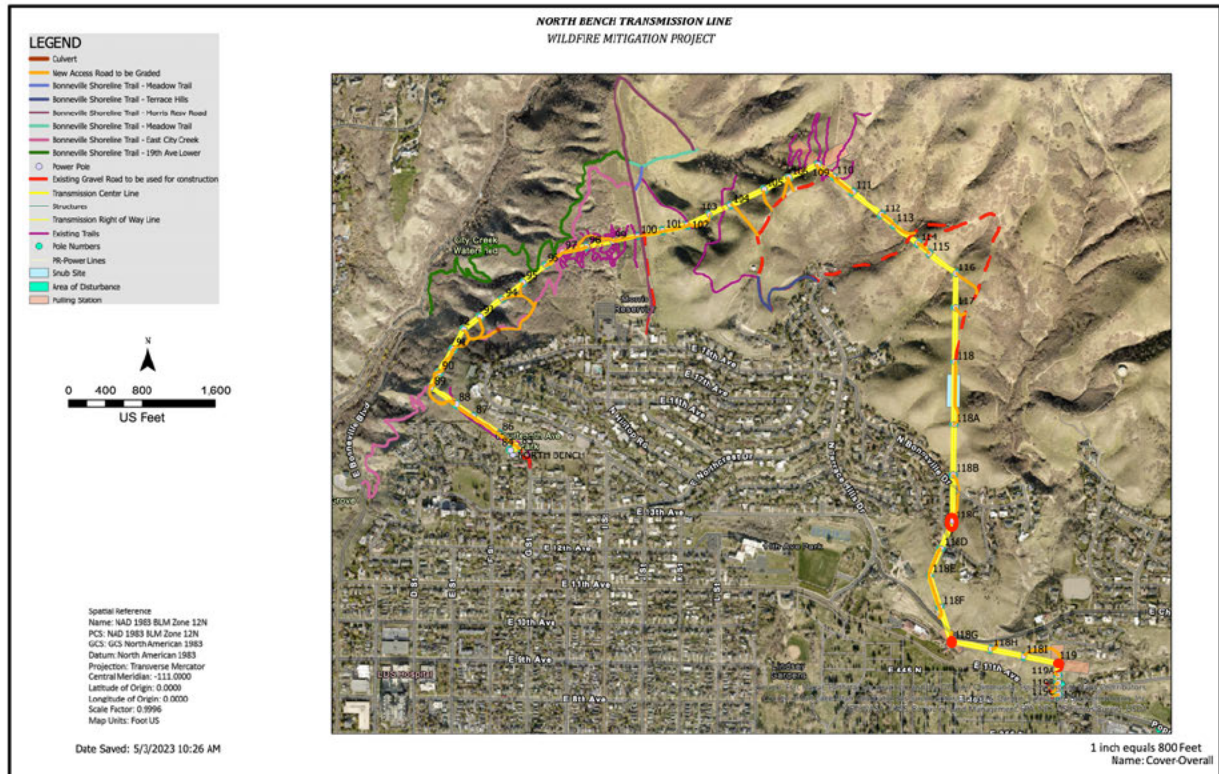


Exhibit #4 - approved access roads - NO Edgehill access shown

Comments to the Salt Lake City Council

12 November, 2024

From: Daniel Schelling

Hello,

My name is Daniel Schelling and I am both a resident of Salt Lake City and a founding member of Save Our Foothills. Following the identification of problems with the 2020 Foothills Trail System Plan, trail construction was paused in 2021. Problems identified with the Plan and its implementation included:

- (1) Lack of adequate land use and recreation planning;
- (2) Lack of environmental studies, and
- (3) Environmental degradation from trail construction.

The City then spent over \$300,000 on a combination of environmental studies and a review of the Foothills Trail System Plan to ensure that the Foothills would be carefully stewarded by Public Lands moving forward.

However, Rocky Mountain Power's activities in the Foothills over the last month have made a mockery of recent efforts to protect the Foothills. Rocky Mountain Power has bulldozed 16 to 20 ft wide roads above Bonneville Blvd and the Avenues, and along recently constructed trails. The Salt Lake City Public Lands Department has approved of and facilitated this work.

My questions to the City Council and Administration are:

- 1) Who is overseeing stewardship of our natural lands in the Salt Lake City Foothills?
- 2) What has Public Lands done to advocate for the Foothills natural lands?
- 3) Can we trust Public Lands to protect the Foothill ecosystems after they have allowed this environmental disaster to proceed? and
- 4) Who will ensure that reclamation, restoration and revegetation of the Foothills is comprehensive?

I think the City Council and Administration should get answers to these questions before Public Lands is permitted to move forward on any future work in the Foothills.

I also encourage members of the City Council to visit the Foothills above Terrace Hills to see the incomprehensible environmental destruction in progress. You will be shocked and dismayed!



Newly bulldozed road above Bonneville Boulevard. This road has been built on top of the pedestrian BST (Bonneville Shoreline Trail) which was constructed in 2021.



Newly bulldozed road within the 18th Avenue Meadows.



Bulldozed road on the ridge between Terrace Hills and the 18th Avenue Meadows.



Access road recently bulldozed on ridge above Terrace Hills and above the 18th Avenue meadows.