

PARLEY'S TRAIL: 2008 UPDATE

Planning for Parley's Trail will shift into high gear in 2008. Several sections are being designed at once, and construction of two of those segments will begin this year.

The new bicycle/pedestrian bridge over I-215 freeway was finished last September. Trail users will soon be able to continue their trip west on a paved trail to Tanner Park. Some planning for this section has already been done, with the identification of historic and cultural resources in Parley's Historic Nature Park. A preliminary design for the alignment for the trail was chosen to reduce the impact on the environment of the nature park. Salt Lake County expects this section to be under construction by the end of the year.

Currently, there is no preferred trail alignment for connecting Tanner Park to Sugar House Park. The designers are considering several options for temporary routes, including the striping of bike lanes on 2700 South from Tanner to 1700 East St.. The consultant for this section of the trail, H.W. Lochner, Inc., intends to meet with Canyon Rim, Sugar House and Millcreek community councils in February in order to gather public input about the preferred route and treatment.

Michael Baker Jr., Inc. has received Notice to Proceed on Phase Four of the trail, the 1300 East Crossing. This contract includes final design and construction documents for the Draw at Sugar House, which will connect Sugar House Park to the Sugar House Business District. Following completion of that work in the Fall of 2008, the project will go out to bid for construction. Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County are negotiating with the Woodbury Corporation for the purchase of property for the Draw.

Notice to Proceed has also been given to Perkins Engineering for a study of Phase Five of the trail, a rail-with trail development in the UTA Corridor. The study will include alternatives for crossing all of the streets and railways between 1100 East Street and the Jordan River Parkway. This section will provide access to the Sugar House Business District, South Salt Lake City Hall, and South Salt Lake's new developments at Central Pointe and Market Station.

Sufficient funding is already in place to construct the 1300 East crossing, the Sugar House Park trail section, and the Parley's to Tanner segment of the Trail. Existing funding has come from a 2005 Federal Appropriation and matching funds from the Salt Lake County ZAP programs. Additional monies are coming from the Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County Open Space funds. More money will have to be raised to construct the trail the trail between Tanner Park and 1700 East, and to build the trail from Fairmont Park to the River.

2008 meeting schedule:

PRATT Board meetings will be now held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.. Unless otherwise arranged, all meetings are held at the Salt Lake County Government Center at 2001 South State Street, in Room S1002. Meetings are open to everyone. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 27th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.