
Salt Lake City's Westside: Today & Tomorrow

Westside neighborhoods are among the finest places to live, work and play in Salt Lake City. Wonderful parks, the Jordan River, strong community spirit, remarkable diversity, and good schools all contribute to the Westside's vitality and increasing popularity.

I have a strong commitment to improving the Westside's economy, quality of life, and infrastructure – and making it a more safe and sustainable place to work and live. In the past eight years I have substantially increased City resources to Westside neighborhoods for a range of projects and improvements. These include:

- Completion of the Jordan River trail and connecting it to the Legacy Parkway trail
- Development of a Regional Sports Complex – with 16 new, tournament-quality soccer fields.
- Completion of the Glendale Library
- Preservation of the Fisher Mansion
- Development of Community Learning Centers at two new elementary schools, in partnership with the SLC School District.
- Redevelopment of North Temple into a model “complete street” with TRAX, beautification, on-street bike lanes, an off-street shared path for pedestrians and cyclists, a new viaduct over the railroad tracks, and redoing land-use standards. These improvements have led to hundreds of new residential units and new commercial development.
- Increased focus on planning, infrastructure development and service improvements
- Development of the “9 Line,” a linear park and urban trail that follows an abandoned rail corridor along 900 South. The 9 Line

is major pedestrian/bicycle link connecting Poplar Grove & Glendale with neighborhoods to the east.

- Establishment of the River District, a Westside commercial center at 9th West and 9th South, for locally owned small businesses, restaurants, bakeries, specialty stores, and urban farmers. A number of infrastructure improvements are planned to make this district more accessible by train, bike, and foot.

In my third term, I will build on these successes, and work to implement the 2014 Westside Plan, which involved more than two years of public engagement directed by the Salt Lake City Planning Division and its partners in the community. The Plan lays out a number of exciting initiatives aimed at making the Westside a “beautiful, safe and sustainable place for people to work, live, and have fun.”

I also will pursue converting 160 acres of open space from the Glendale Golf Course into a vibrant new Regional Park, complete with new playing fields; Jordan River play opportunities such as rowing, kayaking, canoeing, and splash pads; mountain and road bike trails; walking and running trails; and pavilions and fields for entertainment events.

Consistent with the Westside Plan, I will continue to pursue reinvestment and redevelopment through land-use changes, improved public infrastructure to spur community-driven development, and protecting and encouraging investment in existing, low-density residential neighborhoods while also providing attractive, compatible new residential development where appropriate or desired.

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