



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending March 27, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

The Welby Rail Yard has been a fixture in West Jordan for around 100 years and yet it has become a significant source of interest in the last few weeks. It sits between New Bingham Hwy on the north and ends at the intersection of 9000 South and Old Bingham Hwy on the south end. It's where train cars are parked in-between deliveries by the Savage Company, the contractor that moves rail cars for Union Pacific Railroad.

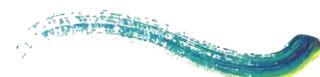
Public attention has grown around the yard since Savage broke ground for an additional line to park cars on. We've had complaints about activities at night before the expansion began, the loud noise of the engines, the banging of cars, and whether engineers are using horns and bells. Did you know that each train is equipped with a device like an airplane's black box that can tell if an engineer was using a horn or bell? I wish we had those types of devices in our teenager's cars.

Reed Sharman and others have learned more about trains than they probably thought possible. Federal regulations place a lot of protection around the operation of our railway systems throughout our nation. This presents a peculiar problem when it comes to land use and zoning. So in an effort to ensure the safety of our citizens, we turned to just that . . . the safety regulations.

Turns out there are regulations on water safety, fire safety and access safety that we are all agreeing need to be addressed. The folks from Savage are at the table to discuss what we need to ensure that people are safe. We discussed fences, gates, fire access roads, hydrants, spill containment and 24-hour surveillance. There is still a lot of negotiation ahead of us but we remain dedicated to protecting our citizens.

Everyone is working toward solutions that will achieve our foremost goal of safety. It's not likely that the Welby Rail Yard will be gone anytime in the next 100 years, so we appreciate our staff, Savage, Union Pacific and others that are working to ensure that it is safe for our future.

Read on for other news on what has been happening around our great City.



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Office of Development Assistance

Staff and the Mayor conducted a business retention visit with the Director of Local Government Relations for Salt Lake Community College. We discussed 90th South Overpass project, Jordan Valley TOD and future expansion for the campus.

Staff met with the Malmstrom Family to discuss property they own at 9000 South and 4000 West (approx. 100 acres). Topics included current zoning, future zoning and potential uses.

ODA staff has been facilitating weekly coordination meetings for the past month with Boulder Ventures, developer of the Jordan Valley TOD.

FIRE

We responded to the report of a three-week-old having difficulty breathing and possibly choking. Upon assessment it was observed that the child had copious amounts of mucus in the airway. Suctioning was performed and the child began to breathe easier but not normal. Patient was transported to Primary Children's Hospital for more definitive care.

We responded on a traffic accident at 9000 So Mountain View Corridor. A four door passenger car and sport utility collided at high speed, causing both vehicles to crash into the traffic light post on the northwest corner of the intersection. The four door passenger car was severely damaged and all four passengers had to be extricated out of the vehicle using the Jaws of Life. All four passengers were transported to Intermountain Medical Center, having sustained major non-life threatening injuries. The passenger of the sport utility vehicle did not require extrication and was transported to Jordan Valley Medical Center due to minor injuries to neck and back.

Engine 52 and Medic 52 were called for a 71 year old male with difficulty breathing. On arrival the son directed us to an upstairs bedroom and stated that his dad started to have difficulty breathing last night. When entering the room we could tell that this was a very emergent call. The patient was conscious but not responding. While trying to assess lung sounds, the patient went unconscious and his EKG was showing an agonal rhythm with no pulse. The patient was placed onto the auto pulse and CPR was initiated. Once inside the ambulance we intubated the patient and obtained I.V. access. We gave the patient an amp of epinephrine and continued CPR throughout our transport. Once we arrived into the E.R. the doctor immediately confirmed that the patient was successfully intubated and gave the patient another amp of epinephrine all while CPR was continuing. After a cycle of CPR the doctor asked for a rhythm check with a pulse check. The patient was then in the rhythm of v-tach with no pulse. The patient was shocked and CPR continued for two minutes when another pulse and rhythm check was done. The patient then had a strong pulse and an organized rhythm. The amazing work of the station 52's crew and the staff at Jordan Valley Hospital was able to return the cardiac function of this patient and the patient was admitted to Jordan Valley Hospital for further evaluation.

E 52 responded to the report of a cat that was stuck in some duct work in a house. Upon arrival we were met on the street by the occupant and she stated that they got the cat out and didn't need our assistance any more. We cleared the scene and went available.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff met with Foursquare Properties to discuss the development of remnant parcels near the airport. Staff referred them to the office of the Salt Lake International Airport.

Staff met with the owners of property located on a major street in West Jordan. The property has been kept off the market for generations, however, the family is now trying to decide what to do with the land.

Following an article in the Enterprise regarding the desire of El Pollo Loco to open several new stores, staff contacted the broker who represents them. The broker will look for a possible location in West Jordan.

POLICE

Property crimes detectives received a tip about a female producing checks, ID's, and counterfeit currency. The female's husband was reported to be a convicted felon and in possession of a firearm. Both suspects had a significant criminal history in California. Investigators followed up on the tip and found a stolen car also at the residence. A search warrant was issued for the residence and executed by the SWAT team and detectives. When the warrant was served the suspect fled the scene in the stolen car but was later apprehended. Evidence of forgery/fraud was found in the home and a firearm was discovered in the area the suspect fled. The investigation is ongoing and will likely result in significant state or federal charges.

The WJPD K-9 Unit is participating with UPD and other agencies in a multi-agency directed enforcement operation this week. One of our handlers will be working with the operation each night. Last night we took the following action: 7 total deployments, 4 drug finds and 1 influenced apprehension on a fleeing suspect. We look forward to our handlers providing additional positive support to the operation.

PUBLIC WORKS

Capital Projects Work Completed

Bingham Creek Culvert Project

1300 West

The City's contractor has remobilized to the site after Questar finished installing the new 24-inch gas pipeline. Questar used flowable fill over their pipeline and excavation to ensure good compaction under the road. The City's contractor is demolishing the remaining old culvert and preparing subgrade for the new culvert to be installed. He needs to be finished with the culvert by April 10th. Road and asphalt work will continue into May.

1400 West

The contractor finished the majority of the grading and laying of rip rap in the channel on the west side. They are now focusing on the 1300 West culvert.



5600 West Project – 6200 South to 7000 South – The Contractor is continuing roadway excavation both sides of the roadway from 7000 South to approximately 6600 South. Storm drain construction is proceeding in 6600 South almost complete with 90% of the work already installed. A change order for Kearns Improvement District water lines looping around the existing storm drain is under way. Comcast has installed fiber line in the new conduits and looks to be complete soon. Rocky Mountain Power and Zayo Communication have installed new fiber and power lines in their newly installed conduits, and cutover dates are in the first week of April. Work completed on the north end of the project includes water work for fire hydrants, and storm drain laterals for roadway drainage. The project is currently several weeks ahead of schedule. The required contract deadline is still July 2, 2015.



1300 West Project – 9400 South to Winchester Street (6600 South) – Through the efforts of UDOT Region 2 staff, West Jordan's Capital Projects Group, and Taylorsville City staff, a minor widening and intersection improvement project concept report was produced to acquire funding from the Wasatch Front Regional Council Federal Aid process. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on March 25, and \$6,000,000 was recommended

by the committee to the full Council of Governments (COG). The money target year is 2021, but ‘advance engineering’ can take place up to several years ahead of the full funding available date. The COG will meet next week to vote on the TAC recommendations.

Public Services

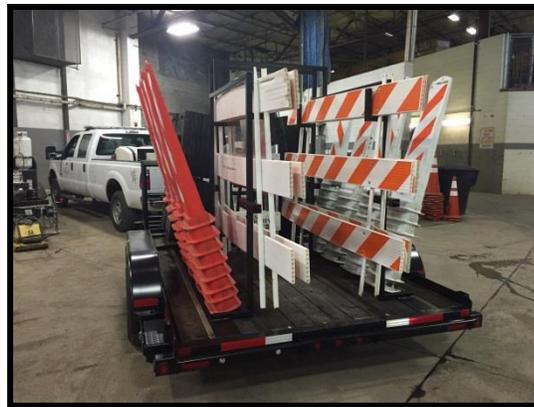
Street light inventory – ongoing.

Repaired asphalt cut on 9000 South Grizzly Way.

Crack sealing is ongoing, however; this will be winding down soon as the temperatures continue to rise.

Removed the solar blinking stop signs from 7000 South 5600 West.

Replaced & recorded old school signs (19 locations & 34 signs)



Finished traffic control trailer (Welding completed in-house by Streets employee and Certified Welder: Jerry Street) photos above.

Preparing grade in the northwest corner of Public Works complex for asphalt replacement. The Utah Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) was established at Utah State University in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration’s Local Technical Assistance Program and the Utah Department of Transportation. The Streets Division has utilized this valuable resource to improve the skills of our dedicated staff which serve our wonderful community. We are very pleased to report that after much effort, the following employees have passed a lengthy list of classes over a period of years to receive the their certificates in the LTAP programs as noted: *(Although these folks are truly talented and dedicated employees who provide a wonderful service to West Jordan, these are certainly not employees who seek recognition. However, we would ask that you please congratulate them on their wonderful accomplishments when you see them...)*

- John Boren for earning the Road Scholar Certificate
- Chad Christensen for earning the Road Scholar and the Road Master Certificate
- Jason Duffin for earning the Road Scholar Certificate
- Rochelle Smith for earning the Road Scholar and the Road Master Certificate

Stormwater

As part of the city's requirement for our stormwater permit, staff has been performing Dry Weather Screening this week.

Completed storm drain line corrections for the stormwater master plan map.

Cleaned 125-feet of storm drain culvert on 8200 South Grizzly Way.

Washed down the rock drainage project in Trimble Creek to keep vegetation from growing.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Building permits issued in the last week included 2 new single family dwellings and 4 new multi-family units. Total valuation of all permits was \$1.5 million.

The Design Review Committee met on March 24th to review and make recommendations on two new projects:

- Maverik C-Store located at 7800 South and Loop Road
- Sun Ridge Assisted Living located at 7037 South 4800 West