



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

HB562 - Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration

# PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFING

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# SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

The Department of Public Safety aims to address the pressing issues of crime and homelessness along the Jordan River Trail and the Fair Park area. This region has become a hotspot for various criminal activities, including weapons offenses, illegal camping, panhandling, vandalism, theft, and drug use and distribution. The lack of security in this area endangers residents and visitors and hampers efforts to promote community well-being and economic development. The Downtown Safety Initiative (DSI) seeks to mitigate these issues by enhancing law enforcement presence, improving infrastructure, and providing support services to those affected by homelessness.





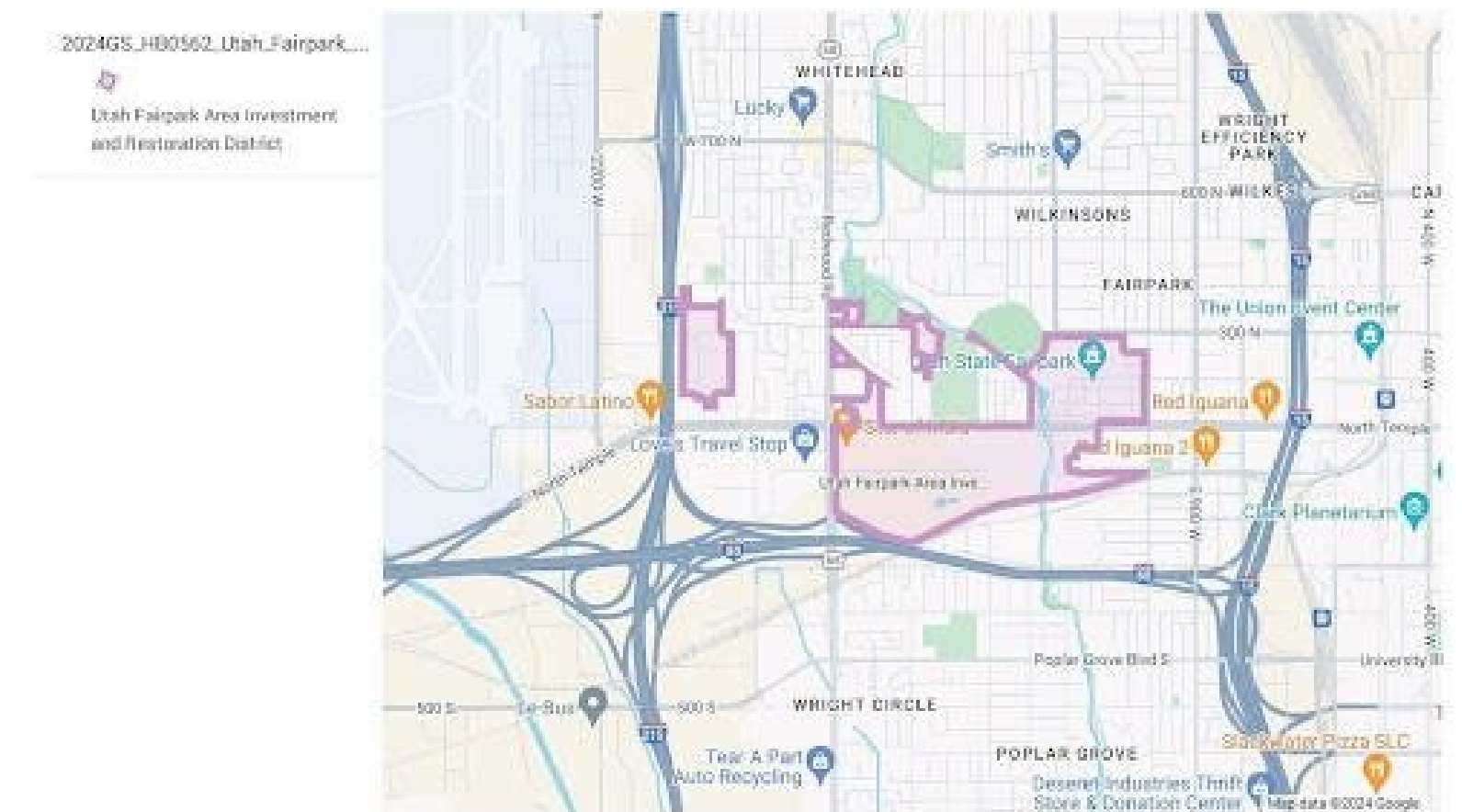


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# FOCUS OF HB 562

House Bill 562, which focuses on investments and restoration of the Jordan River Trail and Fair Park area, underscores the critical need for comprehensive action. The current state of the area poses significant challenges to public safety and community health. Effective implementation of the downtown safety initiative is essential to align with the objectives of House Bill 562, fostering a safer, cleaner, and more vibrant environment. This effort requires collaboration between various stakeholders, including law enforcement, social services, and community organizations, to create sustainable solutions that address both immediate concerns and long-term goals.

## 2024GS H.B. 562, "Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District"







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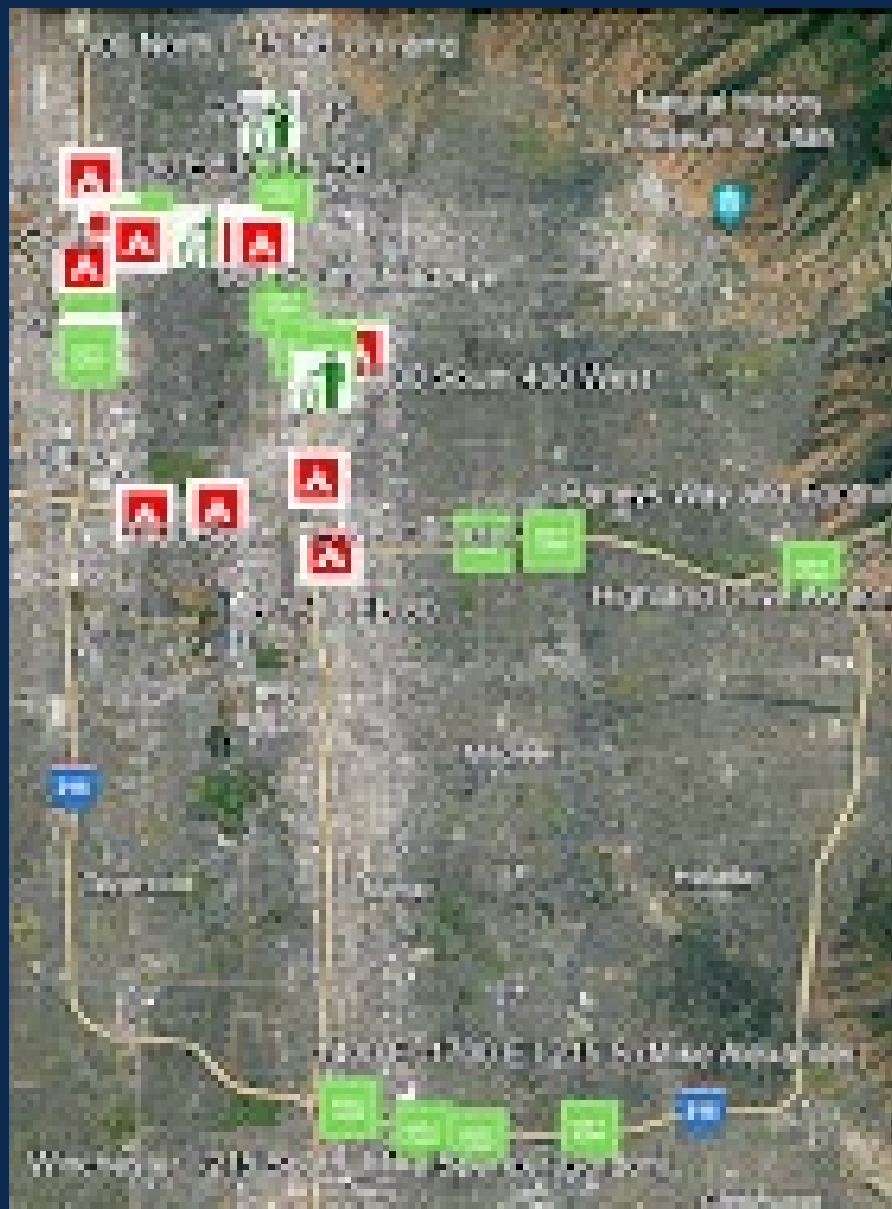
# DEPARTMENT VISION AND STRATEGY

## MISSION STATEMENT

The strategic plan for DPS, the State Fairpark District, and its law enforcement divisions is to increase the Safety and Security of the State Fair Park District (and the Jordan River Trail within the District) by targeting criminal activity, enforcing laws, engaging with the community, and partnering with allied public safety agencies while upholding the constitutional rights of all people.







# DPS EFFORTS AND OUTCOMES

## ENFORCEMENT

Total Enforcement November 1, 2023, to November 29, 2024

14,928 Total Dedicated Hours towards the DSI including:

- Camp Mitigations and JRT Operations
- Narcotics Unit Enforcement (SBI)
- Utah Highway Patrol

## OUTCOMES

- Arrests 855
- Felony 183
- Misdemeanor 802
- Warrants 93
- Narcotics 733
- Panhandler Contacts: 558
- Weapons Offense 10
- Other Violations 255
- Camps Cleared 163
- Keep it Clean Project 13
- Camp Contacts: 422



# DEPARTMENT ENGAGEMENT

Personnel, Department Programs, and Funding -- Come and see what we have already dedicated to it and get a glimpse into the future .

Beginning the month of June and moving into FY25, eleven DPS FTE employees have been assigned full-time duty to the DSI effort, specifically in the Fairpark District. Combined, this effort includes (1) Lieutenant, (2) Sergeants, and (8) Agents / Troopers.

SBI Narcotics enforcement efforts have expanded to include (5) full-time agents dedicated specifically to drug suppression in the DSI area. This effort continues to be supported by the full SBI narcotics, SIAC Intelligence resources, and UHP Special Operations Section.

Additional ongoing efforts will include ongoing narcotics overtime shifts to augment and expand the narcotics resources, which are now working full-time in the DIS / Fairpark area.

UHP Enforcement efforts related to panhandling and pedestrian-related violations in and around the DSI area.

A full-time uniformed outreach and engagement team consisting of (5) full-time troopers has been dedicated specifically to crime suppression, camping enforcement, and homeless outreach in the DIS area, specifically the Jordan Parkway portion of the Fairpark District

UHP Overtime shifts specifically target camp clean-up and mitigation efforts in support of the DSI initiative, with a special focus on state property, right-of-way, and adjacent locations.

DPS contracts for a private removal company to support the camp clean-up and mitigation efforts.





# FY25 ONGOING EFFORTS AND COST IMPACTS

## COSTS SO FAR

Since November 01, 2023, DPS has invested significant man hours by agents and troopers specifically in enforcement, clean-up, and outreach in support of the DSI initiative, with a large focus on the Jordan Parkway and Fair Park area. **The total cost of these efforts over the past seven months is estimated in excess of \$1,463,734.55. (July 2024)**

## UPCOMING COSTS

With the implementation of (11) full-time agents/troopers and continued support of overtime resources in support of the DSI / Fair Park effort. **DPS anticipates the ongoing cost of the current level of operations to be roughly \$230,922.50 monthly, with an overall annual estimate cost of \$2,771,069.99**





# THANK YOU

