



Memorandum

To: The Historic Preservation Commission
From: Kyndal Sagers
Date: February 26, 2026
Re: Preservation Utah Walking Tour

Introduction

The Preservation Utah Tours App is a self-guided mobile platform available on Apple and Android devices. It is a gateway to sharing the stories of Utah's historic places with a statewide - and even global - audience. The Preservation Utah Tour App helps residents and visitors explore Utah's historic architecture, cultural sites, and local stories through walking and driving tours. Preservation Utah makes history accessible to a broader audience, boosts local heritage with an easy-to-use digital tool, preserves and shares the stories that make Springdale's community unique, and contributes to a statewide archive of meaningful places and memories.

Town Council

The Town Council approved Springdale's partnership with Preservation Utah Tours on February 11, 2026. The Partnership Agreement was signed by Mayor Bruno on February 11, 2026, and Liz Joerger, Operations and Program Manager with Preservation Utah, on February 23, 2026.

App Partnership

The Town chooses a tour theme and format (walking or driving), provides stories, images, and details for each stop. Preservation Utah will develop and launch Springdale's tour on the app, produce audio narration for the town's approved content, host and maintain the tour for a minimum of two years, with the possibility of extension, and promote Springdale's story alongside Utah's most treasured places.

Properties

Staff has determined four town-owned properties that could potentially be added to the walking tour: Bishops Tithing Granary, Town Jail, irrigation ditches, and the Springdale Hilltop (Pioneer) Cemetery. Staff is hesitant to include the Springdale Hilltop (Pioneer) Cemetery due to the delicate nature of the gravestones and the cemetery overall. Additionally, the Town Jail is only accessible through the Springdale Elementary School driveway. Though it is viewable from the sidewalk and the right-of-way, we would need permission from Springdale Elementary to use the driveway to access the jail on the app. If permission is provided, Staff can provide directions to access the Jail from Zion Park Blvd.

Staff identified potential privately owned properties of historical significance: Under the Eaves, located at 980 Zion Park Blvd, and the Zion Pizza & Noodle building, located at 868 Zion Park Blvd. For properties under private ownership, the Town would collaborate with the owners to gauge their interest in being included in the Preservation Utah Tour.

Tour Content Requirements

- **Tour Name:** Ideally, it should begin with the city or neighborhood name (e.g., Springdale Historic Walking Tour, Springdale Historical Tour, etc.).
- **Tour Description/Introduction:** A concise overview of the tour's theme, focus, or geographical area.
- **Main Tour Image:** A high-resolution image with appropriate photo credit.
- **Estimated Duration:** The approximate time needed to complete the tour, based on the number of stops and type (walking or driving).

Site Stop Requirements

Each stop within the tour must include a detailed entry. Please note these requirements are for the App only. No in-person signage is required. A "historic site" may include buildings, structures, monuments, or cultural/archaeological landscapes over 50 years old that retain historic integrity, or are of significant cultural importance to the community.

- Stop Name: A recognizable or descriptive name for the site
- Age of the Site: Year built or approximate date of construction
- Architect (if known): Name of the architect or builder responsible for the design or construction
- Physical Address
- Site Description
- Photographs

Content Considerations

- All information must be historically accurate and properly sourced
- Avoid promotional, speculative, or opinion-based content
- Sites featured must be publicly viewable or accessible from a public right-of-way (e.g., sidewalk or road)

Action

The Historic Preservation Commission should decide which properties should be included on the tour. The Historic Preservation Commission should appoint commissioners to work on items required for each property that will be listed. Staff will work with the appointed commissioners on the requirements for each property and upload them to the Preservation Utah Tours App.