

To: Mayor Erin Mendenhall
From: Courtney Reeser, Chair, Salt Lake City Transportation Advisory Board
Subject: Salt Lake City *Street & Intersection Typologies Design Guide* – Letter of Support, Policy Statement on Prioritizing the Safety of Vulnerable Roadway Users

Mayor Erin Mendenhall,

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) offers its unanimous support for the adoption and implementation of the principles and designs of the Salt Lake City *Street & Intersection Typologies Design Guide*. We recommend that the City Council (1) adopt the *Guide* now as stand-alone City design guidelines, and (2) incorporate the *Guide* into the future Transportation Master Plan Update adoption.

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Consequently, this Board also submits the following policy statement:

The Salt Lake City Transportation Advisory Board supports prioritizing the safety of vulnerable roadway users above the convenience and level of service of motor vehicle traffic in Salt Lake City. These include any users of the public right-of-way who are not protected by a vehicle, such as people walking, bicycling, using mobility devices and scooters; and people sitting, standing, and dining outdoors.

We believe that transportation, and therefore the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of public rights-of-way in Salt Lake City, should be enabling, democratic, safe, and comfortable. Equity in transportation systems and built environments enables a just society and enhances community values, upward mobility, and security. Streets can and should be beautiful, safe, and collective spaces for people of all ages and abilities, but especially the most vulnerable.

The healthiest and most successful cities in the world understand these concepts. Public health disparities are caused primarily by zip code, not genetic code. How we design our communities, where resources (e.g., healthy food) are located, and how easy it is to access these resources affect health outcomes more than any other factors.

*Every street should be safe and accessible at all times, without exception. Likewise, instead of traditional "level of service" goals, we support performance and success measures that are focused on the *Typologies Guide*'s five functions of the public rights-of-way.*

Let us ensure that our streets reflect who we are. Let us make them beautiful, inspiring, and safe.

Signed,

Courtney Reeser, Chair, Salt Lake City Transportation Advisory Board

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