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## SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** September 9, 2004

**SUBJECT:** **Interlocal Agreement – 700 East Median Project  
Landscape Maintenance**

**AFFECTED COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** District 5

**STAFF REPORT BY:** Gary Mumford

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT.  
AND CONTACT PERSON :** Department of Public Services  
Dell Cook

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The Utah Department of Transportation, in partnership with Salt Lake City, will install landscaped medians on 700 East Street from 900 South to 1300 South. Landscaping will consist of trees and bark mulch with a drip irrigation system. The proposed interlocal agreement requires the City to maintain the landscaped medians. According to the proposed agreement, the City is to maintain the medians in an attractive and good condition. Weeds and litter are to be removed or controlled. Any adjustments to irrigation valves will be performed by the City. The City is also responsible for any fertilizer or tree trimming. If any trees die, replacement is to be at the City's expense. The landscaping is designed so that only a limited amount of maintenance will be required. Three inches of bark will preclude the emergence of most weeds. The water-efficient drip irrigation system will be connected to the new irrigation system at Liberty Park. The Parks Division will handle the maintenance and will include any budget increases for this maintenance beginning in fiscal year 2005-06.

Note: Changes to the Interlocal Cooperation Act by the 2003 Legislature allow the Mayor to execute interlocal agreements without approval of the City Council except when the interlocal agreement includes any of the following:

- Acquires or transfers real property
- Construction of a facility or improvements to real property
- Bonding
- Sharing taxes or other revenue
- Agreements that includes an out-of-state public agency
- Agreements that require budget adjustments to the City's current or future budgets
- Creation of an interlocal agency

This interlocal agreement was forwarded to the City Council since it deals with improvements to real property and may require increases to future budgets.

cc: Rocky Fluhart, Sam Guevara, Rick Graham, Max Petersen, Dell Cook