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Sugar House Draw and Parley's Trail Project Update SUBJECT:

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RECOMMENDATION: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT: Salt Lake City Council has approved \$110,000 of the Salt Lake City Open Space fund for this acquisition.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

ACOUISITION

Salt Lake County Open Space Trust and Salt Lake City Open Space Lands Program are partnering to purchase a parcel critical for the planned connection of the PRATT Trail under 1300 East. The site is located on the west side of 1300 East between 2100 South and Wilmington Ave. This acquisition will provide egress for the connection between Sugar House Park and Hidden Hollow Park

Previously, an additional appraisal had been ordered to determine the value of an access easement identified during title work for the acquisition. There is a perpetual easement on the acquisition site held by Craig Mecham, property owner to the south. Mecham has expressed concerns about the project and potential impacts to his building and financial interests. Because of strained relations between the City and Mecham, Salt Lake County is taking the lead in negotiating the purchase of the access easement as well as a construction easement. The County Project Manager had verbally committed to absorbing potential additional expenses associated

with securing Mecham's easements but this is no longer the case.

A final purchase agreement with Woodbury is on hold until a value can be determined for a parcel and easement, which, if approved, may be purchased from Mecham by City. A transmittal with this information will be presented as soon as the appraisal is complete.

DESIGN

Draw design should be ready for Development Review Team (DRT) process which will work through issues for a smooth permitting process and ensure a design that can be maintained to standards that reflect well on the City and County

Phase III (Parley's Historic Nature Park) and Phase IV (17th E-13th E, Sugar House Park) of Parley's Trail have completed construction documents. The County's goal is to put the construction projects out to bid May 15th. With a one month bid process construction is estimated to start mid- June. All land agreements and interlocal must be in place within the next two weeks to meet this timeline.

CONSTRUCTION and MAINTENANCE

Draw - An interlocal and easement has been developed for the Draw acquisition site which defines the County as holding the easement and as responsible for maintenance of site.

Trail - Interlocal and easement agreements are under development between the County, City and Sugar House Park Authority for parcels in Parleys Historic Nature Park, 13th East, a portion of Sugar House Park owned by Salt Lake City and street rights-of-ways.