



## **News Release**

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### **New funds kick-start safety, transportation improvements for unincorporated county**

**Salt Lake County, Utah** – New safety and road improvements are in the works for Salt Lake County’s townships. The projects were fast-tracked after Township Executive Patrick Leary and Mayor Ben McAdams sought and received \$8 million in transportation funding from the state legislature.

“This is the first time in recent memory that these state transportation funds were specifically directed towards unincorporated Salt Lake County,” said Township Executive Patrick Leary. “This money allows us to respond to the needs of unincorporated county residents by creating more walkable communities, safer school routes, and solving road infrastructure issues.”

County Councilman Michael Jensen supported the effort to receive the state funds.

“We worked closely with the legislature to secure money for these much needed infrastructure investments in the unincorporated areas. I look forward to the quality of life and safety improvements they will bring,” said Councilman Jensen.

Township Executive Patrick Leary announced the safety and infrastructure funding at a press conference today that highlighted a major new safety improvement for Millcreek residents. A new pedestrian signal has been installed on 3300 South in response to the dangerous conditions in that area.

“When residents called the county with concerns about the 33<sup>rd</sup> South safety issue, Township Executive Patrick Leary knew exactly who to call at UDOT to request action,” said Mayor McAdams. “He’ll put this new transportation money to work throughout unincorporated Salt Lake County to meet similar, important infrastructure needs.”

Councilman Sam Granato represents Millcreek residents on the County Council.

“We have a great relationship with our community councils and our residents,” said Salt Lake County Councilman Sam Granato. “These projects are the direct result of listening to and responding to our constituents.”

Construction of the new safety and infrastructure projects will begin later this year. Projects include sidewalk repairs, curb and gutter improvements, and a pedestrian crossing in Magna. A complete project list including a map is available on the Office of Township Services website at [www.slco.org/townships](http://www.slco.org/townships).

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