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### **Site Prep Begins This Week for New Public Safety Building**

Demolition materials will be reused or recycled

SALT LAKE CITY – After several months of intense planning, preparation of the site for Salt Lake City’s new Public Safety Building will begin this week. Protective fencing will be installed at the building site, located on the east side of 300 East between 400 and 500 South.

Demolition of the MacCall parking structure will begin in the next few weeks. Four other structures on the site are scheduled for demolition; each structure will take about two weeks to demolish and remove in preparation for the excavation to begin by May of this year. The City will post and update the schedule at [www.slcgov.com/psb](http://www.slcgov.com/psb).

Mayor Ralph Becker, the Salt Lake City Council, Salt Lake City Police Department and Fire Department are looking forward to beginning site work on the much needed project. “Our ability to interact with the community, as well as protect our residents and visitors, will be significantly increased with this new facility,” said Police Chief Chris Burbank. “To begin to see activity on the site is the start of great things to come.”

“The new building will not only provide a safe workplace for public safety employees and increase our ability to respond to our constituents, but will also add to the vibrancy of downtown and be a unique gathering place for community groups and events,” stated Mayor Becker.

Led by the Mayor’s office and under the direction of MOCA Systems – the project manager – and Okland Construction, a recycling plan for the demolished buildings will be implemented. Seventy-five percent of the demolished buildings will be recycled or reused. Salt Lake City’s efforts include an offer to Habitat for Humanity Restore to collect reusable items including fixtures, molding and windows before the buildings’ bricks and mortar come down.

“We are committed to making this project a benefit to our residents, from the time the first fence goes up until the building is open and serving the community,” said Mayor Becker.

The Public Safety Building project is currently on time, on budget and working towards a net zero energy efficiency. The City has held over 10 community meetings about the site, building and architectural designs. The final design is scheduled to be unveiled in March.

**For non-street perspective photos/video of the site, please schedule an appointment with Lauren Richards Wall, 801-414-0190.**