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### **Residents Invited to Celebrate New Trail and Neighborhood Business District**

*Mayor, Councilman to help unveil new bicycle/pedestrian trail and revitalized River District Gardens*

SALT LAKE CITY –Mayor Ralph Becker, Councilman Van Turner, NeighborWorks Salt Lake, Union Pacific and other community partners will celebrate the opening of the “9 Line” trail project this Saturday, Nov. 5 at noon on the southeast corner of 900 South and 900 West. The event will also introduce the “River District Gardens” neighborhood business node being revitalized along 900 West.

The “9 Line” trail is located along the former Union Pacific railroad right-of-way adjacent to 900 South from Redwood Road to 700 West. The “9 Line Corridor” continues via designated bike lanes on the roadway from 600 West to 200 West. Future development of the corridor will extend farther east and west.

The \$700,000 trail project sets the foundation for a major pedestrian and bicycle route with various amenities to the public. The city is currently seeking public input for the corridor master plan to determine the most desirable enhancements and adjacent land uses.

“The 9 Line is about making connections” said Mayor Becker. “The trail provides an important new connection between east and west side communities for recreating and gathering in ways that strengthen community relationships.”

The community event will also include the unveiling of “River District Gardens,” a neighborhood business district located on 900 West from 700 South to Jordan Park. Salt Lake City and NeighborWorks Salt Lake, a non-profit neighborhood revitalization agency, have partnered in an effort to help revitalize the business node through community-based economic development. Partners plan to combine business, recreation and other amenities in the area to create the west side’s own “9th and 9th” neighborhood business district.

Residents are invited to participate in the communitywide celebration which offers activities, information booths, free food and more. Community partners include NeighborWorks Salt Lake, Salt Lake City Department of Community and Economic Development, Anderson Senior Center, University of Utah Planning Department, the People’s Market, University Neighborhood Partners, Jordan River Commission, Smith’s Food & Drug Stores and others.

For more information regarding project history and trail facts visit [www.the9line.com](http://www.the9line.com).

**WHO:** Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker  
Salt Lake City Councilman Van Turner  
Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency Director DJ Baxter  
NeighborWorks Salt Lake Director Maria Garcia  
Community Member and Former State Senator Fred Fife  
Union Pacific Railroad Public Projects Manager Bill Ince

**WHAT:** 9 Line Trail and River District Gardens Community Celebration

**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov.5, 12-3 p.m.

**WHERE:** On the newly paved trail at the southeast corner of 900 South and 900 West

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