

SECTION E 94th to 98th South

Description –

This undeveloped section is about 4/5 of a mile.

Sandy City has put in the trail on the east side of the river through the River Oaks Golf Course from 9000 to about 9400 South, except for a slight gap across private property at the north end. The City is acquiring a right-of-way across the private property and they plan to complete this connection to the trail that goes through the River Oaks Golf Course.



The trail ends south of the clubhouse, after crossing over the golf course bridge to the west side of the river between the river and a canal. South of the bridge a small length of the uncompleted section (about 150 feet) is in West Jordan City. So is the canal crossing, which needs to be improved in order for the trail to continue along the west side of the river.



The rest of the uncompleted section is in South Jordan City. There is no trail right-of-way through these private parcels. The City is working with one developer who will dedicate a portion of their property for the trail. This is a small piece in about the middle of the undeveloped length.

There is an 11-acre area on the east side of the river within the golf course property that includes some reserved wetland mitigation area. The goal for this site is to restore the land for wildlife without intrusions from humans. With that in mind, it appears that the best place for the trail would be the west side of the river. However, some of the 11-acre area is riparian and wetland habitat that is considered a nature park.

The trail picks up again at the Shields Lane parking facility, approximately 9840 South.

What needs to be done

1. South Jordan City will work with land owners to dedicate trail rights-of-way as the properties are proposed for development.
2. West Jordan City needs to develop the trail and canal crossing.
3. Cost needs to be estimated.
4. No determination has been made for funding of trail construction.

Concerns and Issues

- Difficulties obtaining rights-of-way from land owners.
- Working with the canal company to improve the crossing.
- Funding.

Public Input

Most respondents ranked this section as high-medium priority.

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| Rank | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 8 |
| Responses | 13 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 |

This section needs to be completed for the overall connection of the parkway (#10.)

Also, let developers put the trail in as the developments happen (#35.)

Wetland and Wildlife Habitat - This is a wildlife habitat area. There is a major spring at approximately 9800 South at the bottom of the hill, which drains into the Jordan River . The area surrounding the spring is a wetlands area with lots of water and marsh land. I would add some areas are choked with tamarisk and Russian olive (invasive exotic trees), value of the river corridor as wildlife habitat is impacted by golf courses on both sides of the river (River Oaks Golf Course at Sandy City). Russian knapweed (noxious weed) is also present in the area, so it would be important that disturbed areas be properly revegetated to reduce the rate of invasion by this weed. Doug Sakaguchi, DWR

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

- It is impossible to estimate when the land north of 9000 South will become available for the trail.
- In the mean time, Sandy City, West Jordan City and South Jordan City can work with the canal company to improve the crossing.
- The cities can work on design and cost estimates for the trail.

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