

600/700 North Just Got Smarter

A redesign that prioritizes people over cars reshapes neighborhood connectivity.

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THE DATA

More than 200

New Trees Planted

Along the 600/700 North corridor, enhancing shade and long-term ecological resilience.

The completion of the 600/700 North reconstruction marks a pivotal moment in Salt Lake City's shift toward human-centered infrastructure. The planting of over 200 new trees is not merely aesthetic—it reflects a strategic investment in urban greening, climate adaptation, and community well-being. These trees will grow to provide shade, reduce heat island effects, and improve air quality over the next decade.

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Green Infrastructure as Social Capital

This project exemplifies how physical infrastructure can double as cultural infrastructure. The trees are more than shade providers; they are part of a broader ecosystem of public trust, civic pride, and neighborhood cohesion. As they mature, they will serve as enduring symbols of the city's commitment to equitable urban development.

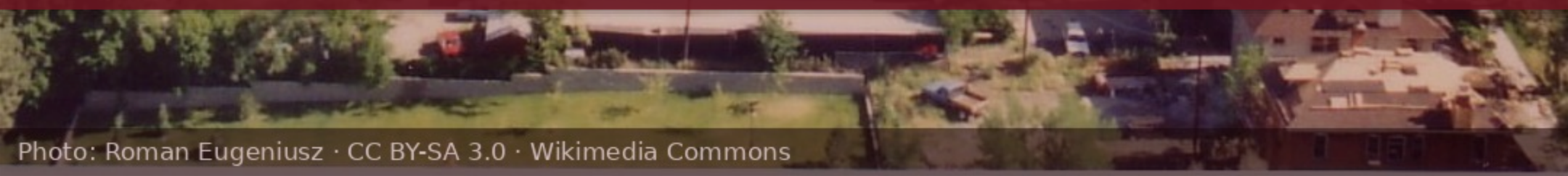


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Safety Through Design, Not Speed

The project's success lies in its holistic approach: traffic calming is embedded in the street's form, not just enforced through signage or police presence. This shift from reactive to proactive safety design sets a precedent for future infrastructure in Salt Lake City-Murray, where every new project can be a step toward a more livable, human-scaled city.

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