



UTA Begins Construction Of New Mid-Jordan TRAX Line

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Officials break ground on the new 'Mid-Jordan' TRAX line, which will travel to the Daybreak community in South Jordan. May 15, 2008. (KUTV) SALT LAKE CITY - The Utah Transit Authority on Thursday officially began work on a new TRAX line that will take riders to the west side of the Salt Lake Valley.

UTA officials broke ground on the new 'Mid-Jordan' TRAX line on Thursday morning, using a back hoe to dig into the dirt where the future "Gardner Village station" will be -- at 1100 West and 7800 South.

The 'Mid-Jordan' TRAX line will run more than 10 miles from the existing Salt Lake City-Sandy line to the west side of the valley -- connecting to the South Jordan area.

The 'Mid-Jordan' line is the first of five planned projects by UTA, collectively called "FrontLines 2015." The other projects include TRAX lines to the Salt Lake International Airport, Draper and West Valley City -- and a FrontRunner expansion south to Provo. All of the projects are expected to be completed by 2015 and will cost \$2.5 billion.

Nine new stations will service the 'Mid-Jordan' line, along with a new platform at the existing "Fashion Place West" TRAX station which will serve as a disembarking point for riders wanting to travel west.

The 'Mid-Jordan' line will be built along the existing Bingham Branch Railroad, which travels in a southwesterly direction from 'Fashion Place West' at 6400 South. Eventually, riders will be able to travel out to Kennecott Land's Daybreak development in South Jordan.

Construction is planned soon for the 'Mid-Jordan' line, which is officially scheduled to begin operating by 2015 -- although it will likely be completed much sooner.

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