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Press Release

Daybreak Parkway in South Jordan opens a path into communities

Road will allow for better access to Bangerter Highway and utilizes roundabouts

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South Jordan, Utah – The city of South Jordan, Kennecott Land’s Daybreak Community, and Herriman City can now be accessed a little easier, thanks to the new Daybreak Parkway.

The opening of Daybreak Parkway represents years of coordinated regional planning efforts and connects the Utah Transit Authority’s Mid-Jordan TRAX Line at the future south Daybreak light rail station, which is scheduled to open in 2011-2012; SoDa Row, Daybreak’s first commercial village center; the future Mountain View Corridor and Bangerter Highway.

South Jordan City and Herriman City worked closely with Kennecott Land in realigning 11800 South, reconfiguring it to include a T-intersection and a roundabout, reducing the posted speed limits and adding new residential access roads leading in from Daybreak Parkway. Following with Daybreak Community’s unique design style, Daybreak Parkway utilizes roundabouts to reduce overall delays in traffic flow and maximize safety. Another benefit to the new roundabouts is the reduction of pollution emissions and fuel consumption from typical intersections when vehicles are idling.

Infrastructure milestones have increased the traffic utilizing the roads and roundabouts through Daybreak. Ty McCutcheon, Kennecott Land’s Vice President of Community Development, states there are a few simple rules motorists should adhere to when driving through the new roundabouts:

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- Slow down as you approach the roundabout
- Look to your left and yield to any traffic already in the roundabout
- Once you are in the roundabout, you have the right of way, but keep your speed low as you drive in the roundabout
- Unless absolutely necessary, do not stop in the roundabout, as it's designed to keep traffic flowing
- Use your turn signal when exiting the roundabout, turn right onto your destination street and follow the posted speed limit

“The Daybreak Parkway provides better circulation to the entire area, and its opening is another step towards connecting us with our neighboring communities,” says McCutcheon.

Roundabouts are not only a solution to the high cost of traffic signals, but they are safer than traditional intersections. According to the 2000 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study, 24 intersections in eight states were studied and researchers found that roundabouts are safer than traditional intersections and four-way stops. The study revealed a 39 percent decrease in crashes, a 76 percent decrease in injury crashes, and a 90 percent reduction in crashes involving fatal or incapacitating injuries.

Roundabouts have been part of the Daybreak Community since 2005. There are three roundabouts in Daybreak with plans for more. In addition, there is one on 11400 South just east of the Bangerter Highway in South Jordan.

About Kennecott Land

Kennecott Land was established by parent company Rio Tinto in April 2001 to develop surplus mining land on Salt Lake Valley's West Bench. Daybreak is the first testament to a vision for sustainable communities. Daybreak is situated on 4,126 acres in South Jordan City where 20,000 homes are planned. At Kennecott Land, sustainable development is at the heart of every business decision by balancing the complex interaction of environmental, economic and social factors. Kennecott Land does this in a way that protects and strengthens what matters most to our community: strong and safe neighborhoods, quality education, a healthy and renewable environment, and a vibrant local economy. To learn more visit our websites and read the 2007 Sustainability Report. www.kennecottland.com and www.daybreakutah.com

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