



July 2024

Thanks to All! Updates/Comments on Correspondence

Dear Everyone who loves Drag Racing,

We desperately need a drag strip/facility here in the Salt Lake Area!

UDRC is 100% convinced the parcel of land the Utah Schools and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) owns, mentioned in the April 2024 letter to Governor Cox, is the ideal location. The area is industrial and there is little to no potential for future residential development nearby. Noise concern box checked! Only a portion of this former landfill, which is a 720+ acre parcel, is needed for a first class drag racing facility. 120 acres is enough to accommodate a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile strip (i.e. 1320' drag strip and a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of shut down running west to east or even south to north). The additional support area acreage (e.g. staging lanes, return lane, parking, maintenance facility, concessions, rest rooms, etc.) will meet UDRC needs and is contained within the initial project lay out, which is still in the early planning stages. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile is the new NHRA safety requirement for the 300+mph cars. The long term objective of UDRC is to host NHRA sanctioned events here in SLC again. Three different locations within the 720+ acre SITLA property stand out as viable options.

UDRC is asking the State of Utah and other Government stakeholders to work with UDRC on a public/private partnership and make this need reality. A similar scenario came to life in Vernal, Utah. The 1/8 mile drag strip in Vernal began as a public/private partnership with a parcel of US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land.

UDRC is seeking industry/private partners! The capital needed for a first class facility is significant. We are currently working with a paving contractor, timing systems company, and other construction companies for estimates and comprehensive project planning. The people of Utah have waited long enough and desperately need a facility for all drag racers to safely pursue their sport. It is essential to "put the stop light in, before the accident." Let's please avoid another tragedy on Utah streets.

Below is troubling article from 2020 which is "post Rocky Mountain Raceway (RMR) closure (i.e. when midnight drags was over):

"In 2020, the Salt Lake City Police Department saw a dramatic increase in calls for service for illegal street racing. Calls for service rose from 71 in 2019 to 409 in 2020. That is a 476% increase in just one year," police stated.

URL for the article. <https://www.ksl.com/article/50441272/crackdown-on-street-racing-in-salt-lake-results-in-14-weekend-arrests>

There are hundreds of stories and articles in these last 5 years since RMR closed related to street racing, some with tragic endings. People must have a legal and safe place to race!

Thanks to everyone who signed on to join our petition list during the "2024 Cache Valley Cruise In" in Logan over the 4th of July weekend! We are over 1900 people so far! We will continue to seek support/signatures at various automotive events!

UDRC's current goal is 2500 people signing onto our petition list and eventually bring a petition before the Utah State Legislature session in September. The merit of this proposal cannot be understated!

We need and appreciate everyone's help and support to "Bring 1/4 mile drag racing safely back to the Salt Lake Region!"

Thank you to everyone who has joined on to our petitioning effort at www.udrc.us! Please continue to spread the word!

Best regards,

Scott

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PS – The state of Utah doesn't need another "inland port warehouse" at this location! Dollars are important, but another life lost on the streets because there is no place to race trumps the dollars the State would make by far. Common sense!



Hope to see Rob's dragster running down the track in SLC soon.

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Letters to Utah Governor Cox and Senator Romney -Click icons to read pdf file

August 18, 2023

To: Utah Governor Spencer Cox
From: Utah Drug Racing Coalition (UDRC)
Re: Assistance request

Dear Governor Cox,

We are writing to address the urgent need for a Quarter Mile Drug Racing Track Facility near Salt Lake City and to ask for your assistance to help meet this recreational motor sports need.

Since the closing of Rocky Mountain Raceway (RMR) in 2019, the need for a quarter mile dragstrip has never been greater in the Salt Lake Valley region. Last night illegal street racing has become a serious problem in city, town, and county roads along the Wasatch Front. The former "Midnight Drag" street weekends at RMR served the public with a venue for racers of all demographics to test their cars, compete, and practice race. Now, racers are required to travel approximately 100 hours to Las Vegas NV, Rose Hill, or Grand Junction CO to meet these needs. As a result, a rise in illegal and unsafe racing is occurring in the Salt Lake City area streets.

We are writing to respectfully ask for your help with economic assistance and guidance from the State's perspective. A single day drag racing facility housing events close to the Salt Lake Valley will certainly have a positive economic impact on the local community. Drug Racing in the SLC area has an estimated 100,000 fans yearly at RMR and formerly Romneyville track which hosted regional and national events with NHRA. "Bringing drag racing back safely to the Salt Lake Valley" is our mission statement.

One of the greatest things the grass roots group of drag racers has, is for fans of Utah's assistance with a place of land that accommodates the need. A long term lease on a potentially state owned property in an area that is suitable to the location is the ideal. A facility located a fair and reasonable distance from residential areas would be an important consideration before the drag racing sport is built.

Would this have please consider helping meet this need and see it as an opportunity for a long term positive economic and recreational impact? We believe there is strong potential for a positive impact to the Utah Tourism industry as well. Thank you for your consideration!

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April 14, 2024

To: Utah Governor Spencer Cox
From: Utah Drug Racing Coalition (UDRC)
Re: Assistance request - follow up

Dear Governor Cox,

As I follow up on our August 2023 letter, we hosted a booth at the Utah Autotech 2024 this past weekend seeking and showcasing racers, enthusiasts, and racers who have a passion for the sport. The response was overwhelming. This letter is a follow up to our previous letter addressed to the "urgent need for a Quarter Mile Drug Racing Track Facility near Salt Lake City."

In addition to the Autotech 2024 event, we have made contact with interested parties through our website (utahutah.com), word of mouth, and social media. The interest and need is extremely strong for a facility in the SLC area. We have 1000 photos of racers who have signed our letter for assistance.

We have also contacted Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (USITLA) and spoke with their representative who has responsibility for the State owned property at 4000 W. South Temple, also called Salt Lake County landfill. We strongly believe this is the best location to construct a facility to meet the motor sports need without impacting surrounding and historic cultural economic growth opportunities for the racers, with the benefit of Utah as a primary destination.

Additionally, we have reached out to Senator Romney's office to ask for his help with economic assistance to help meet the motor sports need. We would like to know if he is able to help with this need and see it as an opportunity for a long term positive economic and recreational impact. We believe there is strong potential for a positive impact to the Utah Tourism industry as well. Thank you for your consideration!

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February 22, 2024

To: United States Senator Mitt Romney
From: Utah Drug Racing Coalition (UDRC)
Re: Assistance request

Dear Senator Romney,

We are writing to address the urgent need for a Quarter Mile Drug Racing Track Facility near Salt Lake City and to ask for your assistance to help meet this recreational motor sports need.

Since Rocky Mountain Raceway (RMR) closed in 2019, the need for a quarter mile dragstrip has never been greater in the Salt Lake Valley. Last night illegal street racing has become a serious problem in city, town, and county roads along the Wasatch Front. The former "Midnight Drag" street weekends at RMR served the public with a venue for racers of all demographics to test their cars, compete, and practice race. Now, racers are required to travel approximately 100 hours to Las Vegas NV, Rose Hill, or Grand Junction CO to meet these needs. As a result, a rise in illegal and unsafe drag racing is occurring in the Salt Lake area streets.

We are writing to respectfully ask for your help with economic assistance and guidance from your perspective as our Utah Senator. A single day drag racing facility housing events close to the Salt Lake Valley will certainly have a positive economic impact on the state and local community. Drug Racing in the SLC area has a 100-year history at RMR, formerly Romneyville Raceway, which also hosted regional and national events with NHRA. Reestablishing drag racing at the NHRA level would certainly add to Utah tourism as well. "Bringing drag racing back safely to the Salt Lake Valley" is our mission statement.

The grass roots group of drag racers and enthusiasts here, is for fans of Utah's assistance with a place of land that accommodates the need. A long term lease on a state owned property in an area that is suitable to the location is the ideal. A facility located a fair and reasonable distance from residential areas is an important consideration since the drag racing sport is known to be loud.

Would you please consider helping meet this need and see it as an opportunity for a long term positive economic and recreational impact? As mentioned previously, we believe the potential for a positive impact to the Utah Tourism industry as well. Thank you for your consideration!

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