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Esteemed council people, I am hoping that some monitoring and preventative measures will be provided in regard to traffic safety concerns caused by the upcoming St. George Temple Open House, specifically on 200 E. The Open House is currently planned from September 15th through November 11th, 2023, spanning almost two full months. I live right behind the temple and have to pass it any time I leave my house. It has been a four-year struggle of dodging distracted, rubber necking drivers who pull on and off the road while ogling the building's construction. I have personally almost been hit several times by drivers who are focused on finding the best view to peep through the fence from their vehicle, often driving at a snail's pace speed or driving down the "suicide" lane or the shoulders of the road and swerving back into the normal traffic lane without warning. The apartments in this area are often home to multiple people in one house, such as my household of four active young adults. We rely on the street space for parking, not just for our guests but our own families. The traffic on the road from visitors and construction crews has crowded up the street 5-6 days a week. I can only imagine that once the oldest LDS temple in the world is reopened for public viewing, that the traffic down this street will be impossible to battle. I hope that with the concerns that have come up with other nearby events causing parking and traffic congestion (e.g., the Farmers Market at the nearby Vernon Worthen Park most Saturdays, which I love and frequently attend), that consideration would be taken for an ongoing event such as the Open House. As it is now, the Farmer's Market traffic does not hold a candle to the constant safety issues I have experienced on the roads directly surrounding the temple, especially 200 E. Thank you for all you do for our city. Working in administration for a smaller scale community (SunRiver), I know that the work required to better our community, meet the needs of the constituents, and create functional and fair processes can sometimes feel like figuring out an incomplete algebra equation. Thanks for keeping the world turning around these parts.

Attachments: