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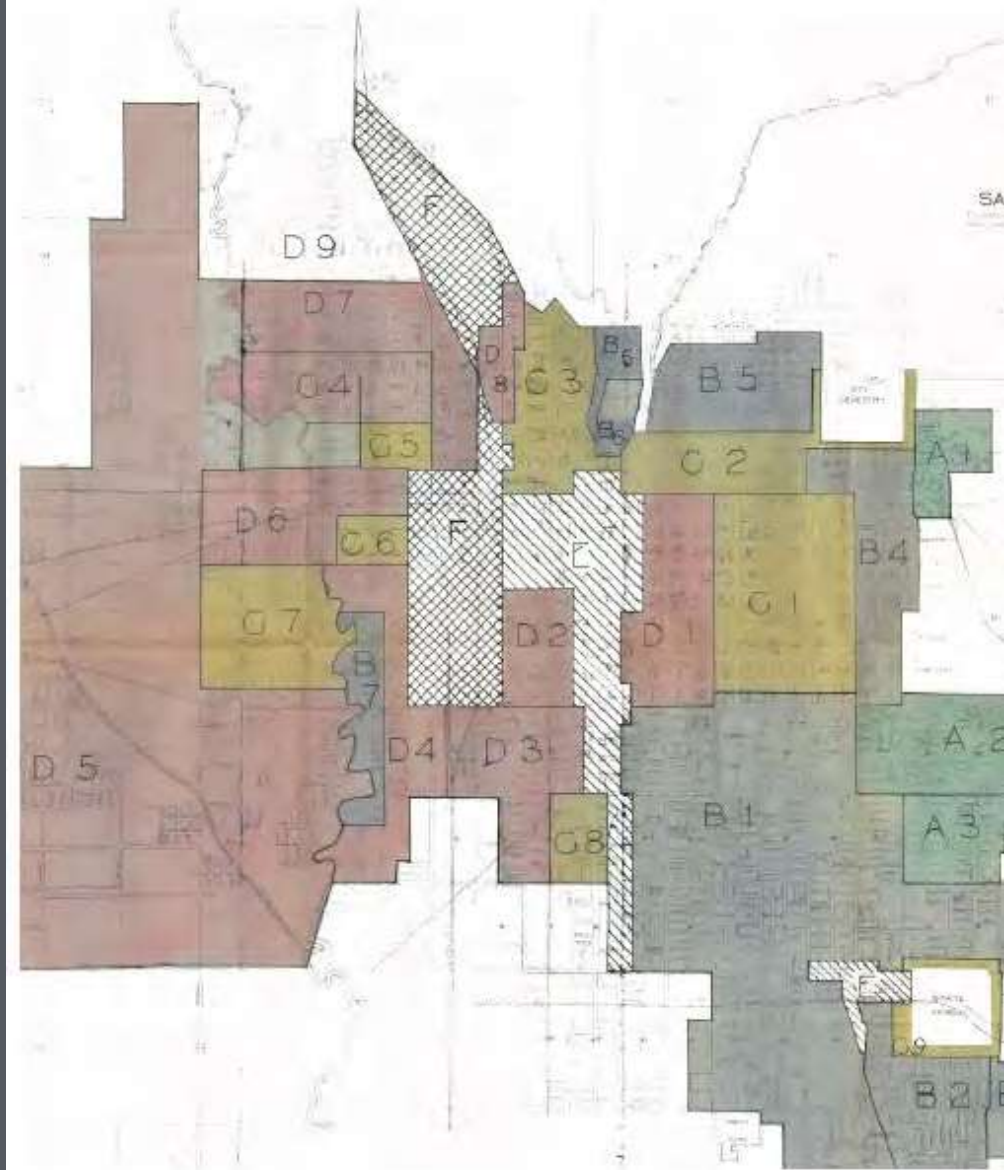
Healing Salt Lake City's East-West Divide

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Historic Context

- Heavy rail predates most Westside neighborhoods (1870s)
- Redlining in the 1940s and 1950s reinforced the divide
- I-15 and I-215 further disrupt communities
- Intercontinental railroad and interstates accomplished their goals:
 - Destruction of local communities was not considered or viewed as collateral damage
- Distrust in agencies that provide infrastructure has been well-earned among affected communities
- Physical and psychological divides are still very much in place



Community Conversation

- No predetermined solution
- All are welcome to participate; focus on engaging those directly affected by the divide
- Citizen advisory council
 - First priority
 - Directly involved in all following work
 - Compensated
- Heavy emphasis on CBOs
- Citywide outreach online and in-person



Aims of the Project

- Define the problem of the divide
- Examine a broad set of possible solutions
- Evaluate solutions
 - Likelihood
 - Second-order effects
 - Relationship to the defined problem statement
- Choose a solution or program of solutions
- Design and seek funding



Scope and Budget

- **\$3.7M total:** USDOT, UTA, and SLC
- **\$225K:** dedicated to Community Based Organizations
- **\$90K:** dedicated to local artist
- **Timeline:** 24 months following kickoff
- **UDOT** is the direct recipient and monitors federal compliance

