

Central Wasatch Commission Update





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Utah Transit Authority
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The Central Wasatch Commission

A unique effort

Local governments and elected officials operating by consensus to address longstanding issues and aspirations for the Central Wasatch Mountains.

Convenes

Conflict resolution

Achieve cooperation

Assist State



Member Jurisdiction Benefits



Consensus approach to land and watershed protection, transportation improvements, and decision making



Ski Bus Priority Access Program



Short-Term improvements in the mountains



The Visitor-Use Study



The Environmental Dashboard



Regional stakeholder involvement





Member Jurisdictions

Transit and Transportation Interests

Roger Borgenicht, Utahns for Better
Transportation
Danny Richardson, Sandy City resident

Recreation Interests

Tom Diegel, Wasatch Backcountry Alliance
Caitlin Curry, Utah Backcountry Hunters and
Anglers
Sarah Bennett, Trails Utah
Dennis Goreham, Wasatch Mountain Club
Bri Sullivan, Women of the Wasatch
Patrick Morrison, Utah Office of Outdoor
Recreation
Ed Marshall, Log Haven Restaurant

Economic Interests

Amber Broadaway, Solitude Mountain Resort
Mike Doyle, Brighton Ski Resort
Dave Fields, Snowbird Ski Resort
Morgan Mingle, Park City Chamber and Visitors
Bureau

Conservation Interests

Spencer Shaver, Save Our Canyons
Pat Shea, Friends of Alta
Megan Nelson, The Nature Conservancy
Joanna Wheelton, Cottonwood Canyons
Foundation
Jonny Vasic, Utah Physicians for a Healthy
Environment

CWC Stakeholders

Community Councils and Homeowner Associations

Barbara Cameron, Big Cottonwood Canyon Community Association
Del Draper, Secret Lake Cabin Owners Association
John Knoblock, Mt Olympus Community Council
Kurt Hegmann, Mill D Cabin Owners Association

Private Citizens

Michael Marker, Little Cottonwood Canyon resident
Kelly Boardman, Cottonwood Heights resident
Adam Lenkowski, Sandy City resident
Linda Johnson, Salt Lake City resident
Sally Kaiser, Millcreek City resident
Brenden Catt, Salt Lake City resident
John Adams, Cottonwood Heights resident
Kurt Hegmann, Millcreek City resident

Culture & Education Interests

Dan Zalles, League of Women Voters
Maura Hahnenberger, Salt Lake Community College
Hilary Lambert, Wasatch Mountain Institute

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The CWC's Transit and Transportation Work over the Years

A 2019 contribution to UTA for a Ski Bus service increase that resulted in a 27% increase in ski bus trips to the Cottonwood Canyon resorts.

UTA Ski Bus Priority Access Program
(2020 -- 2024)

The Mountain Transportation System
Project Work and Report (2021)

The Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility
Action Plan (2023)

Support for Backcountry Ski Shuttles
servicing Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon
(2022 – 2024)

Looking Ahead

- Continued inclusion of UTA as a CWC Ex Officio member.
- Continuation of the UTA Ski Bus Priority Access Program
- Continued support for short-term projects, including canyon shuttles
- Potential for a more robust partnership to deliver shuttle service to the Cottonwood Canyons, if there is need.
- Mountain Accord called for transit improvements in Parley's Canyon, a Millcreek Canyon Shuttle program, which the CWC has yet to accomplish.



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Thank you. Questions?

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