



## Stakeholders Council Recommendation to the CWC Board

MEMO

To: Central Wasatch Commission

CC: CWC Staff

From: Stakeholders Council

Subject: Little Cottonwood Canyon Transportation Solutions

Date: December 17, 2025

Dear Commissioners:

**WHEREAS**, the escalating transportation challenges and enormous problems within Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC) necessitate prompt and effective interventions; and

**WHEREAS**, enhanced busing represents the fastest way to reduce traffic congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mountain Accord evaluated transportation options and rejected aerial transit; and

**WHEREAS**, the data provided to the Stakeholders Council have not shown the ability of a gondola to materially affect the traffic issues while potentially adding challenging traffic problems to and from LaCaille; and

**WHEREAS**, available data consistently indicate that currently available gondola configurations lack the necessary capacity to transport sufficient people during the critical hours of 08:00-10:30;

**WHEREAS**, essentially all mechanical devices have failures sooner or later, and the difficulty or impossibility of gondola evacuations could create safety risks and liabilities;

**WHEREAS**, a cog rail solution, if needed, has the largest carrying capacity, fastest un/loading abilities, best potential for whistle stops for dispersed recreation, and potentially seamless tie-in to the airport to produce the optimal potential to reduce need for rental cars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) Board previously released its guiding "Pillars for Transportation Solutions in the Central Wasatch Mountains;"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Central Wasatch Commission's Stakeholder Council does hereby respectfully request that the Central Wasatch Commission 1) revisit and re-evaluate the "Pillars for Transportation Solutions;" 2) encourage the immediate implementation of enhanced busing to help mitigate traffic problems; 3) oppose the proposed gondola; and 4) reopen analyses and if there is a needed consideration of potential transportation solutions within Little Cottonwood Canyon beyond enhanced busing, including a balanced analysis of cog rail considering utilization of the existing, original railbed.



-Presented to the Commissioners by the Chair and Co-Chair of the Stakeholders Council

**[Staff will complete the following section]**

This matter was brought to a vote on December 17, 2025 and stakeholder votes are listed below.

Those in favor:

- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
- (etc.)

- 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
- (etc.)

Those in abstention:

- 1.
  - 2.
- (etc.)

Absent:

- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
- (etc.)

Those opposed:

- 1.