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Central Wasatch Commission
Short-Term Projects Grant Program

To whom it may concern,

As the owner of Bonanza Flat Conservation Area, Park City is pleased to express our strong support for the proposed expansion of the Transit to Trails program to the Wasatch Front. We work in close partnership with Utah Open Lands to steward Bonanza Flat Conservation Area and manage public access in ways that protect natural resources and support safe, sustainable recreation. Transit to Trails, now known as the Purple 9 Line, has become one of the most practical tools we use to responsibly manage recreation access. Expanding it to the Wasatch Front is a straightforward way to reduce vehicle-related impacts while maintaining safe, sustainable recreation.

The existing shuttle service connecting Park City to Bonanza Flat Conservation Area has been instrumental in reducing vehicle congestion, minimizing vehicle-related impacts, and improving the overall experience for trail users. Therefore, expanding this system to better serve recreationists living along the Wasatch Front is a timely and necessary next step. A significant portion of Bonanza Flat Conservation Area visitors originate from the Salt Lake Valley, but those trips currently rely primarily on personal vehicles. Providing a reliable transit option helps reduce transportation impacts before they reach sensitive canyon corridors, while supporting sustainable public access and protecting the scenic and recreational values that define the Central Wasatch.

Just as importantly, this expansion promotes equitable access by ensuring transportation options are available to a broader cross section of the public who value and rely on these lands for recreation, health, and connection to nature. A healthier community is a more resilient community, and thoughtful transportation solutions play an important role in supporting both people and place.

We view this project as a natural and appropriate evolution of the Transit to Trails system prior to its adoption into the Park City Transportation System. It strengthens regional partnerships, supports sustainable recreation, and advances shared stewardship of Bonanza Flat Conservation Area and surrounding public lands. We strongly support Utah Open Lands' request for Central Wasatch Commission funding and appreciate the Commission's consideration of this important regional project.

Sincerely,



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