



Central Wasatch Commission
Short-Term Projects Committee Meeting
2/24/20 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Salt Lake City County Building,
Cannon Room - 3rd Floor
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Committee Membership
Chair: Councilor Jim Bradley
Co-Chair: Councilor Marci Houseman
Member: Mayor Erin Mendenhall
CWC Staff to Committee: Lindsey Nielsen

Call for Short-Term Project Proposals

Following the 2019 retreat of the Central Wasatch Commission Board, the Commission moved to create three committees that would focus on issues pertaining to the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act and land tenure issues in the Central Wasatch, transportation issues to consider a model for a broader mountain transportation system, and short-term projects that would help further the goals of the Central Wasatch Commission by identifying projects that implement transportation and transit solutions, protect the ecosystems that originate in the Central Wasatch, steward recreational access, and sustain the economic viability of the Cottonwood Canyons.

The Central Wasatch Commission formed in 2017 through an interlocal agreement, and is comprised of eight jurisdictions along the Central Wasatch Front and Back: Summit County, Park City, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Millcreek, Cottonwood Heights, Sandy City, and Town of Alta. Its mission is to implement the Mountain Accord which laid out proposals for addressing four major issue areas specific to the Central Wasatch Mountains: transportation, economic viability, environmental sustainability, and recreation stewardship. The Central Wasatch Commission carries out that objective through its work on the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act, partnerships with UDOT, UTA and other transportation agencies to find canyon transportation solutions, and the Environmental Dashboard.

The Central Wasatch Commission is also tasked with coordinating among the many stakeholders and varied interests in the Central Wasatch Mountains including private property owners, ski resorts, representatives from the environmental and recreation communities, elected leaders at the federal, state, and local levels, and the Utah residents who enjoy the natural wonder the Central Wasatch Mountains offer.

The Short-Term Projects Committee is requesting ideas for projects to consider and potentially pursue. The project ideas should adhere to the following criteria:

A project specific to the project area of the Central Wasatch Commission, which includes Millcreek Canyon, Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon, and Parley's Corridor that expressly furthers the protection of the watershed and ecosystems in the tri-canyon area, the stewardship of year-round recreational access in the tri-canyon area, canyon transportation improvements, and the economic vitality of the tri-canyon area, as set out in Mountain Accord.

A project that is largely noticeable by the public and which falls under one or more of the following categories of canyon transportation, environmental protection, recreational stewardship, or economic sustainability;

A project that largely does not require lengthy NEPA analysis, a project for which NEPA is already completed, or a project that is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion from NEPA;

For projects proposed on public land, the appropriate land manager must be a documented project partner. Documentation could include a letter of support from the land manager, or dedicated funds from the land manager;

A project with a timeline of planning to implementation not to exceed 12 months;

A project with a comprehensive budget not to exceed a total request from the Central Wasatch Commission of \$60,000. Proposals with dedicated funds from the applying entity, or community partners will be given increased weighting during the review process;

A project proposed by a non-profit organization, a community group, or private citizen.

Details for Submission

Please describe your project idea in a proposal not to exceed 3,000 words, including:

1. A description of the project idea including a description of labor, material, outreach, and monetary requirements;
2. A description of community and land manager partners for the project;
3. A project timeline;
4. A detailed project budget, including a description of any community funds available for the project.

Project proposals should be submitted to the Central Wasatch Commission digitally by emailing Lindsey Nielsen at lindsey@cw.utah.gov. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis, though, **priority will be given to proposals submitted before April 10th, 2020.**