



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

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Explanatory Memo

This meeting memo will provide context for each agenda item, including an explanation of the discussion and action items we'll be asking each Committee member to consider.

The Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant

1. The Silver Lake Boardwalk project draft grant proposal and the White Pine Bridge project draft grant proposal
 - a. Staff have drafted Utah Outdoor Recreation (UOR) Tier 2 grant proposals for two projects -- the Silver Lake Boardwalk restoration project, and the White Pine Bridge restoration project for the Committee to review, provide edits on, and ultimately decide which one, or both for staff to submit.
 - b. Silver Lake: After meeting with the Forest Service, Salt Lake County, and other interested partners, and on recommendation from those organizations, CWC staff opted to submit a grant application for a few of the lower-cost phases of the Silver Lake Boardwalk project that total \$150,000 (the maximum dollar amount for eligible Tier 2 UOR grant proposals), rather than the full project that is estimated to total about \$3,000,000. Various factors went into this decision including the following:
 - i. UOR will be awarding two large \$500,000 Regional Asset Tier grants this cycle -- one rural and one urban project. Salt Lake County will also be submitting a large scale Regional Asset tier grant proposal for the Jordan River Water Trail project, which would count as an urban project proposal, meaning if the CWC were to submit a Regional Asset Tier proposal for the Silver Lake Boardwalk project, we'd be competing against Salt Lake County for the same pool of funding. If Committee members think staff should submit the Silver Lake Boardwalk Project at the large Regional Asset Tier, staff will proceed accordingly.
 - ii. Staff have identified partner funds for the Silver Lake Boardwalk Project from Salt Lake County (\$100,000, which will need to be spent at Silver Lake by 2021), and the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (\$10,000, dedicated specifically to Silver Lake Boardwalk). Salt Lake City Public Utilities have earmarked funds for projects directly benefiting the watershed, and the Central Wasatch Commission has \$60,000 in its

current budget allocated for projects. All of this means that the match component, required for UOR grant proposals, exists for the Silver Lake project at the Tier 2 (\$150,000 maximum request) level, where it perhaps doesn't quite exist at the Regional Asset (\$500,000 maximum request) level. If we submit the Silver Lake proposal at the Tier 2 level, there is potential to continue planning throughout the year to come up with additional funds from community partners, and make a Regional Asset Tier proposal for the project next year, if UOR continues the large scale grant in 2021.

- c. White Pine: The White Pine Bridge restoration project is projected to cost between \$110,00 and \$155,000 (according to Forest Service estimates). This project would have a direct benefit to the watershed (because this restoration project would convert the passage from the current culverts to a bridge) in Little Cottonwood Canyons, making this project eligible for the SLCPU earmarked funds. Again, the CWC has allocated \$60,000 for projects.

Staff are asking the Committee to review both grant proposals, and discuss the benefits of submitting one proposal over the other, or both. We ask that the committee decide what kind of recommendation to make to the full Commission for consideration during the March 9th Board meeting. The deadline for grant proposal submission is March 20th, 2020.

Identified Projects Matrix

1. Committee members requested to see a matrix containing a list of already-identified, "shovel-ready" projects that have been filtered into the four focus areas, as laid out in Mountain Accord: environment, recreation, transportation, and economy during the January Short Term Projects Committee meeting. [The matrix is here.](#)

Staff are asking the Committee to review the matrix, and discuss the benefit of using the matrix as a tool to organize both the already-identified projects, and any proposals the CWC receives as a result of the call for project ideas.

Call for Project Proposals

1. Committee members requested edits be made to the Call for Project Proposals document initially presented to the Committee during the January meeting. Staff implemented the requested edits and are presenting this second draft Call for Project Proposals document for Committee review.
2. If the Committee requests edits to the Call for Project Proposals document, staff will amend the document as requested, and communicate those changes with Committee members electronically before the March 9th Commission meeting. If the Committee approves the Call for Project Proposals document in its current form, staff will include the document in the meeting materials for the Commission meeting on March 9th, as well as an explanation of the review and selection timeline.
3. Staff propose three project proposal review checkpoints:
 - a. One: The CWC will accept proposals on a rolling basis, with priority given to proposals received before April 10th. After April 10th, staff will begin a first round review of the proposals, preparing proposals to deliver to the Short Term Projects Committee to review during its late-April meeting (which has yet to be scheduled).

- b. Two: During its late-April meeting, the Short-Term Projects Committee will further refine the group of project proposals to deliver to the full Commission for its review during the May 4th public meeting.
- c. Three: The Commission will consider the finalist project proposals and collectively decide a project, or projects to fund.

Staff are asking the Committee to review the Call for Project Proposals document, and discuss the proposed timeline for review by the full Commission on March 9th, opening the call for project proposals if and when the Commission approves the document, staff conducting a first round review of proposals the second half of April and identifying “second-round” proposals, which will then be delivered to the Short Term Projects Committee for Committee members to review and select finalists to be presented to the full the Commission during its May 4th public meeting. This timeframe will also allow the CWC Budget/Finance Committee to review and support recommendations.

If the Short Term Projects Committee ultimately decides that the proposed timeline for opening the Call, review process, and presentation to the full Commission in May is satisfactory, staff will proceed accordingly.