

Big Cottonwood Canyon Transportation Funding

3.22.2023 for conversation at 4.4.2022 Board: Dan Knopp lead

Who:

- CWC Transportation Committee, UDOT, UTA, FS, Brighton, Rep. Bennion, Brighton Town Councilmember, Rep. Spendlove, Sen. Cullimore, Stakeholders, SL Co, Ski Resorts, WFRM, Conservation Groups, Big Cottonwood Canyon Community Council, property owners, Central Wasatch Commission Stakeholder Council Members
 - May need topic-specific subcommittees

What:

- Define transportation, mobility, and safety problems in BCC with consensus
- Timeline: complete work to secure appropriation in the 2023 legislative session

Potential Topics for Central Wasatch Commission Transportation Committee

- Scope and process for Big Cottonwood Canyon Transportation NEPA
- Role of agencies: Forest Service, UDOT, Utah Transit Authority, Central Wasatch Commission, WFRM
- Preliminary Issues for Big Cottonwood Canyon (TBD)
 - Bus and Transit Improvements – alternatives – costs (short-term and life-cycle), efficiency, effectiveness, user experience, environmental impact
 - Traffic Demand Management
 - Parking in Big Cottonwood Canyon (along road and at ski areas and trailheads)
 - Parking/Transportation Hubs at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon
 - Tie of transit for Big Cottonwood Canyon with Valley and other Canyons
 - Watershed and natural area impacts
 - Amount of increased visitor use from transportation improvements and impacts on visitor use and management
 - Addressing impacts on residents and businesses in Big Cottonwood Canyon
 - Addressing impacts on community (Cottonwood Heights) at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon
 - Funding options for implementation

Where:

- Several hybrid meetings throughout the year

When:

- April- Call to reconvene Transportation Committee (Knopp, Weichers, Zoltanski)
- May- Call to order, lay out timeline, goals, and commitments
- July- Scope, purpose, and need
- September- Refinements and developments of specific asks

- December- Have appropriation request ready w/ Leg Sponsors, including intent language

Why:

- Address transportation, mobility, and safety problems in Big Cottonwood Canyon and impacts and mitigation for region, environment, and users

Staff To Do:

- Call Chris R. about reconstituting a Transportation Committee, which would consist of Dan Knopp, Mike Weicher, and Monica Zoltanski
- Ask Mike and Monica if they'd be willing to participate
- Call Gay Lynn Bennion, Rep. Spendlove, and Sen, Cullimore about this plan; ask them to participate