

## **Tim Tingey**

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**From:** Mary Ellen Van Engelenhoven [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 1:05 PM  
**To:** Tim Tingey  
**Subject:** [EXT:]My comments for tonight's city council meeting

(I apologize for sending this from my work email. I'm having issues with my personal email. Can you please confirm you received this? Thank you.)

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**I am unable to attend the meeting in person but would like my comments read at it.**

I have lived in CH for 32 years. I grew up skiing in the mountains of Utah and guess what? In my 64 years of skiing, there has - and always will be - backed up cars in both Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons on snow days, sunny days and regular days. A gondola will not solve this problem.

I am not in favor of the massive commercial parking garage for those people who decide to take the proposed gondola up the canyon to access the ski resorts. Instead, please consider using supportive east west and north south transit infrastructure placed before putting up a gondola.

We know UDOT has said their preferred plans will NOT decrease canyon ski traffic. With their statement, why did UDOT even say the gondola was the preferred way to relieve traffic up the canyon? It makes me think of the many closed-door meetings of this decision and who stands to profit. Remember the traffic problems in Zions National Park? And how did they solve it? Shuttles/buses. It's the most relaxed way to visit the park. Couldn't this work for our beautiful canyons we all want to enjoy?

CH does not want to become the city known for sitting by the sidelines while the gondola is constructed. CH has a rare opportunity come to the front lines and be a part of the solution in promoting infrastructure changes to improve safety, walkability, bikeability and mobility throughout CH. Wasatch Blvd can become more connected to Fort Union and Bengal Blvds. right now through improvements and projects the CH City Council can approve.

Our City Council and Mayor Weichers are people we elected and we expect them to represent the will of their constituents.

If the gondola does go forward, what will the future of Big Cottonwood Canyon look like? Another gondola?

I urge the City Council to use the funding now to make improvements to enhance the walkability and bike safety of Wasatch Blvd now. Please continue to unite the CH in opposing the gondola. We all deserve to live in a city where human safety is valued.

Thank you.

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**From:** Heather Dance <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 12:18 PM  
**To:** Tim Tingey  
**Subject:** [EXT:]City Council meeting TONIGHT - comments to please read

Below are some comments pertaining to Wasatch Blvd I would love to be considered at the meeting tonight:

I have lived east of Wasatch Blvd for the 5 years we have lived in Cottonwood Heights. I have 5 young children with friends who live west of Wasatch. I am concerned about having my kids ride their bikes or walk to their friends homes because of the **speed of traffic** on Wasatch. Coming down Kings Hill Dr is a blind corner with traffic going 50+mph. Golden Hills intersection was poorly designed with a 50+ MPH lane (coming out of Little Cottonwood) ending **right** where Golden Hills enters Wasatch. The high T intersection with a light, is NOT conducive to foot traffic crossing. There are two traffic lights (3500 E, Bangerter) crossing Wasatch that are NOT safe for crossing with 50 MPH traffic running lights and right turns being made into a fast highway. I do not feel safe having my kids travel a distance they should be able to. Would you feel safe sending your kids to cross these roads on their own? South of 9400 S, traffic is 35/40 miles per hour and cars largely follow those speeds.

There is a very large neighborhood east of Wasatch that will be detached from Cottonwood Heights if the road becomes widened and speeds stay 50+.

I compare Wasatch to Bangerter Highway. Bangerter used to be a commuter road with lower speeds and traffic lights, but now it is literally a freeway. Cottonwood Heights is a community that doesn't need to be broken up by large, high speed roads. I hope Cottonwood Heights elected officials can do their best to be an example for the cities around the valley. We can have roads conducive to bikes and pedestrians while still allowing cars to pass through.

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Heather Dance

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**From:** Gwendolyn Adams - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 10:16 AM  
**To:** Tim Tingey  
**Subject:** [EXT:]Comments to read at Council Meeting

Hi Tim,

I understand that I can have my comments read at the council meeting even though I cannot attend. Thanks for this opportunity.

As a Cottonwood Heights business owner, resident, parent, and neighbor, I feel so discouraged about UDOT's choices and how they intend to negatively impact our neighborhood. It feels like they do not care for what is best for our community when it comes to safety or using our tax dollars responsibly. Wasatch Boulevard already makes it unsafe for my children to get to school without being driven, we cannot walk or bike to the park, the grocery store or play dates across Wasatch because of the large, fast, and car-centered design. Zion National Park has 5 million visitors a year and keeps their gateway roads safe and friendly for bikers, walkers, and all user groups. We get considerably less traffic than this - let's follow their example.

Knowing that UDOT intends to make this situation even worse to benefit a few select businesses is unacceptable and unfair. I ask that our leadership problem-solve and do everything they can to support the people of Cottonwood Heights so we can get around safely in our immediate community and have our tax dollars go towards things that benefit the greater good. Please stand up for us and use your power and influence where I cannot.

Thank you for listening, Gwendolyn Adams

Gwendolyn Adams  
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**From:** Gary Sandberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 1:10 PM  
**To:** Tim Tingey  
**Subject:** [EXT:]COMMENTS FOR TODAYS COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MTG.

Dear Council Members,

As you know, recently, UDOT announced their recommendation supporting a Gondola up Little Cottonwood Canyon in their final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). <https://littlecottonwoodeis.udot.utah.gov/final-eis/>.

I am very concerned UDOT might have bowed to political pressure, thus limiting the alternatives to Little Cottonwood canyon. Broader proposals that included Big Cottonwood Canyon and the other resorts in our treasured Wasatch mountains seem to have been ignored.

Whether you are for or against a gondola , you should know that a Final Comment Period on this EIS opened on September 2 and closes on October 17, 2022. I encourage everyone interested in this project to comment on the final EIS. <https://littlecottonwoodeis.udot.utah.gov/#comment-form>

UDOT especially needs to hear from Cottonwood Heights residents, whatever your position on this EIS is. The impact of the proposed Gondola on our local traffic and our community will be substantial.

After the comment period ends, UDOT will issue its final record of decision. That is expected sometime this winter.

If I am elected to represent Cottonwood Heights in the state legislature, I will push to have the Final Record of Decision put off until the Legislature has a chance to review the work that UDOT has done, the alternatives that were considered, the proposed alternatives that were not considered, and assurances that the NEPA process was followed.

As your Legislator, I will insist that the State Legislature be given a full accounting of all the alternatives, including those that address the congestion issue in a wider context.

Sincerely,

Gary Sandberg  
House District 41 - Candidate

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**From:** Brandon Patterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 8:18 AM  
**To:** Tim Tingey  
**Subject:** [EXT:]Note for Council Meeting

As a community member who lives and works in Salt Lake and recreates in Little and Big Cottonwood, I would be supportive of increasing transit infrastructure east west and north south before putting in a gondola. For instance, could the s-line in Sugarhouse connect to a transit hub leading to the canyons?

Brandon Patterson

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**From:** Dagmar James [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** Tim Tingey  
**Subject:** [EXT:]Comments about the Gondola for tonights meeting

Unfortunately I cannot attend tonight's meeting because I have to work but I just wish to express my frustration with UDOT for not listening to the citizens along Wasatch Blvd. How does a Gondola solve the traffic problem? Why not have just more buses on super busy days? I don't understand how building a super expensive gondola (when there is already a road) is going to solve the problem?

And making Wasatch Blv. wider when we desperately need a lower speed limit? I ask the CEO and board members of UDOT to come to our neighborhood on a Friday or Saturday evening and witness that some cars and motorcycles speed up to over 60, 70 mph up Wasatch Blvd. This is so dangerous! We don't have a sidewalk but lets widen the road for more cars.

Also, not that we can compare our canyons with National Parks but NP found a solution managing the crowds without paving and building gondolas. Why can't we first try out a better bus system before we say yes to a gondola that only people want who don't live here, in our neighborhood?

Thank you for your time.

Dagmar James

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**From:** Michelle Cowan - [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:17 PM  
**To:** Tim Tingey  
**Subject:** [EXT:]CWH Council - Comments for tonight's meeting

Hello Tim,

As a long time CW resident and a Utah Local, I disagree with the gondola and everything that comes with it. Please listen to the community, there are so many other ways to move people up the canyon. The traffic problem isn't going to be resolved by putting more cars on Wasatch to get to a parking lot. The traffic problem (that is limited to a few powder days a year) is on Wasatch Blvd from Ft Union to 9400 South. We need a UTA hub near the gravel pit to get people off of Wasatch and on public transportation.

More traffic makes the road more dangerous, increased noise pollution and loss of beauty between our beloved canyons. We need to appreciate what we have in Cottonwood Heights and make it safer for our community.

We are a family of bikers and would love to see improvements to Wasatch Blvd, extended bike lanes, lowered MPH (35) similar to other stretches of Wasatch. Please do not allow Wasatch Blvd to become another Bangerter Highway!!

Thanks in advance,

Michelle Cowan  
[REDACTED]

SLC, UT 84121

City Council and City Managers

It is my great hope that you will come together and support the Community of Cottonwood Heights, who don't want the Gondola, parking structure, nor the widening of Wasatch Blvd. I have had many conversations with residents and tax payers that believe the Little Cottonwood EIS process to be a sham and a waste of taxpayer's money.

My hope is that you will choose to lower speeds, expand bike lanes, and build walkways on both side of Wasatch Blvd. You will support the people who live along Wasatch that are cut off by the reckless design of the current roadway, which will only become more dangerous if UDOT is able to move ahead with their automobile centric expansion of Wasatch.

Please understand that we don't want our tax dollars supporting a proposition that will only benefit a few, mainly Snowbird, Alta and CW Management.

Additionally, I hope that you will not allow ANY re zoning of property along Wasatch Blvd. which would allow further giveaways to future businesses aligned with the Wasatch expansion and the Gondola giveaway.

Sincerely

Leslie Kovach

## Paula Melgar

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**From:** Tim Tingey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:56 PM  
Paula Melgar  
FW: [EXT:]To be read at the City Council meeting tonight

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From: Diane FORSTER-BURKE [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:48 PM  
To: Tim Tingey <TTingey@ch.utah.gov>  
Subject: [EXT:]To be read at the City Council meeting tonight

Dear Council members,

I am not in town to attend the Council meeting tonight so have written my comment to you in order for it to be entered into the record.

I live at [REDACTED] I can observe traffic from my home. The ONLY time that there is considerable traffic on Wasatch is on "fresh powder days" on the weekends and this occurs only from late November to early March. With climate change, I really believe that we will see fewer fresh powder days, except when the resorts make their own snow. The gondola is not needed and is an extremely expensive gift to 2 ski resorts. I do not want any of my tax dollars being used for such a devastating plan as gondola towers going up Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC).

I walk along Wasatch Blvd. I see bicyclists regularly using Wasatch. There is not a need to widen Wasatch to include additional lanes of traffic. We only need to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists who use this road by having bike/pedestrian lanes. When UDOT put in the "escape" lane coming out of LCC, Wasatch became a "speedway" for motorists who choose to exceed even 50 mph and who violate all noise ordinances with loudly gunning their engines. Wasatch speeds need to be lowered and keep the winding nature of the road. We do not need to straighten it and make more speeding zones.

Thank you. Diane Forster-Burke

Sent from my iPad