



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FY 2022/2023 BUDGET, HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:30 P.M. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. THE ANCHOR LOCATION WAS MILLCREEK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**Board Members:** Chair Christopher F. Robinson  
Mayor Jeff Silvestrini  
Mayor Monica Zoltanski  
Mayor Michael Weichers  
Mayor Erin Mendenhall  
Mayor Dan Knopp  
Mayor Roger Bourke  
Mayor Nann Worel  
Ex-Officio Carlton Christensen  
Ex-Officio Annalee Munsey

**Staff:** Blake Perez, CWC Executive Director of Policy  
Lindsey Nielsen, CWC Executive Director of Administration  
Madeline Pettit, Community Engagement Intern  
Shane Topham, CWC Legal Counsel

**Others:** Josh Van Jura  
Bri Bennebose  
Carl Fisher  
Lance Kovel  
David Whittekiend  
Evelyn Everton  
Barbara Cameron  
Ben Kraja  
Dennis Goreham  
Patrick Nelson  
Steve Van Maren  
Sally Kaiser  
William McCarvill  
Angie Bauer-Fellows  
Chris McCandless  
Michael Marker  
Dave Fields

Theresa Heinrich  
Patrick Shea  
Kara John  
Mary Young  
Todd Young  
Amy Salveter  
Marian Rice  
Abi Holt  
Kirk Nichols  
Mike DeVries

## **PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET**

### **1. Jeff Silvestrini, Treasurer of the CWC's Executive/Budget/Audit Committee ("EBAC") will Present the CWC's FY 2022/2023 Budget Amendment.**

Chair Chris Robinson welcomed those present and explained that this was a public hearing on the proposed Central Wasatch Commission ("CWC") Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget amendment. The purpose of the meeting was to receive public input on the proposed budget amendment. Chair Robinson reported that the budget amendment could be viewed on the CWC website. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini would also review the document with those present. Mayor Silvestrini explained that the purpose of the budget amendment was to accommodate a transportation plan for Big Cottonwood Canyon. There had been previous discussions about the plan at a CWC Board level.

Mayor Silvestrini explained that the Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan ("BCC MAP") was something the CWC would undertake. There would be discussions about a consulting contract during the CWC Board Meeting. The proposed budget amendment would increase the budget of the CWC by \$145,000. He clarified that \$10,000 of CWC funds had already been budgeted for this use and would transfer over from the Mountain Transportation System ("MTS") line item. Some entities, such as the Town of Brighton, ski resorts, and others, had offered to contribute money to fund the BCC MAP. For the organization to handle those contributions, the money needed to be received from the entities, and then the budget needed to be increased to expend the funds for their intended purpose. There also needed to be a public hearing.

### **2. Christopher F. Robinson will Open the Public Hearing as Chair of the Board of the Central Wasatch Commission ("CWC").**

Chair Robinson opened the public hearing.

*Carl Fisher* identified himself as the Executive Director of Save Our Canyons. The Utah Department of Transportation ("UDOT") Little Cottonwood Canyon Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") stated that buses would be purchased to phase the approach. Once funding for the preferred solution had been determined and the buses would roll over to Big Cottonwood Canyon. He wondered how that would impact the intended BCC MAP. He did not believe that the State had an interest in a coordinated transportation effort.

Mayor Silvestrini explained that the plans for Big Cottonwood Canyon were still vague and yet to be determined. The rollover buses may have been suggested by UDOT, but the proposed study would look at the science and determine what is most appropriate. Mayor Dan Knopp explained that the goal of the transportation study was to smooth out the bus routes. It would ensure that the existing resources worked more efficiently. It was important to have transit centers, bus lanes, and a phased transportation approach that could be implemented. Additional buses could be folded into the transportation work. The aim was to make every bus in Big Cottonwood Canyon count. Chair Robinson pointed out that no one should pre-judge the outcome of the study. It was important to be open-minded about the BCC MAP outcomes.

Mr. Fisher explained that there had been two dozen studies in the last 20 to 30 years related to the Cottonwood Canyons. Few of those studies had resulted in action. He wanted to understand how this process would be different and if the study would look at moving visitors to the canyons without vehicles. Mayor Knopp explained that the aim of the Transportation Study was to chase funding. With funding came actual outcomes. Rather than the Town of Brighton approaching the Legislature to ask for funds, it was recommended that the transportation study be completed and that the consultants track down funding sources. The intention was to find funding to move forward with transportation solutions.

#### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CWC'S FY 2022/2023 BUDGET**

1. **Christopher F. Robinson will Close the Public Hearing as Chair of the Board of the Central Wasatch Commission ("CWC").**

There were no further comments. Chair Robinson closed the public hearing.

The public hearing adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central Wasatch Commission Public Hearing held Monday, October 3, 2022.*

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