

RESOLUTION OF COMMON SENSE AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
CONCERNING LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON

WHEREAS, currently the population of the Wasatch Front is 1,661,835 and is projected to be 2,521,518 by 2050 more than 33% increase*;

WHEREAS, the Wasatch Front is in a mega drought which has not been replicated in more than 1200 years;

WHEREAS, there are serious funding shortfalls in housing, public education and healthcare;

WHEREAS, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has completed its final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) reviewing and recommending the taxpayers of Utah support an 8 ½ mile Gondola with phased approaches to alleviate traffic conditions in Little Cottonwood Canyon which by 2019 financial analysis would cost \$590,000,000;

WHEREAS, to date no time or fiscal projections have been made as to each of the phases.

WHEREAS, Upon its creation, the Central Wasatch Commission was tasked with carrying out projects initiated during the Mountain Accord process including federal legislation, the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act, the Environmental Dashboard, and canyon transportation improvements

WHEREAS, the piecemeal approach the CWC was organized to prevent is wreaking havoc, causing harm and destruction to our watershed, shared public lands, our treasured National Forests

THEREFORE, the Stakeholders Council (SC), a part of the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) resolves as follows:

1. The SC supports the common sense approach for alleviating traffic conditions in Little Cottonwood Canyon, particularly during the Winter ski season, provided that specific traffic flow goals are stated in 2022/23 and when the desired traffic flow numbers have been achieved the proposed Gondola construction would be eliminated.
2. The SC respectfully requests from both the CWC and UDOT an actual time table for the various phases, the target goal in traffic flow for each phase, and the estimated cost of each phase; and
3. The SC respectfully requests an integrated transit centric plan for traffic mitigation for Millcreek, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood Canyons, as well as, dispersed public transit hubs dispersed along the Wasatch Front and Summit County.
4. SC requests immediate action on federal legislation to protect against the damage the state seeks to initiate with its FEIS.

* Row Labels	2021	2050
Box Elder County	59,688	83,130
Davis County	367,285	529,710
Salt Lake County	1,186,421	1,572,359
Utah County	684,986	1,185,679
Weber County	267,066	366,031
Wasatch Front (w/Box Elder)	1,691,661	2,562,751
Wasatch Front (no Box Elder)	1,661,835	2,521,518

Source: 2021 – U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates,
2060 – Kem C. Gardner Long-Term Planning Projections