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**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022, AT 12:00 P.M. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. THE ANCHOR LOCATION WAS THE CWC OFFICES LOCATED AT GATEWAY AT 41 NORTH RIO GRANDE STREET, SUITE 102, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.**

**Present:**Mayor Dan Knopp, Chair

Mayor Mike Weichers, Co-Chair

Mayor Monica Zoltanski

Will McCarvill

Ralph Becker

Carl Fisher

Roger Borgenicht

Bekee Hotze

Erin O’Kelley

Angie Bauer-Fellows

Carlton Christensen

Mike Doyle

Amber Broadaway

Patrick Nelson

Grant Farnsworth

Eric Callison

Patrick Shea

Joey Alsop

Kimberly Bell

**Staff:** Blake Perez, Executive Director of Administration

Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director of Policy

**Open Transportation Committee Meeting**

1. **Chair Dan Knopp will Call the Meeting to Order and Welcome Committee Members and the Public.**

Chair Dan Knopp called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed those present.

1. **The Committee will Approve the Minutes from October 10, 2022.**

**MOTION:** Mayor Weichers moved to APPROVE the Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2022. Carlton Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Committee.

**Millcreek FLAP Discussion**

1. **Members from the Stakeholders Council Millcreek Canyon Committee will Discuss the Millcreek FLAP and Upcoming Actions.**

Executive Director of Administration, Blake Perez, reported that the intention was for Del Draper and Tom Diegel from the Millcreek Canyon Committee to share information about the Millcreek Federal Lands Access Program ("FLAP") grant. However, neither was present. He asked Stakeholders Council Co-Chair, Barbara Cameron, to share information. Ms. Cameron explained that the latest Millcreek Canyon Committee Meeting had been productive. Catherine Kanter was present and stated that she would address Committee concerns about the FLAP grant process.

**Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan**

1. **The Transportation Committee will Receive General Status Updates, Draft Outreach Plans, and Draft Vision, Goals, and Guiding Values.**

Angie Bauer-Fellows shared updates related to the Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan (“MAP”). She explained that the presentation would include general status updates, information about the public outreach plans, and the drafted language for the visions, goals, and guiding values. Ms. Bauer-Fellows stated that the mobility network analysis and mobility hub assessment were currently underway. This was the data gathering and analysis component of the work. There would be a workshop in December where some of the technical staff would provide information about gaps and outstanding issues. This would move the discussions toward solutions and prioritization. She noted that the mobility hub component would be part of the workshop discussion. The team was currently compiling all of the information ahead of the workshop.

The team met with jurisdictional partners and funding partners. Ms. Bauer-Fellows explained that there had been one-on-one calls as well as a successful site tour. The latter had been productive and she walked away with a lot of insight and input from those who attended. She stressed the importance of the mobility hub discussions. That component was pertinent to all involved parties. As a result, collective input was desired. That was the reason more detailed mobility hub discussions would take place during the workshop in December.

Based on the conversations thus far, other important components included the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) Big Cottonwood Canyon Draft Corridor Study and some Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”) work. UTA was currently working on an update to their Long-Range Transit Plan (“LRTP”), and their Five-Year Service Plan, and was actively working on modeling for different service scenarios. Ms. Bauer-Fellows explained that there were additional options to consider as well. For instance, a new transit district, transportation management association, and utilizing private service providers. All of those options would be explored moving forward.

Ms. Bauer-Fellows shared information about public outreach. The existing communication channels would be relied on heavily. She recognized that the CWC had excellent outreach and so did other partners and stakeholders. It was noted that branding would be created that was specific to the Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP. The intention was to use that branding at the current time but also move forward as implementation occurred. Ms. Bauer-Fellows shared a list of outreach options. E-kits and media packets would be provided to partner agencies to distribute and share as appropriate. There would also be project fact sheets available. In addition, the team could share updates as desired. There would also be a public survey period, which would be critical.

The plan was to use different outreach methods to share updates at key milestones. In early to mid-December, the initial public rollout would take place. There would be an update on the CWC website as well as social media updates and information included in the CWC newsletter. The e-kits would also be provided to CWC partners to utilize as desired. Ms. Bauer-Fellows explained that there would be a public survey in January 2023. The intention was to capture some of the initial findings and have forward-facing questions about potential recommendations.

Another key milestone would take place in March or April when the Draft Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP would become available. There would not be a formal public comment period for the draft but the public could always provide comments informally to the CWC. The next milestone would be when the final Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP was available in May 2023. In the interim, it was anticipated that there would be regular updates as information became available.

Ms. Bauer-Fellows discussed the public survey. She explained that it would be open for at least 30 days. It would be live in the second or third week of January. The survey would primarily be virtual. There was a desire to coordinate with UTA and the resorts as much as possible so QR codes or links could be posted in more visible locations. Ms. Bauer-Fellows recognized the importance of reaching the broader community and different demographics. She also recognized that this could be a challenge. Community organizations that captured different canyon users and demographics would be identified. This could expand the survey outreach. It was also important to get out into the community with hard copies of the survey to hear different perspectives.

Ms. Bauer-Fellows reported that there would be comprehensive public survey documentation. A summary of the public survey results would be included in the Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP. However, she noted that public input would also be considered in the implementation strategies. If there were common themes or unique considerations that arose through the public survey process, those would be incorporated into the strategies moving forward.

Mayor Monica Zoltanski wondered whether there would be a chance to review the survey questions beforehand. Ms. Bauer-Fellows explained that the survey would be prepared in December. The plan was to receive input from the CWC early on to make sure the survey was well thought out. She anticipated that drafting would begin in approximately two weeks. At some point in December, she would reach out to the organization for feedback on the drafted content.

Mayor Zoltanski pointed out that if the survey was going to be released in January, there would be a tight timeline to receive feedback on the survey questions. It was important not to duplicate the Little Cottonwood Canyon process, but to take the best aspects of that process, and tailor it for Big Cottonwood Canyon. She wondered whether a Google Doc would be an appropriate way to share survey question suggestions. It was also necessary to identify the stakeholder groups that should participate in the discussions. Time was of the essence and she wanted to know if it would be possible to start drafting the survey in the next week or so. Ms. Bauer-Fellows reported that it was possible to start drafting immediately. As for broader distribution, there would likely need to be some internal review from the CWC before the draft was shared more broadly.

Chair Knopp explained that there was a limited timeline and the Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP needed to stay on schedule. He believed the discussions and suggestions would be somewhat limited to the CWC. Given the timeline, he was not certain there would be a lot of broad outreach.

Ms. Bauer-Fellows reported that a Draft Vision, Goals, and Guiding Values document had been created. Those statements were based on existing foundational documents, such as the Mountain Accord and the Mountain Transportation System (“MTS”) initiative. The statements would serve as a connection between what had been done in the past and what would be done in the future. Ms. Bauer-Fellows asked for Committee feedback on the draft statements included in the document. The vision statement outlined the reason for the Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP. There were more specifics included in the document as well, which included the draft goals and values.

Chair Knopp believed the Draft Vision, Goals, and Guiding Values document was headed in the right direction. However, he wanted information about funding to be included. Bekee Hotze noted that the vision statement talked about all of the users in Big Cottonwood Canyon. She assumed that some of those users would be delivered to U.S. Forest Service trailheads. She asked that there be an acknowledgment that in those instances, there would need to be a proposal submitted to the Forest Service for consideration. Ms. Bauer-Fellows noted that any additional comments or suggestions could be shared with Mr. Perez and forwarded to the project team.

The draft goal statements were reviewed. Ms. Bauer-Fellows reported that the desire was to be more specific in this section. She noted that the Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP would not draft formal purpose and need statements, but the language could act as a starting point for future purpose and need language. Carlton Christensen wondered whether the strategies would identify potential lead agencies. Ms. Bauer-Fellows explained that this would be covered within the implementation strategy. For instance, who would be the lead agency for National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) and/or who would be the agency seeking funding.

Mr. Perez noted that several questions and suggestions had been left in the Zoom chat box. One asked about reaching out to non-profit organizations, such as the Wasatch Backcountry Alliance. It was noted that the plan was to utilize the Stakeholders Council network for outreach. Another question was about the Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP and traffic calming during the summer months. There was a suggestion that camera speed indicators be used to address speeding issues. Carl Fisher had asked about engagement from Salt Lake County. Mr. Perez reported that Jason Wolf was the new Canyons Manager and had participated in some recent CWC meetings.

There was also a question about whether the UTA Five-Year Service Plan and UDOT Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) implementation would include service enhancements for Big Cottonwood Canyon and funding through the Legislature. Mr. Perez noted that there was also a question about how to access the Big Cottonwood Canyon Corridor Study. Additionally, there were comments related to visitor capacity and the Utah State University project. Mr. Perez explained that CWC Staff would connect with Dr. Jordan Smith shortly.

Ms. Bauer-Fellows overviewed the draft guiding values. That section of the document referenced the Mountain Accord, Pillars for Transportation Solutions in the Central Wasatch Mountains, and the MTS work that had been done by the CWC. She explained that the high-level goals from those documents had been distilled down and included in the guiding values. Any proposals or recommendations needed to support the considerations that had already been documented and agreed upon. Ms. Bauer-Fellows reviewed the immediate next steps. The public rollout would start in the next few weeks with the workshop that had been mentioned earlier. Preparations would begin for the public survey shortly and the survey would be released in the new year.

**Public Comment**

Executive Director of Policy, Lindsey Nielsen read additional comments from the Zoom chat box related to the Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP. Patrick Shea shared concerns about ambiguous consultant language. Carl Fisher asked if policy recommendations that coordinated the jurisdictions would be made. This would ensure that solutions in line with the guiding values were explored. Ms. Bauer-Fellows clarified that policy recommendations were on the table.

There were no further public comments.

Mr. Perez reported that there would be additional discussions about the Big Cottonwood Canyon MAP at the January 2022 CWC Board Meeting. He wondered whether another Transportation Committee Meeting needed to be scheduled before the end of the year. Ms. Bauer-Fellows clarified that there was not another Transportation Committee presentation anticipated before the end of the year. However, it was possible that survey questions could be shared for review.

**Adjourn Transportation Committee Meeting**

1. **Following a Motion and Affirmative Vote, Chair Dan Knopp will Close the Public Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Mayor Zoltanski moved to ADJOURN. Mayor Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Committee.

The Central Wasatch Commission Transportation Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:55 p.m.

***I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central Wasatch Commission Transportation Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 22, 2022.***

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