

1 **MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.**
2 **THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA UBERCONFERENCE**
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5 **Present:** Committee Members:

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7 Chair Mike Peterson, Mayor of Cottonwood Heights City
8 Mayor Andy Beerman, Co-Chair Park City
9 Mayor Dan Knopp, Town of Brighton
10 Chris Robinson, CWC Chair

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12 Others:

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14 Dave Fields, Snowbird
15 Dr. Kelly Bricker, CWC Stakeholders Council Vice Chair
16 Chris Cushing
17 Mike Maughan, Alta Ski Area
18 Greg Summerhays, South Valley Chamber of Commerce and Stakeholders
19 Council Chair
20 Carl Fisher, Save Our Canyons

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22 CWC Staff:

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24 Ralph Becker, CWC Executive Director
25 Blake Perez, CWC Deputy Director
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27 **1. OPENING**

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29 **a. Commissioner Mike Peterson will Conduct the Meeting as Chair of the**
30 **Transportation Committee.**

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32 Chair Peterson called the meeting to order approximately 10:30 a.m.

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34 **b. The Committee will Deliberate over Mountain Transportation System**
35 **Attributes and Objectives with the Goal of Arriving at a Consensus for a**
36 **Recommendation on the Priority of the Attributes and Objectives to the**
37 **Commission to be Made During the May 4 Meeting.**

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39 Chair Peterson reported that the goal of this meeting was to review and discuss the process
40 followed in prioritizing the attributes and objectives for the Mountain Transportation System,
41 which would be summarized and passed on to the CWC Board. Chair Peterson reported that
42 clarification was needed since the report implied that there was full support for a connection
43 between Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, however, the matter was only to be reviewed.

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45 Deputy Director, Blake Perez described the prioritization process and stated that they asked the
46 Stakeholders Council to assign a value to each of the attributes and objectives. A second survey

1 was conducted to identify the top four attributes and objectives. A list of attributes was displayed
2 that categorized the number of times each item that was marked as a top-four priority by the
3 Transportation Committee as well as the value for each.

4 5 **2. ATTRIBUTES AND OBJECTIVES PRIORITIZATION PROCESS**

6 7 **a. Commissioner Peterson will Lead Discussion on Attributes and Objectives** 8 **Prioritization and the Date Collected to Date.**

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10 Chair Peterson reported that the scoping document was sent out in February with public comment
11 accepted for one full month. In March, each of the comments was cataloged. In April, the CWC
12 Board approved the public comment recommendations on the scope, attributes, and objectives but
13 recommended that the next step be to go through a prioritization process. The attributes and
14 objectives then were tiered according to the averages.

15 16 **3. RECOMMENDATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

17 18 **a. Blake Perez, Ralph Becker, and Commissioner Peterson will Lead a** 19 **Discussion on Staff Recommendations.**

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21 The difference between Tiers 1 and 2 was discussed. The highest priority was determined to be
22 Tier 1 based on the surveys conducted. Mr. Perez explained that definitions were provided for the
23 attributes, scope, and objectives in the report. Attributes were described as characteristics of a
24 system. He considered the attributes to be outputs and the objectives as potential outcomes.

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26 Executive Director, Ralph Becker reported that environmental characteristics were listed as an
27 attribute. In terms of outcome, they looked at the result of a Mountain Transportation System.
28 Dr. Kelly Bricker suggested they separate attributes from objectives.

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30 Mayor Knopp thought that the objectives are most important moving forward. Chair Peterson
31 considered the attributes to be equally important but indicated that they are the outcome of the
32 objectives. It was suggested that areas of potential conflict be considered. The process of scoring
33 and prioritizing was described. Chris Robinson suggested that the attributes be aligned with the
34 objectives.

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36 Dr. Bricker referred to visitor management issues and stated that it is necessary to understand that
37 there is a legal requirement to protect the watershed and environmental attributes. She mentioned
38 the idea of tying the attributes to objectives when prioritizing.

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40 Mike Maughan commented that the intent was for Tier 1 to include items with the most alignment
41 and greatest consensus. Mr. Becker stressed that the highest priority is the protection of the
42 watershed.

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44 Chair Peterson was of the opinion that Tier 1 carries more weight than other tiers due to the
45 summary of responses. Mr. Perez explained that when the items were categorized and cataloged,

1 they tried to include every comment. He considered what was provided to be a comprehensive list
2 of attributes and objectives.

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4 Mayor Beerman considered it a scorecard in evaluating the various options but stated that it will
5 be subject to additional discussion.

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7 Chris Robinson remarked that political feasibility is difficult to measure. Mr. Perez stated that the
8 attributes and objectives will continue to be evaluated going forward and further refined. Next
9 steps and timing issues were discussed. Mr. Becker commented that the Commission can adopt
10 something they feel is a comfortable starting point and revisit the formatting and description later.
11 In terms of timing, the intent was for completion to be late fall.

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13 Carl Fisher commented that the CWC and the Stakeholders Council have addressed the importance
14 of visitor management and the environmental dashboard. He considered both to be key data sets
15 and was curious as to when they will impact this conversation. Mr. Fisher felt that money and
16 resources were being wasted if the environmental dashboard is not used to inform the most
17 important decisions that will define the Wasatch for generations to come.

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19 Chris Robinson explained that the intent this year is to determine whether they can achieve a
20 consensus around a Mountain Transportation System. He explained that nothing will go forward
21 without a consensus. Mayor Beerman commented that the environmental dashboard is another
22 lens and should be completed quickly. Ongoing public input was also deemed important.

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24 Mayor Knopp suggested that the matter be addressed at the next CWC Board Meeting.

25 26 **4. MODE AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

27 28 **a. Blake Perez will Lead and Overview of the Next Phase of the CWC's Mountain** 29 **Transportation System Process.**

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31 Blake Perez reported on the time management of the Mountain Transportation System and stated
32 that staff will begin to look at different modes and demand management strategies that will be
33 evaluated against the attributes and objectives. To be respectful to UDOT and sensitive to the EIS
34 process, staff planned to delay the planning process since the information that UDOT will be
35 providing will play a part in the overall Mountain Transportation System. UDOT intends to release
36 its initial Alternative Mode Analysis the first part of June, which will begin a 30-day comment
37 period. The overall Mountain Transportation System Mode Evaluation will likely be pushed to
38 late summer so that there is a clear break between the two public comment periods. At that time,
39 they will release the evaluations of modes of management and allow for public comment.

40 41 **5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

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43 Chair Peterson stated that the intent was to move forward with the analysis. The following Monday
44 they would present the prioritization of the attributes and objectives, which is what the Committee
45 was tasked with by the CWC.

1 **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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3 **MOTION:** Mayor Beerman moved to adjourn. The motion passed was seconded by Mayor
4 Knopp. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Committee Members.

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6 The Central Wasatch Commission Transportation Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately
7 11:50 a.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Central*
2 *Wasatch Commission Transportation Committee Meeting held Friday, May 1, 2020.*

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7 Minutes Secretary

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