

2025 Mill Creek Canyon Feasibility Study Update: Comments & Responses On Scope of Study

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1	07/14/2025	Troy	Saltiel	bikes-allowed, convenience		schedule	A limited or infrequent schedule, not having a stop at my destination trailhead. A lack of bike parking at the shuttle stops since I may hike to the shuttle in order to hike.		The same	I love that we're finally taking another step to shuttle service in SLC canyons. The canyons are otherwise inaccessible to me without a car.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes ensuring that the shuttle stops at popular trailheads and will have bike racks. The frequency at which the shuttle leaves the parking area is yet to be decided, but we certainly don't want people to wait too long. We updated the form to include options for people to comment on season and time of week. Thank you for noting that.
2	07/14/2025	Andrew	Gruber	convenience, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	Knowing that I could access upper canyon trail heads without having to worry about finding a parking spot.	schedule,other-explain-below	If there was a risk that I could arrive to take the shuttle and it was full and I could not get a spot, and then perhaps had to wait for 30-60 minutes for the next shuttle. So I think it would be great for there to be a reservation system, where you could buy your reserved shuttle spot in advance.		more	Also, I would use the canyon shuttle service year round and on weekends or weekdays, but you didn't get that option. I really want to have public transportation that considers all users, not just skiers. Please have it year round.	This is a great concept, thank you for continuing to pursue it!
3	07/14/2025	Erek	Engar	convenience, other-explain-below, hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, dogs-allowed	Comfort	schedule,other-explain-below, price	Too few stops, and/or stopping when not needed.		more	My hope is that this proposed shuttle would not be stuck in traffic, would have a short enough headways that it works for getting to places in the canyon and back out again.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. We are considering the feasibility of implementing a reservation system for shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
4	07/14/2025	Nole	Walkingshaw	convenience, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		schedule, price			The same	Where would the parking lot be to manage the shuttle? An image or map or any information about what it might look like would be nice. Lots of words in the introduction an infographic or some less technical descriptions would be helpful.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. We don't yet know where the parking will be, but as that is part of the scope, we should emerge from this study with a good idea for parking. When that is nailed down, we should be able to create a map and infographic like you suggest. There are indeed visual learners among us, and we understand the usefulness of conveying information that way.
5	07/14/2025	Shane	Kemp	hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	reduced traffic in the canyon (I like close it or limit private vehicle -- I know ... never gonna happen)	price, schedule, travel-time			The same	Need it in Big and Little too :) We're screwed because UDOT and America loves cars. Seriously though, would be really nice to be able to not worry about parking.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The proposed shuttle will not mean that individual cars are shut out of the canyon, but will hopefully incentivize shuttle use. Individual cars will still be allowed, but hopefully there will just be fewer of them if people are riding the shuttle instead.
6	07/14/2025	Brad	Dickter	convenience, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed		schedule	no dogs allowed. no skis allowed. Starting too far away from the mouth of the canyon.		more	MAKE THE SHUTTLE HAPPEN by whatever means necessary even if it doesn't match my personal preferences. Any shuttle is better than no shuttle. We must normalize people who recreate in the Wasatch leaving their cars behind and migrating to mass transit solutions. To optimize shuttle ridership, you should coordinate with UDOT to ensure public transit connectivity.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. Your enthusiasm for the shuttle—even if it doesn't match your personal preferences—buys the spirit of our response writers. The scope of the study includes looking into potential connectivity options with existing transit providers.
7	07/14/2025	Scott	Mathers	other-explain-below	I ride a road bicycle up Millcreek Canyon once a week in summer months. The increased number of cars parked in the uphill bike lane at various points in the canyon due to the road construction has created increased hazard to cyclists. It is already almost impossibly dangerous to ride Big or Little on a weekend due to cars parked on the road. It feels like Millcreek is going to be like that too. A shuttle could potentially reduce roadside parking. Possibly vehicle access could be restricted based on the number of vehicles in the canyon with a shuttle option? if you could get the shuttle price the same as the canyon vehicle exit fee then this could work!	price			The same		Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. One of the primary reasons we're working on this project is to reduce roadside parking. It not only creates safety issues like you've mentioned, but also causes erosion which affects the watershed and ecosystem. We do believe a shuttle would alleviate some of these issues.
8	07/14/2025	Lise	Brunhart	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed	Having a shuttle for Millcreek canyon year-round is an idea whose time has come ! It will provide visitors to the canyon with serenity and peace of mind, knowing the ride will be safe and reliable, sans any angst over finding a parking spot and fear of vehicular vandalism. thanks so much!	price, schedule			The same		Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. It's certainly true that some dogs will do better than others on a shuttle with many humans and dogs. If your dog would be unhappy on a shuttle, you will still be allowed to drive your car up the canyon as you normally do--no change there. But it's possible that when you and your dog get to the trailheads, there will be more parking because people are now riding the shuttle.
9	07/14/2025	John	Janson	other-explain-below	Canyon use is down due to the construction. The every other day dogs off leash makes the canyon less busy. If anything a shuttle on the weekends might make sense. The population of the Valley has grown so much in the last 13 years that weekends in the canyons are overloaded everywhere. If the expectation is that weekend traffic will be reduced, I wouldn't count on it. I don't go into Millcreek on the weekends.	other-explain-below	The hassle! My dog is not that great with a lot of commotion, such as within a shuttle bus.		The same	Ill conceived. The only place that allows dogs (every other day which is great) and I just can't see the dogs getting used to shuttles. The improvements to the road will provide more safety and convenience than a shuttle.	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for the shuttle concept.
10	07/14/2025	Mike	D	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed		price, schedule, travel-time			more	I think this is a great idea. I currently use a private shuttle company for bike rides in a nearby canyon, coming down Mill Creek. Or I go up early with my dog to avoid crowds. A dependable schedule and website to book times and find info would be very helpful.	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for the shuttle concept.
11	07/14/2025	Alex	Molski	convenience, hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		price, schedule			The same	Great idea. We need more public transport options. Millcreek is my favorite canyon to run/hike/ski/bike in because it's close by, dog friendly, and has lots of good trails.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The shuttle could certainly enable one-way hikes or rides. We appreciate your thoughts on the tiered pass system. While we don't know what it will look like yet, we hope it will incentivize shuttle use. The scope of work includes deciding on stops at popular trailheads.
12	07/14/2025	Austin	Whitehead	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	Bike parking at the shuttle stop easy transfers from other public transit service, and amenities nearby (i.e. gas station/soda shop to stock up on snacks for my hike). The ability to do one way hikes, bikes, skis (i.e. start at one stop, end at another or at the bottom of the canyon). Make it easier to meet and coordinate with friends to hike/run/bike with and/or finding new people to hike/run/ski/bike with. Nice trailhead shuttle stops. Shade/water/seating/vending machines to make waiting less painful.	schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below, price	It would be harder to justify if I had bought millcreek car pass and the shuttle was a separate/wholly incremental fee. I could see having a tiered millcreek canyon pass (i.e. \$25/year for shuttle access, \$60/year for car access, \$75/year for both) I frequently go into millcreek early in the morning or later in the evening. I'd want to make sure I could get a ride when I wanted to go up. Concerns about timing - I'd want frequent service, so that if I a run/bike/hike/ski takes longer or shorter than I expect, I'm not killing massive amounts of time waiting at trailheads.		The same	I frequently don't go into Millcreek on weekend mornings because I know parking is going to be dicey. Even on weekday mornings parking during the winter, porter forks and the road are packed with skiers with the dawn patrol crowd. I would love to see multiple stops in the canyon. There are so many good trail connections between trailheads that it would really unlock a lot of cool hikes/runs if you could start at one and get picked up at another.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. We will include the consideration for price tiers and considerations for dogs in the update to this feasibility study update.
13	07/14/2025	Deborah	Read	convenience, bikes-allowed, dogs-allowed, other-explain-below	senior pass available. Only well-behaved dogs with proof of vaccinations and only sit with other dog owners. Dogs that are wet must be dried off before entering shuttle.	schedule, price	Ill-behaved persons. Ill-behaved dogs.		more	The shuttle concept was introduced so they would not tear up the historic value of the upper canyon. The concept was introduced so they could keep the upper gate closed year-round and shuttle for the elderly and disabled. But it is too late due to the horrible construction and destruction of Road bridges and the cutting off old growth forest.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
14	07/14/2025	Tony	Zimmer	dogs-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		travel-time, schedule			more		Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. We do want the shuttle to be as frequent as it is feasible.
15	07/14/2025	Mike	Christense	convenience, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	The shuttle needs to serve the Olympus Cove bus hub, so that people can ride the 4, 33, 39, and 45 to connect to the shuttle!	schedule, other-explain-below	The shuttle needs to operate frequently in order to attract ridership!		The same		

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16	07/14/2025	Jason	Bradley	dogs-allowed, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	Good consistent schedule	price,schedule, travel-time	If dogs are not allowed.		The same	Your survey doesn't allow me to pick more than one season and weekends and weekdays	We hope to make the schedule of the shuttle frequent. There will certainly be an option for dogs. We apologize, the form was updated to include seasons and weekends and weekdays after you submitted. I will reach out to you for your opinion on those.
17	07/14/2025	Andrew	Stone	dogs-allowed, other-explain-below,hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	We have a cabin at the Firs. So the ability to board at Alexander Basin would be key for us.	other-explain-below,price,schedule			more	This concept will not work unless dogs are permitted. There are enough users who have dogs that if the shuttle doesn't allow them, there will be no effect on congestion or parking. I would be this in winter to get to the trailhead, and in summer to get from the Firs to the Big Water trailhead.	We do not yet know if there will be a stop at Alexander Basin trailhead, but the scope of work includes looking into the potential. It's possible that there will be different stops depending on the season. The scope of work also includes looking into ways to ensure dogs can ride the shuttle.
18	07/14/2025	Ashley	Lodmell	dogs-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	It would be nice to bring bikes and skis on the shuttle and have every 15 minute service. If service is less frequent it makes it tough to plan/waiting in rough weather.	travel-time, schedule	One of my concerns with the riding the shuttle up is what happens if there are delays and you don't have service in the canyon to see when the next shuttle is coming. I think a lot of places near the road don't have service and I would be worried about waiting awhile in the hot or cold and not knowing when shuttle is coming.		less	I love the idea and would love an option to take transit up millcreek canyon. It would be nice if an annual millcreek pass covered the shuttle.	We hope to make the schedule of the shuttle frequent. The scope of work includes looking into different fee options to incentivize shuttle use.
19	07/14/2025	Jean	Wheeler	dogs-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed,skis-allowed,skis-allowed	Access to the shuttle - can I plan ahead to get on it? Or will they be frequent enough to know I can get up to a trailhead? Schedule/predictability. Benches/waiting areas at trailheads where there are shuttle stops.	schedule			more	I'm a dog owner and have lived in Salt Lake for a long time. There are very few areas where dogs are allowed with shade or water in the summer. I'm hugely in support of solving transportation problems in Millcreek Canyon, particularly in the upper canyon in the summer. For me to consider regular use, it would need to be dog friendly on off-leash days.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work will include looking into ways to accommodate dogs. Thank you for noting that the study should look into fee options that incentivize use while maintaining equitable access.
20	07/15/2025	Liz	Layne	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed,skis-allowed,skis-allowed	Low or no cost, frequent availability	price,schedule, travel-time	If it runs infrequently or has a high cost those would be barriers. If I couldn't bring my dog or my skis or bike that would be a problem. Also for when I would use it, it would be year-round (the survey only allows one time of year). And evenings in particular on weekdays and daytime on weekends		The same	It's excellent and long-overdue, parking is a mess up there, the narrow road above the winter closure, the multi-use nature of the canyon all warrant this. I would be willing to pay a bit more (\$20-30) per year for an annual pass the included shuttle rides. Including dogs and skis is critical. Mountain Trails foundation in park city has a dog/ski shuttle to Bonanza that runs beautifully and is free with option to tip drivers. SLCC needs this!	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. We appreciate your thoughts on the pass system. The scope of work will include looking into ways to make sure the fees incentivize use. The scope of work also includes bike/ski racks and dog options.
21	07/15/2025	Patricia	Thaxton	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed,skis-allowed,other-explain-below	Frequent shuttles, by request stops at all major trailheads, convenient pickup locations with adequate parking, discounted senior rates	price,schedule, other-explain-below	Inconvenient pickup location		The same	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes ensuring that the shuttle stops at popular trailheads. The frequency at which the shuttle leaves the parking area is yet to be decided, but we certainly don't want people to wait too long. Since there is a senior pass available for car users, we want to make sure the shuttle also accommodates seniors.	The fragile environment of Mill Creek Canyon is one of the main reasons the shuttle was initially proposed in the Mountain Accord Charter, and we haven't lost sight of that. If well implemented, the shuttle could take many cars off the road resulting in a net reduction of emissions in the canyon. The scope of work includes looking into ways to make sure the shuttle experience is pleasant for humans and dogs alike. The form was updated to include seasons and weekends and weekdays after you submitted. We have noted your interest in using the shuttle in all seasons and all week.
22	07/15/2025	Michael	Price	convenience, hassle-free-parking,other-explain-below	Environmental sustainability and being able to better enjoy the view while riding compared to driving.	schedule,price, travel-time, other-explain-below	If dogs are allowed, it would be a major deterrent if there are too many dogs or the dogs are not well handled. Perhaps a sort of "fenced" dog area on the bus and adequate ventilation for any smell or for those of us allergic to dogs.		The same	I would use it potentially all seasons and all days of the week, but the choices above limit me to a single option.	Utah residents are being priced out of using our public lands through parking fees, canyon fees, and trailhead fees. Restrooms are hardly being maintained. I am in favor of increased fees if visitor experience and access is improved, but not when applied just to control crowds. Everyone should be able to use the public lands not just those with financial resources. I like to hike early in the morning and in the evening and shuttles like at Bloods Lake would not run during the hours that would benefit me.
23	07/15/2025	Jennifer	Hulse	convenience, hassle-free-parking	Free shuttle service to trailheads.	price,schedule	I hike with my family. If the shuttle is charging a per/person fee, the cost would keep us from using it. I like the idea of a free shuttle.		The same		Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. Equitable access will be considered as the potential fee structures are developed.
24	07/15/2025	Chris	Smith	convenience	Frequent (every 30 min), lots of capacity, no reservations needed, online payment.	schedule	Crowded, infrequent, slow boarding because of payment while boarding		more		The scope of work includes looking into ways to connect it into existing private providers' routes. We apologize, the form was updated to include seasons and weekends and weekdays after you submitted. We have noted your preference to use the shuttle in all season and weeklong.
25	07/15/2025	Brad	Buswell	other-explain-below, convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed,skis-allowed,other-explain-below	If it exists, I'd use it. It would be great if it could integrate with route 4 or other bus lines so I could get to the canyon without using my car at all.	schedule			more	I'd use it using the form online and it makes me choose a season. I'd love to use the shuttle year round. And I'd use it on weekends and weekdays. I would love to see a service implemented.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. You will still be allowed to drive your car up the canyon as you normally do with kids and dogs--no change there. But it's possible that when you get to the trailheads, there will be more parking because people are now riding the shuttle.
26	07/15/2025	Marisa	cones	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed,skis-allowed,other-explain-below	Waiting no more than 15 min.	travel-time, other-explain-below,price, schedule	Kids. I'd like to much of a hassle trying to get kids and gear on a shuttle.	summer	Weekdays, Weekends	less	I honestly hate the idea of a shuttle. It takes the convience out and with kids dogs and skis no way is it more convenient. With dogs one of the main reasons most of us are in millcreek you are forcing people who don't want to interact with dogs to being on a shuttle. And dogs in and in closed area is just asking for chaos.
27	07/15/2025	Richard	Sommer	hassle-free-parking	I would consider a shuttle every so often to go up to the top since the parking is very limited. I would not use it for lower hikes or picnicking. For an hourly rate, would not use it. I currently pay the annual fee to hike Millcreek Canyon.	price,schedule	Sometimes I go hiking on spirit of the moment and feel a shuttle would limit the available schedule I have for hiking.	summer	Weekends	The same	Pay same Sr. Citizen fee as now.

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28	07/15/2025	David	Haynie	I take my young kids (3, 7) up for picnics/hiking in the summer and ve skiing in the winter. The idea of a shuttle sounds nice, but is really impractical when I consider how many trips back to the car of gear/items I have. For skiing it is everyone's snow clothing, skis, poles, boots, backpack and a trailer w its attachment arms (which I pull behind me). For picnics, there is too much stuff: food, water, bottles/drinks, coolers, firewood, roasting sticks, lawn chairs etc. For just a hike (not doing anything after), a shuttle could work, but that is probably only 10% of my visits. Less critical but of note is whether the fee would be per person or per family. There might be more people, but still only saving one car. A poorly thought out fee structure could inadvertently penalize families. Perhaps the fee to go up the canyon could have sort of a "carpool" 6 lane approach where you pay less if you have at least 2 or 3 people in the car/pay more for only one person. Groups of friends might meet and carpool before the canyon instead of just meeting there.	hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed, convenience, other-explain-below	price,schedule	If it runs every 15-20 min, probably ok. Any more and it wipes out the time savings of being so close that allows me to head up the canyon when I have only an hour or two. I wouldn't pay more to ride the shuttle, but if it were the same price (a less) than the canyon fee, then it would be fine. Travel time I guess would depend on how many stops, usage. Ironically, the more people use it/the more successful it is, the longer the travel time will be. There are quite a few potential stops; if each one adds 1-2 min, I guess that could add 15-30 min to the drive time, which when added to the wait time, becomes a deterrent. Most people go up Millcreek Canyon because of its close proximity and accessibility that you can go up even if you only have an hour or two and it is doable (before work, during lunch, after work). 20-30 extra min, each way, kills that. All of this really creates a situation where the shuttle really only is only useful to adults or non-small child, small families, that are planning to go hiking or skiing (not picnicking) for a half to full day. Based on parking lot turnover, in my experience, most people aren't staying that long in this canyon.	Weekends	The same	It depends so much on the activity and group with as to whether it would work for me in each season. I want it to, but unclear if it would. For example, for me, winter is the hardest time to find parking, so a shuttle would be most useful then, but at the same time, as noted, winter is when I have the most gear w my kids and would be unable to ride a shuttle. I would absolutely love a shuttle if it were easy to use and allowed dogs/skis/bikes and you weren't endlessly waiting for a bus or had inconvenient parking. I am willing to accept slight inconveniences if the shuttle were free. If the cost is more than the current fee, it would be nice if millcreek residents had a reduced cost to keep the price reasonable.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. So far, several people have noted that the shuttle fee needs to consider a group of people rather than just an individual to better compete with the car fee. We have added this note to our report because it was mentioned so many times.
29	07/15/2025	Colleen	Lyons	convenience,hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	price,schedule	heads are not allowed (and 2 per owner), I would almost never take a shuttle.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into everything you've mentioned.
30	07/15/2025	Peter	Webster	dogs-allowed,convenience,hassle-free-parking	schedule,travel-time		summer	Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.
31	07/15/2025	Sean	Erickson	hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	What are you going to do about dogs? It got out of hand for a while there in Millcreek with all the dogs. Will they ride the shuttle?	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs in such a way that the ride is comfortable, convenient, and pleasant for human and canine riders alike.
32	07/15/2025	Christine	Foradick	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,skis-allowed	price,schedule	The cost of the ride to the ski resorts is more expensive than driving my car.	winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	a yearly fee seems fair, its a daily fee seems to deter individuals. people may be playing in the canyons because there is no cost. As daily living expenses rise, utilizing services like the UTA shuttle should be comparable to fees from events, festivals and centers.	Thank you for your comment. The shuttles will likely be the smaller occupancy vehicles you mention because they will be more maneuverable and easier to turn around in places like Maple Grove and Big Water. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure the fees incentivize use.
33	07/15/2025	David	Mathews	hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to make a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle happen!
34	07/15/2025	Megan	Butler	convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	price,schedule	Reliability and good signage/schedule info	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	Make it convenient, easy, and maybe required. Less cars on the road is better for the environment and the safety of everyone. This could also be a good pilot to see what options are to alleviate issues in other canyons.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into everything you've mentioned.
35	07/15/2025	Greta	Sommerfeld	convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed	schedule	I'd love if the shuttle had connectivity to bus routes!!	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to connect the Mill Creek Canyon shuttle into existing private providers' routes.
36	07/15/2025	Chelsea	Phillippe	convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed	price,schedule	If convenience included -Easy to figure out (parking lot, drop off locations, schedule, ride times) -easy to purchase fare	Hard to figure out Inconvenient to park in lot and catch bus Like most, my travels up Millcreek are spontaneous. A decision to take the dog for a hike, go for a trail run, relax in nature by the creek, or have an impromptu evening cookout. If I had to adjust this behavior around a shuttle schedule, I might pick somewhere else to go at first, but over time, I would likely adjust and make my travel up the canyon more intentional. If the shuttle induced more demand up the canyon, however, and Millcreek began to get overrun, I would stop going there altogether during weekends and busy times. While I support a shuttle as a way of reducing cars in the canyon, my biggest concern with the shuttle is how it will be funded. If it is partially or completely funded by private money, it has the risk of inducing more demand for the canyon, and that means more people and ultimately more cars as many will always opt to drive if they think it is more convenient. If a small private operator funded the shuttle, it might not be a problem, but if the service later got into the hands of an investor-based corporation, the shuttle program and associated revenue would need to grow year over year to meet investor demands, and that would happen via advertising. This is exactly what we are seeing in the Cottonwoods and ParkCity, where every ski resort, except Alta, is not owned by either a publicly traded corporation or a corporation owned by private equity investors who demand year-over-year revenue growth. Now that Powder Corp (the company that owns Snowbird and several other ski resorts) is taking over the concessions at Zions National Park and Death Valley National Park, it will be interesting to see if they induce even more demand for these already crowded parks year over year in order to accommodate year over year growth typically required by business investors. My other concern with privatizing the shuttle is the potential for high fees that take away Millcreek access from those who cannot afford it. If a private investor cannot grow revenue by selling more shuttle seats, we could see them raise fares to help them accommodate revenue growth.	summer,winter	The same	Where will it stop? Will stops include picnic areas? How late will it go? What if you miss the last bus down? Long way for hikers to access their vehicles Will fees for non bus riders increase?	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into all of your excellent questions.
37	07/15/2025	John	Adams	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience	travel-time, schedule	Everyone wants the fastest, most convenient way to get up the canyon. If there were BOTH the shuttle and car access, people would always be questioning if they should drive up for the convenience and risk not getting a parking spot up the canyon. If they decided not to drive and take the shuttle, they would also risk finding a full shuttle parking lot or having to wait longer if the next shuttle was already full. I think it would be good to have an app or something where you can either reserve a seat on the shuttle or a shuttle parking spot at a certain time. This would entice me not to attempt to drive up, only to find no parking. Perhaps the shuttle could operate in peak hours, and during those same hours, there would be NO single occupant vehicles allowed up the canyon. This is the same dilemma that goes on in the cottonwoods, where people have to make a decision to drive or ride the bus. The challenge with the bus is a lack of parking and a lack of frequency, but the ski resort parking reservations have helped with peak-hour traffic.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more	Ultimately, if we are trying to get people out of their cars and onto a shuttle bus, there might need to be a financial incentive to do so, where you pay more to drive a car up. This is where it starts to get messy, and we start to price people out of a canyon that belongs to the people. The beauty of a Millcreek Shuttle is that it is flexible and fairly low-cost. We can test it out and see how it works, and then tweak it. It could also just be removed if it does not work. This is not the case with things like trains and gondolas.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to incentivize shuttle use while maintaining equitable access to the canyon. Funding options will be outlined in the draft feasibility study, and we invite to you comment on that when we open a second comment period.
38	07/15/2025	Tallie	Casucci	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,other-explain-below	schedule,other-explain-below	I have a sensitive, "quiet" back of the pack, & sometimes reactive dog, so I'd want some physical distancing for her from other dogs. Please establish concrete expectations for all humans	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	Love, love, love shuttles and buses for all the canyons!! Zion NP is a great example. Right now, I avoid the Millcreek Canyon on weekends due to parking. Would our existing Millcreek Canyon pass include the shuttle? And/or UTA pass?	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into options to ensure that the shuttle is convenient, comfortable, and reliable for dogs and humans alike. The scope also includes looking into fee options that would incentivize use.
39	07/15/2025	Suzie	Swim	convenience, hassle-free-parking	schedule,travel-time	I'm confused on the fee listed above \$5/day \$50/annual... is that the canyon fee or would that be a shuttle fee? If the shuttle service was included in my annual canyon fee, that would be nice. I do pay the annual fee for the canyon.	fall,spring,winter,summer	Weekends	more	I generally like the concept, makes a lot of sense for the rise in popularity of the canyon. I don't think they may currently only be necessary on high use days like the weekends or early mornings as the canyon can be fairly quiet during the weekday.	The current fee schedule at the booth is \$5 per day or \$50 per year. The question asks if these amounts are also reasonable for a shuttle. The scope of work includes looking into ways to include fee in the annual pass that you purchase. Whatever the fees end up being, we want them to incentivize shuttle use. The scope includes weighing the weekend vs weekday interest in the shuttle, so we will look into that.
40	07/16/2025	Kathleen	Taylor	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	As to price, it needs to stay affordable! MillCreek is popular partly because of its proximity to the city, and I would hate to see it become too expensive for low income workers and families. A PUBLIC canyon should be affordable to all.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I think the shuttle is a necessity for Mill Creek Canyon.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to incentivize shuttle use while maintaining equitable access to the canyon.
41	07/16/2025	Lillian	Beckstro m-Rose	convenience,hassle-free-parking	price,schedule		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	A shuttle system would be more convenient than driving up the canyon and fighting for parking.	Thank you for your comment.

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42	07/16/2025	Denise	Love	hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed		schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	Continuous shuttle service makes sense. The parking hassle and traffic impact make canyon visits difficult. I worked in Mt. McKinley, Alta Denali in the 1970s and the shuttle system supported backpack trips and hiking and exploring without having to deal with a car, traffic, parking. A hybrid approach will be easier to implement, higher car access cost and cheaper for shuttles.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The shuttle would not preclude car useage, so I would indeed be a hybrid approach. We hope to create a fee schedule that incentivizes shuttle use.
43	07/16/2025	Gregory	ONeil	convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,other-explain-below	I would also be more likely to take the shuttle if there were convenient sheltered shuttle stops near the trailheads. I have made the dash to the car in foul weather many times and would appreciate a well-protected shelter. If I miss a shuttle and have to wait half an hour for the next one.	schedule,travel-time,other-explain-below,price	I would be discouraged from riding the Shuttle if I had to pay separately for every person in my party. I would be discouraged if pick up and drop off locations were not located near the trailheads. I frequent. As a high school mountain bike coach, I would be discouraged if the shuttle could not accommodate at least 8 mountain bikes at a time.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends, Weekdays	more	I have the idea of reducing traffic in the Millcreek Canyon. As an avid cyclist I've had near run ins with inattentive or reckless drivers and have lost a friend who was hit by a car in the canyon on their bicycle. I live near the Canyon and have bought an annual pass for many years. I would similarly purchase an annual pass for the Shuttle if it were made available. My preference would be that the pass would allow myself and three companions to ride up together similar to how we might shuttle in a car.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use, including the potential to combine with current annual pass. The scope also includes examining options for accommodating bikes on the shuttle.
44	07/16/2025	Brent	Jensen	other-explain-below,hassle-free-parking	I would not want to ride a shuttle. Often going up the canyon we are going as a family and taking dinner and it would be extremely inconvenient to have to pack everything into a car and move it to and from a shuttle.	price,schedule,travel-time,other-explain-below	See my answer above. There are also issues of needing increased parking at the mouth of the canyon and I don't want to see the additional congestion near where I live.			less	I would not use a shuttle. People use the canyon for more than just hiking and a shuttle would have challenges facilitating transportation of more than just people and their gear for hiking.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to carry bikes, skis, and dogs. While we didn't explicitly mention picnic items like coolers in the scope, we think it's a great idea, and if we get to the next phase, we will look into it. The shuttle would also not preclude the use of individual cars, which some picnickers may continue to choose to use.
45	07/16/2025	James	Thompson	hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,convenience,other-explain-below	A shuttle service would allow hikers to start at one trailhead and come out at another without worrying about having to have 2 cars. With a shuttle, "no need for a car. In the canyon all. Even better, a shuttle plan would also include a nearby UTA bus stop where people could avoid taking a car from their home. The shuttle ride should also be reasonably priced, maybe similar to the ski bus system, with discounts available to seniors, low-income, handicapped, military, even retired military.	price		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment. Your opinion will help guide us through the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
46	07/16/2025	Megan	Berg	hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed	Frequency of shuttles- if they came often it would be easier to want to ride the shuttle. It would not feel as inconvenient to not have my own vehicle.	other-explain-below	Not being able to take a picnic easily up to say the terraces picnic area.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I would love to see a shuttle to help with the congestion and the limited parking in all the canyons. I'd be happy to hear that Millcreek, where I live, is considering it.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. While we didn't explicitly mention picnic items like coolers in the scope, we think it's a great idea, and if we get to the next phase, we will look into it.
47	07/16/2025	Thomas	King	dogs-allowed,convenience,other-explain-below	Traffic can back up at the payment booth on the way down the canyon - if the shuttle was able to bypass this line (might require widening the shoulder), that would make it more attractive!	price,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Please make this happen! I would have no problem if the price for cars went up, as long as the shuttle service was reliable and cheap enough to make it worth taking instead. I hope the shuttle would stop at the Olympus Cove park & ride so it would connect to bus routes. I think it would be most convenient if UTA ran the shuttle, like they do with ski buses. Many of the UTA Flex routes don't run on weekends so those buses could be used for a weekend canyon shuttle service.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to connect the shuttle into existing private providers' transit networks.
48	07/16/2025	Jacob	Anderson	convenience,hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed		price,schedule,travel-time		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.
49	07/16/2025	Clint	Karren	hassle-free-parking,convenience, hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed,bikes-allowed,other-explain-below		price,schedule,travel-time	If dogs are allowed on the shuttle then I would worry about their behavior around strangers in close confines.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	The same	-I would generally use the shuttle at peak times when parking lots up the canyon are full (usually weekends in the summer, fall and winter) -Shuttle frequency would be a factor in my use. If the shuttles run any less frequent than every 15-30 minutes then I would not consider using it (i.e. I don't want to be stuck at a shuttle station waiting longer than this time). -I would prefer paying the current fee of \$5/day (or whatever the daily car fee is at the time). However, since this fee is per vehicle instead of individual (I usually have multiple people in the car), I do not know how the shuttle fee could equate to the vehicle fee. If the shuttle fee is \$5/person while the vehicle fee is \$5/vehicle then this would be a financial disincentive for anyone not traveling alone to use the shuttle. -I would hope that there would be a standalone shuttle lane at the fee station, so it could bypass any vehicles lined up there. -It would be great if the annual fee (whether for vehicles or shuttles) be connected with projected future fees for Big & Little Cottonwood Canyons.	Thank you for your comment. Several people have now noted concern over riding with dogs on the shuttle. We have added this note to the report we delivered to Fehr & Perna. We also added your comment about paying per person vs per group to the report, as multiple people have made this same comment.
50	07/17/2025	rob	trauscht	hassle-free-parking,convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,other-explain-below	Parking inside canyon(ideally in fee area) to increase security for vehicles. Basic shelter at the pick up spot while waiting.	schedule,other-explain-below	Infrequent service resulting in long waits at trailheads, late starts (later than 8) and early finish (earlier than 5). Too close proximity to dogs on shuttle (happy to let dogs have parking spots in exchange for not having to ride with poorly trained ones).			more	Unsure of current ownership, but a visitors center/parking lot at the site of the Boy Scout camp would be ideal.	Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept. All of these things you've mentioned will be taken into account in the scope of the feasibility study.
51	07/17/2025	Ryan	Berg	hassle-free-parking,convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,other-explain-below	Less road traffic. More committed users that follow leave no trace principles.	schedule,travel-time		summer,spring,fall,winter	Weekdays, Weekends	more	I love the idea of moving more people per vehicle up the canyon. So many vehicles these days are single driver that takes a whole parking space and road space. We have to do something to increase the number of passengers per vehicle.	Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.
52	07/17/2025	Emma	Maxwell	hassle-free-parking,convenience		price,schedule,travel-time		summer,fall,spring	Weekdays, Weekends	less		Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.
53	07/17/2025	Denise	Johnson Smith	convenience,hassle-free-parking		price		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	more		Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.
54	07/17/2025	Emina	Alibegovic	hassle-free-parking,convenience,dogs-allowed,skis-allowed		price,schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I am weary of increasing the price much because we want more people to use the transportation, not fewer. In general the convenience factor also has to be higher - so the shuttle running frequently, like every 10-15 minutes would be necessary. I suppose the cars could be completely ruled out because Millcreek is such a popular spot for picnickers but one could charge increased car fees!	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into fee schedules that would incentivize shuttle use. The shuttle would also not preclude the use of individual cars, which some picnickers may continue to choose to use.
55	07/17/2025	Hatty	Charbonneau	bikes-allowed,convenience,dogs-allowed,hassle-free-parking		travel-time,schedule,price		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.
56	07/17/2025	Amber	Mentler	convenience,hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed		schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	more		Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.
57	07/17/2025	Kylin	Cummings	convenience,hassle-free-parking,other-explain-below	If it was free.	price		summer	Weekends	less		Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.
58	07/17/2025	Hannah	Rubin	convenience,hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed		price,schedule	No one is going to take this unless the schedule is frequent. Part of the reason the ski schedule is a failure is 1) long lines and 2) infrequent service.	summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.
59	07/17/2025	Weston	Muench	convenience,hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed		price,schedule	This should be a reliable shuttle that comes frequently.	fall,spring,winter,summer	Weekends, Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.
60	07/17/2025	Paul	Charbonneau	bikes-allowed,skis-allowed		price,schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	less	It should be free for SLC metro area residents by scanning a valid drivers license. I wouldn't be willing to pay the same amount I currently pay to have the comfort and luxury of my own vehicle to exchange for a cramped bus.	Thank you for your comments on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle concept.

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61	07/17/2025	Dotti	Gallagher	convenience, hassle-free parking	Higher tolls to NOT ride the shuttle Completely closing the canyon to cars	schedule		summer, spring, fall	Weekdays	The same	This proposal reminds me of the Little Cottonwood Canyon traffic situation. There are buses and shuttles there but they are infrequent and often super crowded during peak travel times. There are fees to park at Alta but not at Snowbird; the inconsistency of fees is a big problem. There are carpool benefits at both resorts but it's poorly-monitored. There are limited central parking options, especially for north and west-side drivers. If Mill Creek can get ahead of this issue, it could serve as a model for congestion solutions in other canyons. I'm very glad to see this moving forward!	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
62	07/17/2025	Dan	Trockman	convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	Reduced environmental impact.	price		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	Utilize current bus system like park city does. Maybe use. Current bus pass systems already in place.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to integrate into existing service providers' networks.
63	07/17/2025	Vicky	Martinez	hassle-free parking		price, schedule		winter	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment.
64	07/17/2025	Rachael	Neumann	other-explain-below	I would probably not visit the canyon if there was only a shuttle service available, similar to the reason why I do not visit Zion NP.	travel-time, schedule, price, other-explain-below	I visit the canyon and wilderness generally to avoid a Disneyland-type experience. Would prefer efforts to minimize visitation and at minimum educate people on taking care of forest lands (ie. Picking up their dog's feces, leave no trace principles, etc.). I grew up visiting this canyon nearly weekly so it is unfortunate to have to "modernize" it for the populous' enjoyment vs. protecting the natural landscape and wildlife habitat.			less		Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The shuttle would not preclude the use of individual cars.
65	07/17/2025	Sara	Mitchell	convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed		schedule, price		winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I would love if there was a Millcreek Canyon Shuttle! I would definitely use it, as long as the shuttle was approximately on time and it wasn't absurdly expensive. I think \$5 for a roundtrip ticket would be reasonable, but I would pay more than \$50 for an annual pass. I think \$100 a year would be reasonable or if there were a monthly pass that was \$30 or so. I don't have a dog, but I know a lot of people go to Millcreek with their dogs because they can't go to the other canyon with their dogs, so I think it is important to have shuttles that dogs can go on if you want to limit traffic. I sometimes go up to elbow fork to skin and ski on the road in the winter, and I really like to hike starting at Big Water trail in the summer and winter, so it would be awesome if there was space for skis and bikes. However, I would take a shuttle to run and hike if there wasn't space for bikes/skis and I could drive when I was biking/skiing.	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
66	07/17/2025	Thomas	Christiansen	hassle-free parking, convenience, skis-allowed		schedule, travel-time		fall, spring, winter, summer	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I think you should combine it with congestion pricing or some other additional fee to bring a car into the canyon. For example, raise fees to more than \$5 per day or \$50 per year.	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
67	07/17/2025	Alak	Konkol	bikes-allowed	As someone that does not have a car and cannot drive, I would absolutely use the shuttle even if it only ran a handful of times per day. It would be so amazing if the shuttle ran on weekend days and picked up from the UTA lot on Wasatch and 3900 S. If the shuttle accepted bikes, that would be so incredible too!	other-explain-below	The only thing preventing me from using the shuttle would be if it ran on weekday only or something like that.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	more	Additionally, as someone who cannot drive, access to the canyon would be greatly improved. I would be willing to pay upwards of \$10/ride to access the canyon via shuttle.	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
68	07/17/2025	Jo	Kitson	convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, convenience, skis-allowed		other-explain-below	Long wait to ride the shuttle before and after a hike	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.
69	07/17/2025	Jackson	Derbes	convenience, skis-allowed	reduced car traffic in the canyon	travel-time	underfunding like what has been done for the cottonwood canyon busses	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	reducing car traffic in the canyon would benefit everyone	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
70	07/17/2025	Angie	LANGFOSSE-GARCIA	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience, hassle-free parking, other-explain-below		schedule, travel-time		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
71	07/17/2025	Emily	Means	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free parking, other-explain-below	Free fare!	price, schedule	It needs to be convenient "at" every 10 minutes.	summer, spring, fall, winter	Weekdays, Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.
72	07/17/2025	Ally	Johnson	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free parking, convenience	Times of high congestion, and the shuttle being a clear advantage. It's hard to justify the hassle when the shuttle doesn't seem to have any advantages over altruism. I'd be more likely to ride it on weekends, especially when I'm heading to the upper trailhead (as opposed to a less busy one).	schedule	Long wait times and unpredictability, as happened with the ski bus, would discourage me from riding the shuttle. I have a toddler and a dog, so if I can't count on it, we can't do it.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment.
73	07/17/2025	Desarae	Lee	convenience, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, convenience, hassle-free parking, other-explain-below	I always bring my dog to Millcreek, so the shuttle would only be of use to me if dogs are allowed.	price	I currently hold a year-round pass for Millcreek. Having to pay more than that or a fee on top of that would discourage me from using the shuttle, unless it was just a couple bucks.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I love the idea of a shuttle to reduce parking congestion and air pollution. It would be nice to enjoy the scenery on the ride up or read a book. Dogs would have to be allowed to make it work for me but having a bike or ski shuttle would at least reduce congestion for the dog people.	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs. The scope also includes looking into fee schedules that will incentivize shuttle use.
74	07/17/2025	Molly	Jones	convenience, bikes-allowed, parking, other-explain-below	Mandatory shuttle riding. Just make it an obligation! Less emissions, less traffic, better for cyclists and everyone all around.	price, schedule	Nothing!	summer, spring, fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	Great idea. Mandate it. Show the other canyons how to lead out with incredible transportation leadership and vision. Let's go shuttle!	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
75	07/17/2025	Orla	Kelly	bikes-allowed, hassle-free parking, convenience		price, schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Shuttles not being frequent enough would be a huge pain. In Glacier NP, I waited 45 minutes with zero shuttles stopping and finally was able to hitchhike- not sure how long I would have waited otherwise. I love an efficient shuttle system, but finishing a hike and sitting around for 30+ minutes sucks.	summer	Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.
76	07/17/2025	Eric	Geels	convenience, hassle-free parking, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed				summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to carry bikes, skis, and dogs. While we didn't explicitly mention picnic items like coolers in the scope, we think it's a great idea, and if we get to the next phase, we will look into it. The shuttle would also not preclude the use of individual cars, which some picnickers may continue to choose to use.
77	07/17/2025	Jonathan	Earl	hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, dogs-allowed		schedule, travel-time		summer, fall	Weekends	more	I mainly use this canyon for picnics, especially the upper canyon. Taking the necessary items for a picnic in the canyon may be difficult on a shuttle depending on factors like: making own food, length of picnic, bringing camping chairs, number of attendees, etc. Would the Canyon be entirely closed to private vehicles? Would private vehicles still be allowed access to picnic areas?	Thank you for your comment.
78	07/17/2025	Nicky	Rodriguez	hassle-free parking, convenience		schedule		summer, spring, fall	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
79	07/17/2025	Ryan	Carr	hassle-free parking	How would a shuttle be more convenient? If we're having a picnic and need to carry food, coolers, chairs, water, and so on from the car to the shuttle, that sounds like it would be less convenient. If the shuttle stops at every spot, that would be less convenient. What about starting a reservation system for the picnic spots and parking spots at trailheads? People could check in at the little pay station on the way up and show their reservation. That would guarantee them a spot. If someone shows up without a reservation and there's room in the canyon that day, they could go in. People could check the reservation calendar to see what's available.	price, schedule	I'm not sure how often the proposed shuttle would run. If you indicate the proposed cost and schedule, people could let you know if those would be prohibitive or encouraging.	summer	Weekdays	The same	I learned by unfortunate experience several years ago that it's impossible to go up the canyon on a holiday, like Memorial Day. The root of the problem, of course, is over-development of the Salt Lake Valley. My suggestion for the congestion in the canyons is to ask city and county leaders to stop allowing housing to be built on every square inch of open land.	Thank you for your comment. Your opinion matters in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to carry bikes, skis, and dogs. While we didn't explicitly mention picnic items like coolers in the scope, we think it's a great idea, and if we get to the next phase, we will look into it. The shuttle would also not preclude the use of individual cars, which some picnickers may continue to choose to use.

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80	07/17/2025	Elizabeth	Frakes	hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed, convenience, other-explain-below	I want to help the environment and help with the congestion. I love taking my dog to Mill Creek Canyon and I want others to get to enjoy it.			summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	more	I always get an annual pass. I think people could stomach an increase if it's very transparent that the new revenue is going to the shuttle. I think a shuttle is a fantastic idea!	Thank you for your comment. The fees at the booth go directly to the Salt Lake Ranger District to be spent exclusively on maintaining the integrity of Mill Creek Canyon. The scope of work includes looking into fee schedules that would incentivize shuttle use.
81	07/17/2025	Ella	Olsen	convenience,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed				summer	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
82	07/17/2025	Helen	Lai	hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed			Please do not allow dogs. They can be dangerous and pose health threats.	winter,summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
83	07/17/2025	Kara	John	hassle-free-parking, convenience, other-explain-below	Free shuttle but Charge for parking	price,other-explain-below	If the shuttle adds too much time while you wait for it to arrive/load	summer,spring,fall,winter	Weekdays, Weekends	less	Shuttle should be free and parking should cost more	Thank you for your comment.
84	07/17/2025	Dylan	Esson	convenience, hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed	No cost.	schedule	I would want a fairly frequent schedule and one that ran into the evening.	winter	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	Figure out a good way to accommodate sports equipment. Riding the bus w your skis in hand is a very frustrating experience. The shuttle CANNOT stop at the mouth of the canyon, where the toll entrance is. If you want this to be a serious part of the transportation network of the greater Salt Lake region and be of maximum utility to all recreators, then the shuttle HAS to service the UTA Olympus Cove P&R. This will synergize the shuttle effectiveness by interfacing it with UTA 4, 33, 39, and 45 bus routes that collect riders from all over the valley and link them up to this P&R. Honestly, UTA should look into expanding this P&R, because a Millcreek shuttle would massively increase this lot's use and popularity (see how full the P&R, amp;R lots are for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons during ski season).	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
85	07/17/2025	Andrew	Katsuhira kis	convenience, other-explain-below,hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed	If the shuttle has a somewhat consistent schedule, allows for pull stops, and has lane priority on crowded days, that would definitely encourage me to ride it. I kind of don't know how I feel about dogs being allowed... that has potential to cause issues on a crowded bus. Just my two cents. Also, for this service, bike racks (in the summer), ski racks (in the winter) are a MUST, and small overhead cargo racks (for backpacking, camping, ski gear) would be a really cool and innovative way to get recreators out of cars if they know there's room for their stuff.	price,schedule	I don't mind it if the shuttle takes a bit longer than driving. I am ok with that trade-off for when I take the ski buses into the Cottonwood Canyons. I would mind if 1) the price was onerous and 2) the schedule was significantly limiting in making recreation plans. For point 1, I think 5 bucks for a round trip is appropriate, since this is comparable with the UTA ski bus prices (although I'm interested in an annual pass or a discount with the NPS America the Beautiful pass /SLC Hive pass / etc). For point 2, I can't always 100% predict when I will be finishing a hike or a ski tour, so I would appreciate it if I didn't have to stress or worry "too" much about when or how often the shuttle comes by the trailheads.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	Overall, I am extremely excited for this concept... a transit link up Millcreek is long overdue, as getting more people out of cars will 1) decrease pressure to forever build bigger and bigger parking lots at trailheads and 2) make the canyon road quiet, safer, and less medically harmful (through reduced emissions and microplastics) to runners and cyclists also using that corridor.	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The shuttle would not stop at the bottom of the canyon. Thank you for noting this.
86	07/17/2025	Amanda	ROTTMAN	convenience, hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed	If riding canyon transit got me credit toward a ski pass at one of the local ski resorts or sporting goods retail shops. If it meant zero or reduced canyon access fee.	travel-time, schedule	Long wait times at shuttle stops and parking lots.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	less	Great idea! I think for it to be successful, it has to have frequent pickup times from convenient, easy to get to via other public transit, locations in the valley. I also would hope that the shuttles aren't PM, so big that they take away the ability to road bike on the shoulder up Millcreek.	Thank you for your comment.
87	07/17/2025	Tyler	Penix	convenience,hassle-free-parking		schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I think its a GREAT idea to help solve congestion and parking issues!!! Millcreek Canyon has amazing trails but I'm always afraid to go because I'm never confident I will be able to find a parking spot at the trailhead I want to take.	Thank you for your comment.
88	07/17/2025	Ethan	Miller	dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,convenience,hassle-free-parking		price,schedule,travel-time		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.
89	07/17/2025	Matthew	Kastellec	hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed	Access to top of the canyon spots with limited parking	schedule,travel-time	More than 15 min intervals	summer,spring,fall,winter	Weekends	more	Love this idea!	Thank you for your comment.
90	07/18/2025	Mark	Anderson	dogs-allowed,hassle-free-parking		schedule		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	It's impractical for the many picnickers I mostly hike with my dogs	Thank you for your comment.
91	07/18/2025	Mark	Moehling	convenience, hassle-free-parking,other-explain-below	Regular and reliable schedule.	schedule,other-explain-below	Please NO dogs on the shuttle.	spring,winter,fall	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment.
92	07/18/2025	Aline	Devaud	convenience,hassle-free-parking		schedule,price		summer,spring,fall	Weekends	The same	Schedule is super important to me. I would like to not have to wait more than 10-15 minutes for a ride up or down canyon. Using the same price structure would be good. I would use it when the weather wasn't too cold as I wouldn't want to be standing outside for awhile and hauling skis on a bus seems like a hassle but going on a shuttle to be dropped off and picked up at a trailhead would be great. I support less use of fossil fuels. Would you be considering reservations for picnic sites (not expensive or maybe free but a way to guarantee a picnic table) and then with an reservation, the person would be allowed to drive up and park with their picnic gear.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
93	07/18/2025	Amelia	Wilson	convenience, dogs-allowed, hassle-free-parking	Frequency of the shuttle. Do not want to wait more than 15 min for shuttle.	schedule,travel-time,price		summer,spring,fall	Weekends	less	I love Millcreek but 99% of the time use it with my dog. If shuttles allow dogs shuttle stops also need to provide shade (in summer/hot days)	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into fee schedules that would incentivize shuttle use. The scope also includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs.
94	07/18/2025	Liesl	Archbold	convenience,hassle-free-parking		price,schedule,travel-time		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.
95	07/18/2025	Jonathan	Ambury	convenience, hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,other-explain-below	Reliable shuttle service with frequent pick up/drop time slots throughout the canyon.	price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Dogs (excluding service animals), shuttle capacity (in other words, lack of sufficient seating and standing space; being crammed and crowded), inconsistent/unreliable shuttle pick up/drop off times, limited trailhead options (in other words, only being shuttled to a few of the available trail options in the canyon).	summer	Weekdays	less	As a Mill Creek resident (Canyon Rim) and someone who frequently bikes and hikes in the canyon (e.g., 1-2 times per week), I'm not opposed to a shuttle service option, particularly if it's seasonal or available during higher usage periods (e.g., weekends, holidays, summer months). However, I do not support a shuttle service as an exclusive option to replace visitor's ability to drive and park within the canyon, even with limited or more restricted parking, as it is often more convenient to drive/carpool for quick visits (e.g., before/after typical work hours to bike, hike, trail run, etc.). Being required to take extra steps to plan around shuttle schedules and presumably pay a higher or extra fee for a shuttle ride is highly undesirable.	Thank you for your comment. Cars will still be allowed in the canyon.
96	07/18/2025	Christopher	Jennings	bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking	Extended hours of service.	schedule		fall,spring,winter,summer	Weekends	more	Very much support the idea.	Thank you for your comment.
97	07/18/2025	Holly	Goulding	bikes-allowed,hassle-free-parking		travel-time,schedule		summer,fall	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment.
98	07/18/2025	Jodi	Wood	convenience, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed	How much time it would take to wait for the shuttle, the area in which you would wait (like wait inside your car or underneath the shelter if the weather is bad). I have had a Senior@ Canyon pass for 8 yrs and use the canyon on a regular basis, weekdays, and weekends and holidays. I have been a lifelong resident of Mill Creek/Parleys my entire life, 70 years. I have watched with dismay the canyon fill up and become much more populated over the years, especially with social media, attracting those who are unfamiliar with all the trails. The misuse of the canyon and Parking has been a concern to me.	price		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays,Weekends		My senior Millcreek pass is only \$30/year presently. It used to be less obviously. I would need to be able to bring my dog&and skis in the winter. I thoroughly opposed the major transformation of the upper Canyon. I went to several meetings down at the least Millcreek office space. I hate to see more and more people be able to @&#x26;#x26; into the canyon. I hate the idea of the thousands of trees you are probably cutting down up there and widening the road. I wish that we could have just had a @&#x26;#x26;Deer Valley@&#x26;#x26;Arches Natl Park type of system at the gate, which would only allow so many cars in the canyon per day. People would be turned away if the canyon was full. People would be admitted as cars come down. I would be happy to pay more for a yearly pass to make some of these things happen. I hate to see gigantic parking lots at the top of the canyon: Big Water, Elbow Fork, Birch. @&#x26;#x26; all for improving them and making facilities better, but not providing enormous crowds into the canyon at a time.	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us as we continue to work on the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Concept.

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99	07/18/2025	Josie	Bohling	convenience, dogs-allowed	frequent shuttles- millcreek is a great place for people who have a small window of time to recreate in between work-school- home. For many the max w die of time is 1.5-2 hrs max- sitting around for more than 15 min would make ms y just opt to drive			winter	Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.	
100	07/18/2025	Brian	Palmer	convenience,bikes-allowed				summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment.	
101	07/18/2025	Ellen	Bailey	convenience,hassle-free-parking				summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.	
102	07/18/2025	Aaron	Emery	hassle-free-parking		schedule,travel-time,other-explain-below	Hauling firewood. Hauling camp stove. Hauling propane. Hauling camp chairs. Hauling picnic supplies.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.	
103	07/18/2025	Shawn	Chatelain	other-explain-below	None	other-explain-below	Don't feel a shuttle is indicated. Emigration and City Creek will have construction done eventually and the construction up Mill will be done eventually as well. Don't want more people finding out about Mill Creek Canyon and fear a shuttle would advertise it. Also don't want to pay more for a yearly pass for a shuttle that I wouldn't ever use			The same	Not a fan. I get the idea though. Just too many people here anymore.	Thank you for your comment.	
104	07/18/2025	Sarah	DeVore	convenience,hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed		price,travel-time,schedule	Infrequency. If I'm going for a hike or a run, I don't want to have to wait around for a long time to get a ride back down the canyon.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	less	If the goal is to reduce car traffic in the canyon, the shuttle should be cheap & amp; extremely convenient, and parking should be the more expensive option to incentivize use of the shuttle system. It sounds great in theory but in practice ppl will have picnic gear and ski stuff and their hiking packs and dogs and chairs to sit by the river and generally a lot of STUFF	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into fee schedules that would incentivize shuttle use.	
105	07/19/2025	Karen	Kaminski	hassle-free-parking convenience, hassle-free-parking,other-explain-below	If it ran on a pretty fast schedule, like a shuttle every 15 minutes	travel-time,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	If the shuttles are more like airport shuttles iwth spaces for baggage i think that would work better	Thank you for your comment. While the scope doesn't mention chairs and other picnic gear, we think it's a great idea to look into ways of accommodating those things. If we get to the next stage, we will take these ideas into consideration.	
106	07/19/2025	Hannah	Thomas-Hollands	convenience, hassle-free-parking,other-explain-below	If the shuttle ran often and consistently.	schedule,price,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Make it mandatory and fund it properly. Don'd™ half-ass it and then shoot it down because it didn't™ work; a halfhearted attempt is a death sentence. Model it off the shuttle in Zion.	Thank you for your comment.	
107	07/19/2025	Emily	Lemons	hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed	Convenient pick up locations where public transit connections are available. Multiple location options that connect to Trax and bussing. For bikers riding buses can be difficult so connectivity to Trax is easier.	price,schedule	Minimal stops to be dropped at along the canyon. If it only ran hourly. 30 minute intervals minimum. Costing over \$5/person or day.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	The same	Running year long for all users would be awesome and having stops that cater to differing groups such as hikers, bikers, dog walkers, and skiers in all seasons. I'd love to be able to go from my house in Murray and get to the canyon anytime of year and ski, bike or even backpack. That would be AMAZING!!	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into everything you've mentioned here.	
108	07/19/2025	David	Billings	dogs-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking	Make it mandatory like in Zion National Park.	schedule	Permitting dogs or bikes onto the shuttle when they are not allowed in the canyon.	summer,winter,fall,spring	Weekends	The same	It is an excellent idea and should be implemented in the Cottonwood Canyons as well. What I would really like to see is having ONLY shuttle service in the canyon or at least the upper canyon. I would love a situation like City Creek where the canyon is simply not available to cars and drivers. I fear construction might be too far to implement something like this, but there is a reason City Creek is so beloved by cyclists, runners and walkers. The problem with running shuttles and still allowing cars is that it doesn't really discourage driving up the canyon. We see this in BCC and LCC with overflowing parking all winter long. You would need to really increase the annual/daily cost for a car and almost have the shuttle be cheap or near free.	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.	
109	07/19/2025	Ryan	Strehlow	convenience, bikes-allowed	I love to mountain bike up Millcreek Canyon in the summer. I would absolutely pay for a shuttle to take me from the bottom to the top lot in the summer. I think an annual fee would be totally reasonable.	price,schedule	I love the ride the bus up Little Cottonwood and Big Cottonwood in the winter in order to ski. The biggest issue there is frequency and overcrowding. Sometimes riders have to wait 1-2 hours just to catch a bus. I would hope that shuttle services could be run with enough frequency.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I am also an avid road cyclist, and Millcreek is one of the most serene and beautiful canyons in the area. I would love to see it only accessible to bikes, pedestrians and shuttles. That is my paradise, and I know I am not alone in this thinking.	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.	
110	07/19/2025	jani	Gamble	convenience,hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed		schedule,price, other-explain-below	would not ride a shuttle if dogs are not allowed.	summer,spring,winter,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	PS - Why can we not currently have the upper canyon open to pedestrians and cyclists on the weekend, similar to City Creek?	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.	
111	07/19/2025	Bryan	Parry	convenience, dogs-allowed	Regular schedule & amp; on time so that I'm not waiting long for a ride	schedule,price		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	less	I think it'd™ a fantastic plan if done effectively. I LOVE the shuttle in Zion Canyon.	Thank you for your comment.	
112	07/19/2025	Alan	Fogel	hassle-free-parking, convenience	Reduce air pollution	schedule	How often will it run? Will the schedule be posted online? As a senior I would not be able to stand for long periods. Will there be seating preference for seniors?	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	Will the senior canyon pass be accepted by the shuttle? Will all riders in the car be able to ride the shuttle for no extra charge?	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into the questions you've mentioned.	
113	07/20/2025	Mat	White	convenience, hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed	If it was the only way up the canyon I would have to use it. If I could use the shuttle during the month of June to get past the gate (with the gate generally closed to other traffic) that would be nice.	schedule	If it didn't run in the winter or did not allow cross-country skis	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	The same	This is a great idea. Often it's difficult to find parking in the summer, and in the winter I have had to leave the canyon without being able to find parking. And if it helps preserve our beautiful canyon, that is all the better!	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.	
114	07/20/2025	Jared	Moon	bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,convenience,hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed		price,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.	
115	07/21/2025	Margaret	Edmunds	hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed	Bus stops at all major trail heads	travel-time, schedule	I am usually on a schedule when I go up the canyon; I do not have a lot of extra time to spend waiting for a shuttle.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Concern about the potential public safety issue of allowing dogs on shuttles. Not all dogs are friendly, or could have a negative response to a particular person/dog even if they are friendly. There's a lot of liability in allowing dogs on shuttles that should be considered. Not allowing them could also be a deterrent in getting people to use the shuttle, creating more traffic congestion issues and not resolving the problem that we are hoping to change.	Thank you for your comment.
116	07/21/2025	Savannah	Mailloux	hassle-free-parking, convenience	If my annual canyon pass pays for shuttle access and the parking adjacent to shuttle access is accessible (reasonable wait times, adequate parking near the shuttle stop), then I would be happy to use the shuttle all the time.	price,schedule, travel-time	The consistent parking issues in Millcreek Canyon, which has been at all times/hours of the week now instead of just weekends, has driven me away from recreating in the canyon. I used to go up Millcreek Canyon 3-4 times a week and I have maybe been there once or twice in the last three years due to the parking issues. It is dangerous for people walking or driving up/down the canyon with the illegal parking on the road and people trying to access trails.	summer,winter,fall,spring	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	In my opinion, for a shuttle system to work, it must be frequent enough to be practical for users, which means in the range of every half hour throughout daylight hours.	Thank you for your comment. Your ideas will help guide us in the process of assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. Several people have noted a concern over riding with dogs. Thank you for noting this.	
117	07/21/2025	Karla	Knoop	convenience, hassle-free-parking	Knowing that I'd™d be contributing to less traffic and fewer air emissions in the area generally	schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	more		Thank you for your comment.	
118	07/21/2025	Joshua	Burt	convenience,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed		price,schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.	
119	07/21/2025	Natalie	Brown	hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,other-explain-below	runs often, free	price,schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.	
120	07/21/2025	Jacob	Whitcott on	bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	A direct connection to existing transit service, either by stopping at existing UTA Park and Rides or even by running shuttles all the way to TRAX Stations.	schedule		summer,fall,winter,spring	Weekends	more	A great way to encourage ridership here, in my opinion, would be to work with UTA to integrate any shuttle service into UTA's system. Like I said above, connections to existing bus routes would help make Mill Creek Canyon more accessible to everyone, even those without cars. Also, working with UTA to make fare payment simple and universal (as has been done in the SF Bay Area, NYC, LA, etc.) will make payment easy and convenient, and so riders won't need to carry cash or another card.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to connect the shuttle into existing private providers' transit networks.	

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121	07/21/2025	Kendall	Van Horsen	hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed, convenience	Riding the shuttle would be most convenient if it allowed dogs, bikes, and other gear and was a frequently, convenient, and free way to avoid driving up the canyon. Paying a reduced price without an annual pass would be helpful and riding free with an annual pass would be expected.	price	If the price was higher than that of paying the \$5 fee it wouldn't work. One shuttle traveling the canyon would make getting up and down too slow and very inconvenient.		Weekends, Weekdays	less	I love the idea of a shuttle to alleviate the traffic and parking problems!	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into the questions you've mentioned.
122	07/21/2025	Richard	Overmyer	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed	Dogs are a must have for this to be usable for me.	schedule,price	Price for 2 to ride shuttle should be less than the daily vehicle rate, or 2 people should be included with the annual pass. On shuttle, would like to prevent it from being stuck behind the line of cars leaving at peak hours. Recommend having buses use shoulders when safe.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more	I would be willing to pay more for the annual pass if shuttle was included. I would be in favor of a shuttle if it results in less traffic/congestion in the canyon. The goal of a shuttle should not be to cram more traffic/people into an already crowded space. If the plan and/or final result of implementing a shuttle would be to have the canyon more overcrowded (with or without vehicles), then I would not be in favor of it. The canyon has limited space and natural resources, and I believe the beautiful nature of the canyon could best be maintained by implementing some sort of a reservation system that would put a maximum limit on visitation, regardless of whether visitors would use private transportation or a shuttle system. If a reservation system were to be implemented, it would make sense to allow a limited number of private vehicles along with a defined number of visitors that could visit via shuttle service. Such a reservation system would be for those using public spaces such as trailheads and picnic areas; those individuals or groups visiting private businesses or cabin tracts would need to be allowed access outside of the public reservation system.	Thank you for your comment.
123	07/21/2025	Bruce	Woolsten hulme	hassle-free-parking		travel-time		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment. The goal of the Mountain Accord has always been to maintain a systems balance—where transportation, recreation, and businesses don't detract from the visitor experience or harm the environment, so we're keeping these things in mind as we work through the Mill Creek Shuttle Concept.
124	07/22/2025	rich	anderson		convenience,hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed	schedule		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.
125	07/22/2025	Ann	Bosworth		dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed	schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
126	07/22/2025	Aaron	London	dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,hassle-free-parking		schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	The Wasatch front is woefully lacking in transit to trails solutions for human powered recreators. We have the Big Back Shuttle in the summer and the WBA Backcountry Shuttle in the winter. I recreate year round in all of our Wasatch front canyons on foot, on bicycle, on skis, and where permitted with my canine companion. Mill Creek Canyon is perfectly suited to a hop on hop off shuttle system such as those now in use at Zion and Bryce National Parks during peak season. Finding parking in the upper canyon is so difficult that I gave up even trying to do so more than a few years back. When I do access upper Mill Creek Canyon it is either by hiking or biking up from lower canyon trailheads or by coming in from Big Cottonwood Canyon. The time is long past to do something, anything. Just start now. If you're not going to do it then step and fund those who are trying to do something like the WBA Backcountry Shuttle. Instead of reducing their grant funding you should be increasing it. Give them enough funding to do a trial run in Mill Creek Canyon as a study phase. Just do something!	Thank you for your comment. Constructing the necessary infrastructure in order to allow for a shuttle service in the upper portion of Mill Creek Canyon was one of the original motivating factors for the USFS and Salt Lake County when they applied for The Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant funding. Short-Term Project Grant funding is limited each year, and we wish there was enough funding to fully fund each of the grant proposals the CWC receives, but that is not the reality. Commissioners make the difficult decision of how to divide and disburse the limited grant funding across the grant proposals each year based on factors including geographic reach, systems (recreation, environment, transportation, and economy) impact, matching funding, and other factors.
127	07/22/2025	Logan	Wangsgar d	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed	Schedule and capacity are crucial. If the timing on my trip up and down the canyon have to be so specific that I'm stuck waiting an hour or something similar on either direction that's no bueno.	price,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends, Weekdays	less	I couldn't select less and same, but it feels hard to pay more for something less convenient. But the cost isn't so prohibitive that paying the same would be a deal breaker, but less would be good.	Thank you for your comments.
128	07/22/2025	Casey	Carrigan	bikes-allowed, convenience	If there were no cars allowed in the canyon I'd go more. I've never personally driven up Mill creek canyon. I've only biked it, but I don't do that very often either because the constant stream of cars is unnerving.	schedule,price		summer,spring,fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	This would be very sweet as long as it can be linked easily with the UTA buses. If I have to awkwardly transfer by hiking across wasatch boulevard or something I'd be less enthusiastic. I take public transit more than I drive so I care about a smooth connection more than available parking. Many, many people bring dogs up Mill Creek canyon so the shuttle should have a plan for that. Eight bike capacity like the Park City shuttle would be great, too! I care about frequency more than cost, personally. It sucks to wait for an hour because of bad connections with other buses.	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Shuttle. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
129	07/22/2025	Lisa	Hadley	hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,skis-allowed	I would love to ride the shuttle! Especially if they run every 15 minutes or so.	schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	I think it's a great idea and we should do this in all our canyons.	Thank you for your comment.
130	07/22/2025	Max	Seawright	convenience,hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed		schedule,price		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.
131	07/22/2025	Andrew	Williams	bikes-allowed		travel-time,schedule,price		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	less	I believe the 50\$ a year is great, I would argue in making the amount daily less.	Thank you for your comment.
132	07/22/2025	Cathy	House	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed	frequent service, free Parking at the base of the canyon should be top priority if shuttles will be provided. Unfortunately, no deal was made with Porsche for them to provide a parking area even though I am sure we tax payers have subsidized this business. Again unfortunately, that means that the water wheel parking lot will have to be expanded—ripping up the park—to allow for parking. But a shuttle will be useless without a convenient, large parking lot with the shuttle stopping there multiple times during busy hours.	price,travel-time,schedule	dogs not allowed, wait time	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
133	07/22/2025	Gretchen	Siegler	hassle-free-parking, convenience		schedule,travel-time,price	No parking at the base of the canyon	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	Shuttles should run frequently with predictably scheduled hours. They should stop at all trailheads, but briefly, because if the ride is too long, people won't take them. Shuttles should allow dogs, bikes and skis.	Thank you for your comment.
134	07/22/2025	Steve	Van Winkle	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking	Reducing vehicle traffic is a vital step in reducing the environmentally harmful effects of emissions.		Possibly. Scheduling of public transportation and available parking at canyon mouth.	fall,spring,summer,winter	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment.
135	07/22/2025	Brixen	Baird	convenience,hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed		price,schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.
136	07/22/2025	Penny	Jamedon	dogs-allowed, other-explain-below	If it could be used to cap the number of people in the canyon.	other-explain-below	Too many people or unruly dogs on the shuttle and if it increases the number of people in the canyon.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	Please don't kill the canyon by making it accessible to more people!	Thank you for your comment. The goal of the Mountain Accord has always been to maintain a systems balance—where transportation, recreation, and businesses don't detract from the visitor experience or harm the environment, so we're keeping these things in mind as we work through the Mill Creek Shuttle Concept.
137	07/23/2025	Geoff	Silcox	convenience, hassle-free-parking	Better for air quality	other-explain-below	None	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
138	07/23/2025	purnima	gandhi	convenience,hassle-free-parking		other-explain-below	Sometimes, as a senior citizen, I like the convenience of driving.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	The fee is reasonable. That can cover the maintenance cost, reduce traffic.	Thank you for your comment.

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139	07/23/2025	Jill	Silvestrini	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		Frequent shuttles (every 30-60 min)	schedule	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Great idea! Would definitely need to allow dogs on leash	Thank you for your comment.
140	07/24/2025	Sarah	Inwood	hassle-free-parking, convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		1) If a discount was given to residents who live in the geographic area that is subsidizing the shuttle. It ought to be tiered. If County funds are subsidizing any of it, then non-SLCo residents pay more. If state funds are paying some, then state residents pay a different fee, etc. So, different tiers depending how much your residency coincides with residency. I don't want to see SLCo money going to it w/o SLCo residents receiving a discount. 2) tiered rates for weekend/holiday vs weekday. One off rates and a punch pass. 3) a warning and tracking system for people whose dogs act out. Require dogs be muzzled and leashed close to owner. Some dog owners have no clue as to how unruly their dog truly is. If a dog owner has been warned, then it should be tracked. Dogs need to have registration tags including vaccinated.	schedule, price					Thank you for your comment. It will aid as we assess the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon.
141	07/24/2025	Gabe	Herr	other-explain-below, convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		Frequency. Free compared to car price. Charge \$10 per car or free shuttle. Honestly I like millcreek bc of ease of driving in and parking midweek. I avoid busier weekends. The only way I would like use the shuttle is if it was free and at least every 30 minutes.	schedule, price	summer, spring, fall, winter	Weekdays, Weekends	less	Shuttle should be free or at least cheaper than car. Otherwise I'd rather drive.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of the study includes looking into ways to incentivize shuttle use.
142	07/24/2025	Gitte	Larsen	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking		Convenience& specifically frequency of shuttles would be a consideration.	schedule	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	Love the idea. I'd been great to have the bus system in LCC and BCC. Frequency of shuttles and plans for popular times, eg more frequent shuttles, would make the experience better.	Thank you for your comment.
143	07/24/2025	Kimberly	Yore	hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience			schedule	winter, fall	Weekends	The same	Great idea! I would mostly use it to ski on Winter weekends, but if there was a bike shuttle that would be interesting.	Thank you for your comment.
144	07/24/2025	Adam	Holmes	bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience		Frequency of service would be very important. This would be great for bikes because you could easily only need the ride up the canyon. But if hiking then it could be anxiety inducing knowing you need to get back before the last shuttle that may or may not have room on it.	schedule, travel-time	fall, spring, winter	Weekends, Weekdays	more		Thank you for your comment.
145	07/24/2025	Erik	Steenburgh	bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking, other-explain-below		Public transportation to the shuttle	price, schedule, other-explain-below	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
146	07/24/2025	Stefanie	Naden	skis-allowed, bikes-allowed		I like public transportation, but I haven't actually had issues finding parking in Millcreek. I have much bigger issues in neighboring canyons, especially LCC. I would use a shuttle for backcountry skiing, but it would need to start running pretty early around 7am.	schedule, travel-time, price, other-explain-below	winter	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
147	07/24/2025	Jens	Tenbrook	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		I would potentially use it if hiking solo, but not with my dog (see comments in next question).	schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Larger park and ride	Thank you for your comment. Hassle free parking is paramount to a pleasant shuttle experience and is being considered in the scope of work.
148	07/24/2025	Olivia	Grev	convenience, hassle-free-parking		Convenient times	price, schedule, travel-time	summer, spring, fall	Weekends	The same	If this is not a consistent shuttle that runs in short intervals, allows dogs and skis on the shuttle. The scope also includes identifying parking area options near the base of the canyon.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs and skis on the shuttle. The scope also includes identifying parking area options near the base of the canyon.
149	07/24/2025	derek	smith	convenience, skis-allowed			schedule, price	summer, fall	Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
150	07/24/2025	Jake	Heyerdahl	convenience, hassle-free-parking, skis-allowed		If it was free	price, schedule, travel-time	winter	Weekdays, Weekends	less	I love there being more transportation options in general, but it would be great if there were ways to get to the mouth of the canyon easier. Like a Wasatch blvd bus that ran up and down wasatch just to the various canyons	Thank you for your comment. Though we cannot predict what the shuttle program and cost will look like with 100% certainty, it is unlikely that a shuttle service could be provided for free based on the fact that the toll booth fee is used to perform necessary maintenance within Mill Creek Canyon, and we would not risk impacting the toll revenue at the expense of canyon maintenance. And, we agree! We would also love if getting to the mouth of each of the tri-canyons using transit were easier and more accessible.
151	07/24/2025	Sara	McCormack	convenience, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking			schedule	winter	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I really like the idea as I am often deterred from going up during peak times when I know parking could be challenging.	Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
152	07/24/2025	Morgan	Faulkner	dogs-allowed, skis-allowed		Waiting too long for a shuttle or the shuttle being too busy	schedule, travel-time	spring, fall	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs.
153	07/24/2025	Josh	Gottfredson	convenience, hassle-free-parking, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed, dogs-allowed		Millcreek for me is used as a quick get up and exercise me and my dog kind of situation. Usually I'd be something I do early mornings so that I can be out and back in an hour or two and get on with my day. The shuttle would have to be dog friendly (I have a 110 lb friendly dog, so big dogs would have to be included). Long travel times would prevent me from taking the shuttle because it would defeat the purpose of a quick morning exercise routine. If I were to hear about a lot of dog fights or dog issues on the bus, that would be tough. My dog is very mellow and is good with other dogs and people but I don't necessarily trust other people's dogs. There would have to be space for the dogs to not stress.	schedule	summer, spring, winter, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Love the idea. I would love to see a shuttle that runs super early through late to make it work for dawn patrol and late evenings on the mountain	Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
154	07/24/2025	Abby	Laskey	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		****Dog friendly****Good parking where the shuttle stop is, high frequency of shuttles	schedule, travel-time	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	Love the idea of a shuttle and would love to use it. Evening and weekends are our primary use times of the canyon so that would be critical. Frequency and connection to UTA transit/bike infrastructure from the city would be great.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to connect the shuttle into existing private providers' transit networks.
155	07/24/2025	Adrienne	Aldous	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed		Price point	price, schedule	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.

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156	07/24/2025	Elizabeth	BUTLER	dogs-allowed,skis-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,other-explain-below		travel-time,schedule				The same	I think it would be tough to use a shuttle while hauling along my two dogs and keeping them separate from other dogs on the shuttle. I pretty much only come to millcreek with my dogs so even though I like the idea of a shuttle, it probably isn't a realistic solution for me.	Thank you for your comment. If your dogs are not shuttle-ready, you would still be able to drive your own vehicle to trailheads.
157	07/24/2025	Emily	Horton	convenience, dogs-allowed,skis-allowed	Low cost, allow one way running of trails Cost, if its expensive and on top of an entrance fee, probably wouldn't take it.	price,schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I would be willing to pay slightly more than the annual fee, but not as much as double.	Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
158	07/24/2025	Mikayla	Rewey	convenience, dogs-allowed	Frequency, if its only a few times in the day, may not due to it likely being like the ski bus and crowded. Not having to deal with parking, but primarily to keep canyon traffic to a minimum	price,schedule, other-explain-below	How crowded it is.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more	I would do \$7/day to cover the entrance fee and gas.	Thank you for your comment.
159	07/24/2025	Matthew	Peterson	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed, hassle-free-parking,other-explain-below	For cyclists, the Canyon could be a respite from car traffic, just enjoying the quiet closed course beautiful canyon road without being buzzed or worse yet hit by a car, just a shuttle coming by every 10 minutes. Of course if there was going to be adequate canyon shuttle service, the road improvements going on might not be necessary and that money might have been better spent on the shuttle and associated infrastructure.	price,schedule,other-explain-below		summer	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Instead of a goat rodeo of cars racing up and down canyon fighting for limited parking spots, a shuttle could preserve a serene canyon experience on the road for cyclists and pedestrians. The crucial zone for the shuttle is above the winter gate and up or from Log Haven on. Instead of making folks pay for the shuttle, they should have to pay for up canyon parking beyond the gate during any non-shuttle hours.	Thank you for your comment.
160	07/24/2025	Nick	Guertin	hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed	Free canyon access	price,travel-time,schedule		winter	Weekdays, Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
161	07/25/2025	Amy	Dall	convenience,hassle-free-parking		price,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
162	07/25/2025	Sara	Wong	hassle-free-parking, convenience, dogs-allowed	Frequent service, cheaper than day pass	price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Ease of travel	summer,spring,fall	Weekends	less	I really like the idea but I honestly wouldn't use it unless the day fee became more expensive too	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs on the shuttle. The scope also includes identifying parking area options near the base of the canyon.
163	07/25/2025	JESSICA	TAYLOR	dogs-allowed,hassle-free-parking		price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Millcreek is one of the few options for dog owners. If the shuttle system is not dog friendly, that would be a huge misstep.	winter	Weekends	The same	A shuttle might work but you still need plenty of parking at the entrance to the canyon to use the shuttle because if you have a dog you cannot use public transit to get to the canyon shuttle.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs on the shuttle. The scope also includes identifying parking area options near the base of the canyon.
164	07/25/2025	Kathy	Alderson	convenience, hassle-free-parking	But I don't see how you can have both.	price,schedule	Schedule and Parking hassle. Where could one park????? There isn't enough parking nor frequent enough busses going up Big and Little Cottonwood to be convenient. I don't see how there could be enough parking at the base nor shuttles of substantial size to serve Millcreek conveniently.	fall	Weekdays	The same	I would consider riding year around if it was convenient to for me. I am doubtful, however, that it would be, causeless the other canyon winter busses are not convenient.	Thank you for your comment. A major component of updating the 2012 Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study is determining whether there is a realistic parking and staging area that would be available for use. If the study finds that there are no feasible parking areas, the study will determine that a shuttle program is not feasible. Convenience is a factor that will be included in our update to the feasibility study.
165	07/25/2025	ari	gluckman	skis-allowed,hassle-free-parking		price,schedule		winter,spring	Weekends, Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
166	07/25/2025	Jack	Vines	convenience, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed	I would definitely ride a shuttle if you offered it.	travel-time	It needs to run frequently enough that there are not extended wait times & it's 15.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more	Please do this! I would be willing to still buy a canyon pass for \$50 for the year if it allowed me to also use the shuttle. I would not use it in the winter because I would not want to have to wait for it to pick me up after my winter activity (unless it could and would allow fat bikes). If fat bikes were allowed on the shuttle I would use it to get up the canyon to the winter gate and could ride home if I didn't want to wait for the shuttle. Adding in crestwood and upper pipeline has been huge in getting people spread out throughout the canyon. If shuttles are going to happen maybe there are two kinds of shuttles during cycling season: one for bikes and one for hikers. I am already far too many hikers mad about the cyclists on upper pipeline (connector) when there are no signs stating why they should hike on a hike only trail. If there is a \$5 hikers shuttle that drops off at church fork and desolation and Bowman fork, etc. etc that would put hikers where they should be hiking not intermixed with the bikes. OR the shuttles should run hikers to the yurt or elbow on even days when there are a lot of bikes. I spend a lot of time up Millcreek canyon year round and would be happy to discuss further if interested. Thanks.	Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.
167	07/25/2025	Ashley	Hagensick	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking	Free, frequent trips up canyon	price,schedule	I would not ride the shuttle if bikes and skis were not allowed.	summer,spring,fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment. Several people have asked if bike accommodations will match the current even/odd canyon rules. We have noted this so that Fern & Peers are aware of the question.
168	07/25/2025	Mitch	Frankel	Nothing in reality as my dogs are not shuttle ready		price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Same as above				Go for it, but don't prevent current parking usage I think that a very limited shuttle program could have some success in Millcreek Canyon, but there would be too many problems with a broadly required shuttle service. Parking is a huge problem and there is not a good solution. There are many users of the canyon who have different interests that wouldn't fit well together in a broad shuttle system. These groups include large groups who use the canyon for gatherings, people walking dogs, bike riders, hikers, skiers, people who own cabins in the upper canyon and visitors to the two commercial venues. Furthermore, the cost of a broad shuttle system would not bring an adequate return on the investment. I believe too much attention has been focused toward the shuttle system in Millcreek at the expense of other alternatives that would be less costly and likely more effective in controlling the number of visitors in the canyon. Over the past several years, reservations systems have proved to be effective ways to control the number of people accessing our wilderness areas. A reservation system could be implemented in Millcreek Canyon. I think that too much attention has been given to a shuttle system because it is recommended in the Mountain Accord. I hope that your work will consider other options like a reservation system to address overcrowding concerns in the canyon. Thanks.	Thank you for your comment. Don't worry, the shuttle would not preclude the use of personal vehicles.
169	07/25/2025	Rusty	Vetter	other-explain-below	I would only ride the shuttle if I were going to ski or bike on the upper trails and wanted to end my journey outside of the canyon. My primary use of the canyon is as an owner of the cabin in the Firs community and a shuttle would not meet my needs for access to our cabin. I assume that our access wouldn't be limited with a shuttle.	other-explain-below	As explained above, the occasions for using the shuttle for me would be limited.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I live very near the mouth of the canyon, so a shuttle up would be awesome for fatbiking and mountain biking. I would be able to enjoy the trails and the just cruise home afterwards.	Thank you for your comment. A shuttle program operating in Mill Creek Canyon would have no impact on access for the cabin owners. A major component of updating the 2012 Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study is determining whether there is a realistic parking and staging area that would be available for use. If the study finds that there are no feasible parking areas, the study will determine that a shuttle program is not feasible. Convenience is a factor that will be included in our update to the feasibility study. Similarly, if this update to the feasibility study finds that we cannot find a balance to the various canyon users and interests, the shuttle will be deemed to be unfeasible. Thank you for your
170	07/25/2025	Sarah	Weippert	bikes-allowed,dogs-allowed,skis-allowed,hassle-free-parking,convenience		price,schedule		winter,summer	Weekends	more	I also really like to take my dog I the canyon in the winter but the parking situation can be challenging.	Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle concept in Mill Creek Canyon.

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172	07/25/2025	Mark						summer, winter, fall, spring	Weekdays, Weekends	more		
173	07/26/2025	Ian	Cheney	skis-allowed, bikes-allowed, hassle-free-parking		price, schedule		winter	Weekdays, Weekends	more		
174	07/26/2025	John	Galland	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed				summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		
175	07/26/2025	Judy	Jones	other-explain-below		price						
176	07/26/2025	James	King	hassle-free-parking		price, schedule, travel-time		summer	Weekdays	The same		
177	07/26/2025	Doug	Mackay	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	Splitboard/snowboard	price		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		
178	07/26/2025	Susan	pohl	convenience, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking		schedule, travel-time		summer, spring, fall, winter	Weekdays, Weekends	more		
179	07/26/2025	Melissa	Christensen	convenience, hassle-free-parking		price, schedule, other-explain-below		summer, winter	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		

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180	07/26/2025	Marcy	Berding	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, other-explain-below	frequent drop off/pick-up times, sufficient capacity on shuttle	schedule, other-explain-below	Poor parking at shuttle stop outside of park. Shuttle bus capacity isn't sufficient and bus riders are left waiting for long time for next bus. Bus doesn't stop at (or near) location I want to hike	fall, spring, winter, summer	Weekends	The same	Electric buses would be so much better (lower noise, less smell), especially important for bike riders. Canyon is open to cars 24 hr/day. But buses would not run that whole time. so it is essential to me that canyon parking is open for times when shuttles are not running (e.g. early AM when I often go to canyon) I'd likely only use on weekends when parking is impossible. weekdays I have found parking is OK. Concerned if a hike goes past the last bus pickup at trail head, and no cell service in canyon, a hiker could be stuck with a long walk out of park	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure frequent pickups and dropoffs. The scope also includes identifying parking area options. The shuttle would not preclude the use of personal vehicles, so you could still drive yourself to the trailhead at any hour of the day or night.
181	07/27/2025	Amanda	Hutt	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		price, schedule, travel-time		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I think you should get pet supply businesses, like petco, bark box, veterinarians, etc to sponsor the dog friendly J&E Bark Bus	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use.
182	07/27/2025	Scott	Sayre	other-explain-below	I went on a picnic yesterday. I had a wagon full of food, charcoal, firewood, camp chairs, a wheelchair water cooler of water and a dog along with wife and children. How could I possibly make that work if I had to use a shuttle?	other-explain-below, price	Lack of capacity as explained above.	summer	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	The shuttle would only work for walkers. You would eliminate the canyon as a place for a picnic. Are you going to shuttle bus loads of kids to the Scout camp? Imagine being dropped off at the foot of the terraces picnic area and walking up that road with a family along with all of the gear for a picnic. Shuttle would be a terrible solution!	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The shuttle would not preclude the use of personal vehicles if picnickers with a lot of stuff prefer to drive themselves.
183	07/27/2025	Arnad	Philippe	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	Reduce pollution + only if cars are not allowed + high frequency of shuttle (every 30 min at least) + convenience and availability of car parking at the start of the shuttle route.	price, schedule		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Make it electric (no climate impact), ban cars from the road.	Thank you for your comment. Several people have noted a desire for electric shuttles. We will make sure Fehr & Peers are aware of this desire.
184	07/28/2025	Vicki	Turner	convenience, hassle-free parking, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed		schedule, price		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	J&E'm not entirely familiar with the final build plan for the new road/parking, but seems like road design would have to incorporate room for shuttles to stop and load/unload safely and efficiently. Seems like the planning sequence maybe backwards? Also, we need shuttles and fewer cars. J&E'm frustrated that after all these years we still talk J&E feasibility and study. Please note that families with young children will be hauling child carrying backpacks. People will be hauling all kinds of stuff. We may have to consider shuttles by use; that is, bike shuttles vs general hiker users. J&E'm assuming that data are available for the various users, frequency and times of canyon access. Another problem is carrying capacity and how many people will be dumped at the top of the canyon. With USFS budgets being drastically cut and the removal of other resources for maintaining trails and resources, we must figure out how we can sustain this recreational resource responsibly. We need to lobby for funding and people to do the work. We need to be more frank and honest about reinstating and increasing funding for the national forest we will be impacting. Thank you.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The shuttles will be small enough to turn around in small areas like Maple Grove and Big Water; they will not be full sized busses. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate all of the things you've mentioned. The fees will go directly to the Forest Service to be spent exclusively on maintaining the integrity of Mill Creek Canyon.
185	07/28/2025	Sarah	Wolfe	convenience, hassle-free parking, skis-allowed	I organize weekly touring meetups during the ski season for a non profit women's group. It would be very convenient to arrange a meetup and ride together as we often have several cars going up the canyon for these. Because of these weekly meetups I would prefer a season pass for a shuttle. \$50 would be a fair price, I think, as it would be cheaper than paying the \$5 fee every week and be incentive to use the shuttle if you pay for a season pass already. It would also be ideal to have more service during peak hours. For example every 30 minutes from 5-7 pm during the week. You would need more on weekends.	schedule	If the schedule wasn't convenient to take a tour up to elbow fork. We typically drive up to start at 5:30pm and driving out by 7.	winter	Weekdays	The same	I love the idea for shuttle access to all public areas and wish we had more in Utah.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure frequent pickups and dropoffs. The scope also includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use with the potential to combine fees in some way to accommodate groups like yours.
186	07/29/2025	Sam	Wilson	hassle-free parking	Two things, first parking is a hassle and a shuttle might help. Second, it might limit the numbers of dogs. I haven't been to Mill Creek in several years because of the dogs. On leash days very few dogs are actually on a leash. On non-leash days I have seen dog sitters bring 6-7 dogs on trails. And only a few clean up their waste. I wear a broad rim hat and more than once a dog off leash has stopped me on the trail aggressively growling at me.	schedule, travel-time		summer	Weekdays	more	Where would the parking place be, and how often would the shuttles run.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs. The scope also includes looking into parking area options and ways to ensure frequent dropoffs and pickups.
187	07/29/2025	Annette	Malen	other-explain-below	I have three dogs. I do not ever see myself unstrapping them from my truck and loading them onto a shuttle.	schedule	Taking my dogs or my skis.				I think the shuttle is a good idea from Mountain Bikers. I would not ride a shuttle as a hiker with dogs. I would be ok with an increase in the toll cost.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs, bikes, and skis. The scope also includes looking into fee schedules that would incentivize shuttle use.
188	07/29/2025	Tracy	Karp	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	walking up still be allowed	price, schedule, other-explain-below, travel-time	too many stops	summer, winter	Weekends	more	good idea, but where will they park?	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into parking area options. The shuttle would not preclude the option to walk up the canyon. One goal of the shuttle is to make walking safer if fewer cars parked on the roadway as a result of shuttle implementation.
189	07/29/2025	Shannon	Tilly	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	Frequency of rides! every 30 minutes or every hour? Flexibility with pick up and drop off. I.e. Can you drop me off here? A € Not having to be at just one particular place for getting on the shuttle. Hitch hike?	schedule	Not being able to bring fogs, bikes, skis. Only being able to get on at one place. I live right at the base of the Cannon would be happy to ride any input.	summer, winter, spring	Weekdays, Weekends	more	J&E've always wanted this. It would make it so much better for bikers and runners to enjoy this beautiful canyon. J&E'm visiting. The hardest thing will be for people who come up with their barbecue and loads of picnic stuff!	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure frequent pickups and dropoffs at popular trailheads. The scope also includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs. The shuttle would not preclude the use of personal vehicles if picnickers with a lot of stuff prefer to drive themselves.
190	07/29/2025	Barb	Viskochil	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		price, schedule		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon.
191	07/29/2025	Samantha	Ferrell-Schwepke-nstede	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed	I think the most important factors are regular shuttle departures (ideally every 15 minutes) and making stops at all the main trailheads.	schedule, travel-time	I would be willing to pay more for a regular, reliable service	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I am very very supportive of a shuttle and would always choose to ride it over driving, unless shuttle departure and pick-up times are widely outside of my intended travel window. No one wants to finish a hike and then spend 30+ minutes waiting for the next shuttle. I would also be concerned that the last shuttle down the canyon leave late enough in the evening that I would not have to worry about missing it, causing me to get stuck in the canyon after sundown.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure frequent pickups and dropoffs.
192	07/29/2025	Andrew	Smith	dogs-allowed, convenience, hassle-free parking	Dogs are key to my experience in mill creek. Without allowing dogs I would not want to take a shuttle	schedule, travel-time	I can see the utility of shuttle on weekends when busier.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	more	I value Millcreek enough that I would be willing to pay for the ability to drive myself when I want during work week	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs. The scope also includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use, but the shuttle will not preclude the use of personal vehicles. Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon.
193	07/29/2025	Dakota	Shoperd	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		schedule		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	The same		

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194	07/29/2025	Tyndall	Bounous	dogs-allowed, hassle-free-parking, convenience		schedule, travel-time	If the times were really spread out or unreliable, or overly crowded	fall, spring, winter, summer	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	It would be nice if our car pass also counted in the shuttle, so we had the option to do either but not pay extra.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure frequent pickups and dropoffs. The scope also includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use with the potential to combine fees in some way.
195	07/30/2025	Jon	Jugenheimer	hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, convenience, skis-allowed				summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends, Weekdays	more		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon.
196	07/30/2025	hunter	stuercke	convenience, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking	One time annual fee to ride shuttle or part of having the millcreek canyon pass already.	other-explain-below	Dogs and skis need to be allowed. No muzzles on dogs as a standard (up to the owner to determine that).	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	Shuttle time would need to be similar to driving your own car.	Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate skis, bikes, and dogs.
197	07/30/2025	Andrea	Machalek	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed	Would pay up to \$150 annual for Millcreek canyon pass that includes shuttle service where I can take my dog, skis, bike. I frequent Millcreek and have had to start going only on weekdays because the current parking situation on weekends and even some weekdays now if it's hot in the valley.	schedule, travel-time	Out of control or unfriendly dogs and worrying about my small dog. Trails getting overcrowded with shuttle service and no longer limited by parking.	summer, fall, winter	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Maybe having one shuttle go all the way to the top lot directly without stopping at all other trailheads? Or in the case of winter- go directly to winter gate. Where would you leave your car to take the shuttle service? Would this parking be limited? I think the shuttle is needed mostly weekends and afternoon weekdays when the lots seem most busy.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
198	07/30/2025	Kate	Bowman	convenience, hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	Shuttles run regularly and with a short waiting time during the hours when I want to use them, and a guarantee that there will be a shuttle down available when I need it.	price, schedule, travel-time	It's worth considering that there is no cell service in many parts of Millcreek canyon, so the shuttle schedule needs to be published and reliable to prevent getting stuck up there with no ride down and no way to call for a ride.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I would particularly like to have a shuttle in the winter, when parking is often totally full at the porter fork trailhead and the winter trailhead. I go up to ski on weekends and on weeknight evenings. It would be important to know that there was definitely going to be a shuttle down available, even if my ski takes longer than expected. Also, it would be really great to have a shelter of some sort with heat at the shuttle pickup locations or lockers. I typically go up to skate ski, and I don't want to carry a bunch of extra layers with me that I am not going to use while skiing, but am going to need to be dressed warmly if waiting for a shuttle for 15 mins in the cold.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
199	07/30/2025	Derek	Machalek	convenience		travel-time		summer	Weekdays	more		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon.
200	07/30/2025	Matthew	Wilson	hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	Supporting less congestion in the canyon		Reasonable pricing (like that in place now) would be nice. Scheduling at least on the hour would be enough to schedule around for me	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	I strongly support this approach. I think it is the most sensible approach to accessing ALL of the Wasatch front canyons!	Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon. The scope of work includes looking into fee schedules that will incentivize shuttle use.
201	07/31/2025	Lydia	Keenan	convenience, hassle-free-parking				spring, summer, fall, winter	Weekends, Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon.
202	07/31/2025	Preston	Gallagher	other-explain-below	There is nothing that gets me excited or encourages me to ride a shuttle	other-explain-below	I was under the impression that Udote was facing labor shortages severe enough that they can even staff a full schedule for ski buses. How then are they going to be able to afford summer buses up Millcreek? Furthermore, you'd already decided to expand the road so car traffic is prioritized? What would motivate me to leave the comfort of my car and ride a bus instead? Lastly, I can't think of anything I'd love to hear more than gas powered buses going up and down the canyon while using their engine brakes. The canyon's atmosphere and quiet environment is going to be completely destroyed now that you've turned it into a Disneyland parking lot.			less	Millcreek should have been protected and hiking/hiking traffic prioritized. This study and the ones before it emphasizes the failure of government to provide any innovative solution beyond what is the laziest, most profitable, and developer friendly option. I'd been more unimpressed by a governor and a city then I have been with Millcreek City and Governor Silverstein. While we'd like it, I tell you put some more Porsche dealerships and chain restaurants at the top too.	Thank you for your comment. If determined to be feasible, a shuttle servicing Mill Creek Canyon would not be operated by UDOT, as UDOT does not have jurisdiction in Mill Creek Canyon. It is USFS Service land in Mill Creek Canyon, and Salt Lake County operates a permit to manage the Mill Creek Canyon road. The concept that we are assessing the feasibility of in this study includes shuttle vans, not 40-person buses.
203	07/31/2025	Madison	Carter	hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed		schedule, travel-time, price		summer, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon.
204	07/31/2025	Brynn	McLin	convenience, hassle-free-parking, other-explain-below	Having a shuttle would allow me to confidently explore more and longer trails. Having the convenience to shuttle back to a car parked in a less crowded lot or vice versa would be amazing!!	schedule	The shuttle should be frequent enough that you don't need to wait longer than 20-30 mins	spring, fall, summer	Weekdays, Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use.
205	07/31/2025	FRANCES CA	AUDIA	hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		schedule		summer, spring, winter, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use.
206	07/31/2025	Parker	Willett	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed	If there is shuttle, a scheduled parking or demand based toll rate would be nice and encourage use of the shuttle.	price, schedule, travel-time		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use.
207	07/31/2025	BRANDON	PATTERSON	convenience, hassle-free-parking	This is a great idea and I would be encouraged to ride the shuttle. I usually ride up with my bike but a shuttle would be helpful.	schedule	I'd hope for a tracking system to see where the shuttle is located so I can best plan for any delays.	fall, spring, summer	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
208	07/31/2025	Kara	Downey	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, other-explain-below	Dogs allowed is a nice to have, not a requirement Early/late running time, most of my recreation is in the early morning or late evening due to work and small kids	schedule, travel-time		fall, spring, winter, summer		The same	Overall I think it is a great idea, especially for the upper canyon when it responds I would also allow for some cool things like taking the shuttle up the canyon and running trails back down to the car, or running Desolation Trail all the way to Dog Lake without having to set up my own car shuttle. And in the winter a shuttle even only to Porter Fork/winter gate would be super helpful	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. One of the benefits would indeed be the ability to create new running, biking, skiing loops. The scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs. The scope also includes entertaining two different schedules for winter and summer, with summer hours starting earlier and extending later into the evening so that people can beat the heat.
209	07/31/2025	Katie	Garrett	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed	I would ride the shuttle if it didn't have long wait times to get dropped off and picked up.	travel-time		summer, winter, fall, spring	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	Do it!	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure frequent pickups and dropoffs.
210	07/31/2025	Paula	Carl	dogs-allowed, hassle-free-parking, convenience		price, schedule		fall, spring, summer, winter	Weekdays	more		Thank you for your comment. We'll do our best to work toward assessing the feasibility of a shuttle program in Mill Creek Canyon.
211	07/31/2025	Heather	Matheson	convenience, hassle-free-parking, skis-allowed		price, schedule, travel-time		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	I really like the idea as there's limited parking so I feel like a shuttle would alleviate congestion in the canyon. My worries include parking to get on the shuttle and then also the schedule. I like others like to run there early morning or evening around the typical workday schedule so more frequent shuttles during those times would be ideal. For example my running group Women of the Wasatch runs in Millcreek every Tuesday at 5:45pm so a shuttle would be great! We do our best to carpool but if a shuttle was offered around 5:20pm we'd definitely use it. I'm a little nervous about dogs on the shuttle but if they're on leash and behaving that would be ok. Also making the cost of using the shuttle less than driving would probably help get more people to use it. I'd suggest increasing the right to drive up canyon and keeping the shuttle less to incentivize it's usage.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.

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212	07/31/2025	Ashley	Scharff	dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,convenience If it had EARLY and FREQUENT times. I am almost always on a time crunch when I am running and skiing up the canyon, so I don't have time to sit and wait for a shuttle that only comes every 30-60 minutes. Also, I am often in the canyon before 6 am. Would shuttles run that early? Where would I park to catch it? Would they allow gear? Skis, boots, bags, ski trailers? When I pull my kids up the winter road, I fill my entire mini van with gear.	price,schedule,travel-time,other-explain-below		I primarily bring my dog / skis or bike, so a shuttle would only be helpful if there was adequate space.		Weekends	less	Would it be included in the annual Millcreek canyon pass?	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into options for carrying dogs, skis, and bikes. The scope also includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use with the potential to combine fees in some way.
213	07/31/2025	Katie	Storrs	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,skis-allowed Would dogs be allowed on the shuttle? That is critical. Would this be a free service?	schedule,travel-time,price		Timing. Schedule. Not allowing dogs. Not allowing a bunch of gear like skis, ski trailers, boots etc. Having to lag all my gear and kids to a shuttle stop and away from the shuttle stop. Shuttle Not going where I want.	summer,fall,spring	Weekdays,Weekends		I think if you have an annual pass, it should be free.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
214	07/31/2025	Braden	Morrill	dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,convenience	schedule,price		As long as the price is equal to or less than what it costs to drive in the canyon I'd use it. A consistent schedule is crucial to me riding.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays,Weekends	The same	My ideal dream is a canyon that gets rid of all private vehicle traffic. Making it safer for pedestrians, bikers, wildlife, and just an overall more enjoyable canyon.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use, but the shuttle will not preclude the use of personal vehicles.
215	07/31/2025	Jamie	McLaughlin	dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,convenience,hassle-free-parking	schedule			summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays,Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. In keeping with the original vision of the Mountain Accord, the goal of the shuttle is to maintain a balance between the mountain's four systems: environment, recreation, economy, and transportation. As the population along the Wasatch Front increases and Mill Creek Canyon sees more recreation pressure, a shuttle could help ensure that you will continue to find good parking places over the next 25 years.
216	07/31/2025	Jay	Griffin	other-explain-below convenience, hassle-free-parking Annual canyon pass gets us on shuttle	price,schedule,travel-time		No shuttle needed!!!!!!				Stupid idea. That is all!!!!!!!	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. In keeping with the original vision of the Mountain Accord, the goal of the shuttle is to maintain a balance between the mountain's four systems: environment, recreation, economy, and transportation. As the population along the Wasatch Front increases and Mill Creek Canyon sees more recreation pressure, a shuttle could help ensure that you will continue to find good parking places over the next 25 years.
217	07/31/2025	Ann	Milde7nhall	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,skis-allowed,convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed	price,schedule,travel-time			summer,fall,spring	Weekdays	The same	Probably a good idea.	Thank you for your comment.
218	07/31/2025	Henry	Whiteside	Designated stops; online real-time schedule updates	price,schedule	unreliability, within reasonable limit		winter	Weekdays,Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.
219	07/31/2025	Lois	Huebner	Frequency of shuttles, where shuttle stops	price,schedule,travel-time			summer,fall	Weekdays,Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
220	8/1/2025	Bonnie	Kaminsky	hassle-free-parking,convenience	other-explain-below	Dogs		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.
221	8/1/2025	Sarah	Lee	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,bikes-allowed,other-explain-below Frequent pick up and drop off has anyone considered winter shuttle, maybe with a tracked vehicle, in a separate lane than cross country skiers, during the winter. This would make upper back country more accessible. I addition, those of us that pay alot of tax and lease for a cabin in the Firs, who can only use the cabin 1/3 of the year, actually be able to have year round access. This could be a win-win for everyone and open the upper canyon to those who don't ski, too old to ski, and have never seen the beauty of that in the winter. I think alot more people would support this if the vision was expanded.	price,schedule,travel-time,other-explain-below		The shuttle may allow more people on the trails than the trails can support. As it is, when the lot for a trail is full, the trail is as crowded as it can be and still be enjoyable. With shuttles bringing unlimited people to limited trails, they may be excessively crowded and unpleasant.		Weekends	more	I'd love to pay more to keep the canyon less crowded and avoid a shuttle. I'd love to be nice if there was a way to know if the parking lot for Dog Lake was full before going up the last few miles. Hopefully the last few miles will be widened. Sight lines are awful certain times of day, and there are sections too narrow for cars to pass.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. In keeping with the original vision of the Mountain Accord, the goal of the shuttle is to maintain a balance between the mountain's four systems: environment, recreation, economy, and transportation.
222	8/1/2025	Dane	Bradshaw	convenience, skis-allowed, other-explain-below Regularly scheduled pickups with easy app-based registration. That way you know you are on the shuttle with your gear/pets and don't have to worry about arriving early to stand in line for FCFS. A parking lot counter at the base of the canyon. If I know I can't park at the parking lot I want, then I'll be more likely to take a shuttle. I normally go early to winter gate lot to ski so that we don't fight parking. But if we had a shuttle I could go later in the morning - maybe allowing the snow to warm up a little.	price,schedule	lack of winter access, especially above the winter gate	Right now, despite MillCreek Canyon users using the UTA Park-n-ride, it's not officially allowed. The smaller mill-run? park-n-ride wouldn't be able to handle it as a shuttle park-n-ride. We'd need the lots at Upland Dr and Wasatch to be developed but this is owned presumably by the state/IDOT? Parking at skyline would work for weekends and summers perhaps. Maybe as a trial location. If there was still parking available for free (cost of canyon) then it'll be hard to convert to the shuttle, if I have to pay for the shuttle.	winter	Weekends	more	I would normally ski Mill Creek 1-2 times a week in winter. I don't normally bike in Mill Creek but would consider it from Dog Lake if a shuttle was available. I'm more likely to just bike in Park City and hike in Mill Creek. We need more parking/shuttle accessible non-MTB hiking trails along the Wasatch. I'd love to hike Dog Lake more often but the parking is unreasonable. A bigger lot of one solution but a shuttle is another. I don't think you can determine a feasibility of the shuttle till we adjust to the new upper road and parking lots. Will the new lot be awesome - or is the trail now overcrowded and unfun. I'm willing to pay more for the Canyon (I normally hold a season pass) but if a pass allows me to park OR shuttle then I might still try to park.	Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
223	8/1/2025	Heidi	Schubert	skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed	price,schedule			summer,winter	Weekdays,Weekends	more	Hi! I love the idea of a shuttle in Mill Creek. It has gotten so busy that we generally avoid using in during the weekends as parking has gotten so hard. We use Mill Creek year round and love the idea of being able to do loops in and around the Mill Creek and not having to car spot in the canyon. I feel like especially in the winter it would help not having cars parked before snow can be cleared. Seems like the shuttle would have to run pretty regularly (15-20 minute headways) and/or personal vehicles not allowed in the canyon for it to work well. People aren't going to wait 30 minutes and risk not getting a spot (UTA ski bus) if they can possible driver up and try and stuff their car somewhere.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
224	8/1/2025	Steffie	Sotkin	convenience,hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed,bikes-allowed	price,schedule,travel-time			summer,winter,fall,spring	Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure the shuttle arrives and departs with reasonable frequency.

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					OTHER: Frequency, often the upper parking to begin Big and Little Water trails is full, but one only finds that out by making the complete drive to the top and circling around, hoping that the cars you see leaving are indeed hikers leaving and not just other cars which found the lot full. That said, when you're finished hiking, it could prove frustrating to realize that you had just missed the shuttle and would now have to wait an hour or so. It would be my feeling that 30-minute intervals at peak times (TBD) would prove a nice compromise. Add to that the start and end times for the shuttle running...start too early and the buses run empty; but end too early and late hikers are stranded.						
					PARKING: By this I would refer to where the shuttle bus would originate. At a park 'n ride, fine... at a high school parking lot, no. The boarding and offloading would have to be somewhat closer to a "normal" spot, perhaps near the shopping center or at the stop across the street near the glass recycling or bus (but would there be enough parking spaces?). And how many stops (and for how long) would each shuttle take, both up and down. If the allotted time is 30 minutes to go up, and perhaps 20 to go down (accounting for picking up and dropping off), would there be enough time for the drivers, and would there be enough shuttles running? Not everyone would stay on until the end, but then how many would indeed get off at middle stops and such? If dogs were allowed, and bikes, how long would those take to secure and load (say, dogs/skis/bikes on a crowded bus).						
225	8/1/2025	Michael	Martin	convenience, hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed,bikes-allowed	schedule,other-explain-below	See pro and con reasons above....	summer	Weekdays	The same	This is a difficult situation to cover completely, simply because of trying to satisfy the variety of people going up and down the canyon. Sightseers, hikers, dog walkers (some with multiple dogs, and if so, would there be a limit of the number, or more allowed for a fee per extra dog), bike riders, skiers, picnic families and more. Some will be fit, some overweight, some active and some slugs... but all want to enjoy the canyon. And would making room for the shuttle "zone" for pickup and drop off eliminate other parking spaces, or would more parking spaces be built? Perhaps emphasize the cost savings vs. per car fee (shuttle would cost more if billed on per person vs. single car load) and would season pass holders ride for free on the shuttle? And what about seniors asking for their "discount"? So many questions which would need to be answered, and may prove a near-impossible task. All that said, best of luck in continuing to try and ease the congestion in our canyons, especially as the population continues to build and more and more people want to see the beauty of our canyon/s.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
226	8/1/2025	Elizabeth	McKinnon	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,skis-allowed	schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	My dream is to hike rattlesnake gulch weekly, and if I could ride public transit to a shuttle that took me to the trailhead I would be over the moon!!! I can drive to the trailhead currently but would prefer to take a bus from Midvale. In the future, I would like to bring a dog on the shuttle. I'm very happy parking at the park and ride at the bottom of I could bring my dog with me for a hike on odd days! I would also love if the shuttle would prevent mountain bikers from getting on on odd days because it can be very jarring to encounter them where/when they aren't supposed to be there. I would also love a shuttle that took me up to cross country ski because I get nervous driving in the snow	
227	8/2/2025	Rebecca	Frei	convenience,hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed	schedule,travel-time,price		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	Very excited about this!! Please make the shuttle frequent and close the canyon to cars	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into everything that you've mentioned.
228	8/2/2025	Tegan	Tingley	convenience, hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed	schedule,price, other-explain-below	Long wait times (ie not enough capacity like the ski bus)	summer,spring,fall,winter	Weekends	The same	I think a shuttle is a really good idea. I'mve used the canyon for many years and parking has gotten increasingly stressful.	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. It would indeed be great to use the shuttle to create fun loops.
229	8/3/2025	Melissa	Guziak	convenience, hassle-free-parking,dogs-allowed,skis-allowed	price,schedule	Timing would be the biggest deterrent for me. If I couldn't rely on the shuttle to work with my timeframe I probably would not use it.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	I think a really cool pro for the shuttle is that users on foot could connect different trails and not have to start and end at the same trailhead.	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. We're looking into ways to create a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use. The scope of work also includes looking into ways to ensure the shuttle arrives and departs with reasonable frequency.
230	8/3/2025	Mira	Ensley-Field	convenience, hassle-free-parking	schedule,travel-time	It would need to be reliable	summer,winter,fall,spring	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	Knowing that I am a part of the solution to protect Millcreek canyon from overuse and misuse.	Thank you for your comment and your support for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure the shuttle arrives and departs with reasonable frequency.
231	8/3/2025	Koi	Canfield	convenience, hassle-free-parking, other-explain-below	schedule,travel-time,other-explain-below, price	I would be discouraged from riding if there were bike storage in the interior of the vehicle, which would take up a lot of space. I would be worried about loud/aggressive dogs and dog fights. Not to mention if a dog has to go potty at inconvenient times. Most of the dogs I would probably be happy to see their cuteness I just worry about dog conflicts. I think it would be tragic if you could not open the windows.	summer,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	The same	The mobile version of the survey won't let me select bikes and skis, but I would occasionally use it for those purposes. I think the most important is convenience and frequency of the shuttles, I would happily take a bus if I knew I wouldn't be waiting more than 30 minutes after I finished my run/bike/ride.	Thank you for your comment and your support for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure shuttle frequency.
232	8/4/2025	Jeremy	Cummings	bikes-allowed, hassle-free-parking,other-explain-below	other-explain-below	Besides reducing traffic and congestion in the canyon as a principle, the only occasion I would use the shuttle is when I mtb hike in Big Water area.	summer,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	Frequent service and clearly marked signs for stops including things for visibility at night. I would worry about accidentally coming home late from a hike and missing the last shuttle. I would be encouraged to ride and feel safer if they're was perhaps reduced frequency at night and later hours so I don't have to worry about getting stranded. Plus Millcreek Canyon is a nice spot for stargazing. Bus connection and a park n ride would also encourage me to ride.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
233	8/4/2025	Jeffrey	Brown	other-explain-below	schedule,price	Needs to run frequently.	summer,winter,fall,spring	Weekends, Weekdays	The same	I really like the idea of the shuttle so you don't have to worry about parking and finally having the option to go up the canyon without anyone to drive you up in a big bulky, expensive car. I would like it if the shuttle vehicle were clearly marked as such and have signs on them similar to those on UTA buses as well.	Thank you for your comment and your support for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. The scope of work includes looking into ways to ensure shuttle frequency.
234	8/5/2025	robert	lingstuyl	convenience,hassle-free-parking,bikes-allowed,skis-allowed,dogs-allowed	price,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	I think this would be amazing. Dramatically increase the price for cars to enter the canyon to subsidize the shuttle. Do not allow dogs on the shuttle.	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. We're looking into ways to create a fee schedule that would incentivize shuttle use. Because Millcreek is one of the only dog-friendly canyons around, the scope of work includes looking into ways to accommodate dogs.
235	8/5/2025	Jackson	Schor	convenience,hassle-free-parking,skis-allowed,bikes-allowed	price,travel-time		winter,fall	Weekends	more	Summer I'd not use it down canyon while biking. Winter would be both directions and would really love a cat access to upper big water. D	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
										I would like stops at each of the major trailheads with some sort or priority where the bus does not have to wait in the down canyon line to pay, maybe a stop light for up canyon cars for the bus to around. To make it convenient you'd need at least 2 shuttles/hour. Additionally, if the shuttle ideas was for real the cars should pay more per day while the shuttle users should pay less per day/year; I would not want to pay the same as a car because I'd be losing so much flexibility however, I think you could raise the price for cars...	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
										Fantastic idea. It would be great if there was a &season pass& option for unlimited rides.	

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						Timeliness/frequencyâ€” sitting in my sweat wondering when the shuttle is going to come when Iâ€™m tired and hungry Communicationâ€” public transit is hardest when you donâ€™t know what to expect. If I have my dog and my skis, what are the expectations? How are they all going to fit. Dog requirements. I have 2 dogs and one me. They are well behaved, but would we be welcome on the shuttle. Reservation slots was going to be a pro for me but then I worry about being a few minutes off and not having the flexibility like I would a car in timing. Missing on the way up or down would be discouragingâ€¦ No solution here but Parking being harder to get to than the canyon. I donâ€™t know how far out of my way it would really find convenient and therefore burdensome. Olympus lot is perfectly located (but maybe too small for this)	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	The same	I love this concept, I think it could really benefit the canyon and the overall user experience. I wish the forest service would take some ownership and include it in the yearly millcreek fee costs they could even implement a shuttle only up canyon time-frame (say 8am-10am) and it would allow the shuttles to travel freely and quickly. It would also benefit road bikers in experience and safety.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
236	8/5/2025	Sarah	Foran	dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	Pre payment options the yearly fee rather than a pay per trip creates less of a barrier for me. (Curious if that would be per familyâ€” even though I donâ€™t have children \$200 a year for a family of 4 feels steepâ€” maybe kids ride free kind of vibe?)	price, schedule, travel-time					
237	8/5/2025	Sheila	Gelman		The parking is impossible so a shuttle will eliminate this problem. It works at Zion. The upper road is scary and too narrow even though they are trying to improve it.	price, schedule	summer, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
238	8/5/2025	Christy	Clay	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		schedule	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays, Weekends	more	Please make this a reality! The canyon is too crowded with cars, which is risky for people and other living beings! I used the shuttle in Maroon Bells Wilderness for years. It was convenient and the FREE!	Thank you for your comment and your enthusiasm for a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
239	8/5/2025	Suzanne	Stensaas	hassle-free-parking	Why are you asking now. this should have been done and implemented for this summer. seems a bit late and not genuine concern to solve the problem. Naturally i would prefer to bring my car, so frequency of service is important. Also, where will it stop? on demand at the picnic area i want?	schedule, price	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays	The same	I like the idea. I am a hiker year round.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
240	08/05/2025	Alisa	Tank	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	Parking availability would be the main reason I would ride a shuttle. I've avoided hiking on trails from the Big Water trailhead because getting up there is such a mess sometimes, especially with the narrow road and limited parking.	price, schedule, travel-time	summer, spring, fall	Weekends	less	I think a good way to incentivize use of the shuttle would be to reduce the cost of going into the canyon if you take public transit. Or, make it free (maybe not feasible). It would also need to run more frequently and not be full all the time like the ski buses in the Cottonwoods to make it desirable to ride, in my opinion. Another thing to consider is that many people who hike or ski in Millcreek like to do so before work - very early in the morning. Would the bus start running at first light? If not, it would not be useful to a large contingent who like to get their recreation done early. Because I hike very early, I usually don't have an issue finding parking, except at Big Water. So I'd probably only use the shuttle for that specific trailhead in the future.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
241	08/06/2025	Pam	Allison		High Frequency, it needs to be frequent enough that users don't spend a lot of time waiting.	schedule, price, travel-time	summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	I like the idea. I often avoid using the canyon because of parking concerns. Another benefit of shuttles might be less traffic noise.	Thank you for your comment.
242	08/06/2025	Tyler	Smithson	skis-allowed, bikes-allowed	I don't need encouragement. If there is a shuttle, I'm happy to jump on and ride. I would ride the shuttle in summer if it services trailheads, and in winter, to get to the gate at the bottom of the upper canyon (with skis allowed). I'm not keen on riding a shuttle with lots of dogs. I would love to pay once for a canyon pass, and have that cover the cost of use, whether parking or shuttle (rather than having to carry cash or credit cards every time I use the canyon. I am a regular (weekly) visitor, and I try to carpool whenever possible to reduce automobile congestion.	schedule	summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	Transit in Millcreek Canyon is a great solution to vehicular congestion at the various trailheads in Millcreek Canyon. Stops need to be provided at all existing trailheads/parking areas. Also, electric vehicle charging needs to be considered at various lots in the canyon. An additional exit fee should be levied on single occupancy vehicles regardless of vehicle has an annual pass. A	Thank you for your comment.
243	08/06/2025	Jessica	French	skis-allowed, convenience, hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		price, schedule	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays	more	Great idea. We should get a shuttle in place ASAP, and experiment to see what works best. Consider where people will park to catch the shuttle at the bottom.	Thank you for your comment.
244	08/06/2025	Ellen	Guthrie			price, schedule	summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	I am a trail runner, hiker, dog walker and leader of a large women's trail running group. I use the trails for running/hiking year round in mill creek, typically 2-4 times a week. The two times I experience/see the most need for the shuttle are on weekends and weeknights (especially when there are group activities). On weekends, many trail runners like myself do our "long runs". Summer and winter we start between 5:30-7:30AM and run for hours. The shuttle would need to start early in order to accommodate that group. Usually parking is ok for that early group though, so the shuttle could start at 8am or so for the masses/majority. Each week my trail running group hosts an evening run with 15-35 people. We encourage carpooling but often parking is challenging. This would be a great opportunity to have a shuttle! Our group runs after work though so it would need to accommodate bringing people back at 7:30-8pm. I would also want it to be big enough to take the group or frequent enough so that half the people weren't left for an hour. As someone who tries to arrange and encourage carpooling in the canyon, which has a lot of overlapping benefits and cons to a shuttle—the most motivating factors are price (getting a ride with someone with a pass) and limited parking. People like to ride with others who run at a same pace so they don't have to wait long after their run to get home. If shuttle were long and few/in between, I don't think people would take them. Finally, as a dog owner I am torn on allowing dogs. It's an incentive to be able to bring my dog but I would also be hesitant about being in an enclosed space with many other dogs.	Thank you for your comment.
245	08/06/2025	Isabelle	Hudson	convenience, hassle-free-parking, other-explain-below	Regular, dependable timing - Because there is no cell service in much of the canyon, I would want to know I could rely on a regular time table of stops and not be stranded without cell service. Hours of operation of the shuttle - as a trail runner, I usually start runs between 6-7am on the weekend or run between 5:30-8pm on weekdays. I would need a shuttle that starts early enough and ends late enough.	price, schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	fall, spring, winter, summer	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same		Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
246	08/06/2025	Barbara	Korneyli	convenience, hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed	Environmental impact from cars is lessened & it would give me better access to the canyon. It would also make the canyon less dangerous to cyclists	schedule	summer, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	It's a fantastic idea and I would love to see it	Thank you for your comment.

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247	08/06/2025	Michael	Jenkins	convenience	As the canyon becomes less convenient for cars to access, then a shuttle (by definition) becomes more convenient way - as long as there is sufficient parking near the canyon mouth for shuttle pickup. That is going to be a huge and expensive dilemma no matter what. The Upper District Mill Creek Park should NOT be destroyed to do that (and the park's footprint is not big enough anyway).	schedule,travel-time	See comments above. The further away from the canyon mouth shuttle parking is, the less convenient it becomes. Also, to the extent cars are removed from the canyon roads as replaced by shuttles, there is no question that road bike use in the canyon will increase. Vehicles and road bikes are a dangerous combination in the canyon even with planned road and bike lane improvements. Any shuttle system must include managing the vehicle/road bicycle interactions way better than current practice.				As a cabin owner in upper Mill Creek Canyon, any shuttle must exempt cabin owners and continue to allow them and their guests access to the canyon by vehicle. Given the short cabin season (essentially June through October), we must haul large amounts of everything to the cabins each year. Doing that by shuttle is not feasible. Also, we have contractors regularly provide services to the cabins ranging from emptying sewage tanks to repairing and completely rebuilding cabins. Service and construction vehicles must be allowed in the canyon independent of shuttle requirements.	
248	08/06/2025	Dylan	Munn	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	Good time offerings. Frequency would be less important to me if the shuttle could instead run until sunset or beyond. Frequent service would be great as well. I would rank dogs and skis allowed as much higher than bikes allowed. A bike shuttle would be awesome, but I can see the problems with that service.	schedule	Hours that don't work for working visitors who tend to go after work and finish up around sunset.	summer/fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	In addition, a vehicle ban/shuttle approach is not the only option. First, let's see how the new parking/road improvements in the upper canyon help with the issue. Also, on the busiest days, it makes sense to limit vehicle access to available parking places (except for those who will not stop in the canyon which should be allowed in/or privileges (including cabin/restaurant/scout camp guests, etc.). Also, if needed, a reservation system could be used for the busiest days. The canyon currently does not need anything other than the current access/parking approach on most days. It is just on the busiest days when a new approach will be helpful.	Thank you for the comment. Cars will still be allowed in the canyon.
249	08/06/2025	Sam	Goldstein	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	Scheduling and planning is a key variable for me and many of my friends who recreate in Millcreek Canyon (MCC). As a SLC resident, I am so close to the MCC, that I typically go when it is convenient, as opposed to planning ahead significantly. In other words, one big reason I go there is due to the convenience of it not being a big deal if I end up going 20 or 30 minutes later than I originally intended. If I knew a shuttle was reliably available, for example, every 20 or 30 minutes, I'd be far more inclined to use the shuttle.	schedule,price,other-explain-below	The last big thing about scheduling is that I would be unlikely to use the shuttle if it required a proactive reservation for a specified timeslot. Life happens, and MCC is viewed by me and many friends as a low key close-to-home place for outdoor activity when it's convenient for my schedule. Often I wrap up work and decide right then and there that I'll go for a run or ski in MCC. I would not be likely to use the shuttle if I needed to reserve a timeslot well in advance.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	less	I have to admit that if a MCC shuttle annual fee were the same price as the annual pass for my car, I want to say that I would opt for the shuttle, but I would have to think about it. Make the shuttle option cheaper? Then I'll be much more inclined to do that.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned. Several fee structures will be considered to incentivize shuttle use.
250	08/06/2025	Olivia	Juarez	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	Free or round trip fare. With fare, a tap to pay system that utilizes your own credit/debit card rather than using a unique app or fare card for the shuttle service.	schedule,price	If one could catch the shuttle for a ride down the canyon at multiple trailheads or spots, I would be discouraged from riding it if one issue we see a lot with the buses in the Cottonwood Canyons were to happen in MCC. For example, many times, the buses heading down BCC fill up at brighten leaving folks at solitude stranded.	summer,winter,fall	Weekends	The same	-The shuttle should be fueled through electricity or a hybrid engine to mitigate air pollution and climate change impacts. -People would be encouraged to use the shuttle if seats are equipped with mobile device charging ports. -I encourage the study to assess free fare for seniors, children aged 17 and younger, and people with disabilities. Free fare for minors will encourage families to use the shuttle. Free fare for seniors and people with disabilities is essential for equal access to the canyon among a population that tends to be low-income, on a fixed income, and/or without disposable income. -In general I visit Mill Creek Canyon the most during the wintertime to ski and run my dog up the winter road. This is generally on early morning weekdays and afternoons on the weekends. I usually only ski the Porter Fork area when there is no parking for the winter road. During the fall and summer I visit Mill Creek Canyon to hike my dog up the Church Fork trailhead, Thayne Canyon trailhead, Mount Aire trailhead, Alexander Basin trailhead, and Great Western trailhead. I would use the shuttle if it provided access to any of these areas. -Consider a group fare fee for shuttle users going to the canyon together. People will do the most immediate cost-benefit analysis (i.e. consider the fee) to make a decision about using the shuttle. For example, a married couple or room mates might be more inclined to drive over taking the shuttle because they would pay half as much in user fees to drive. I don't think people will think about the saved costs to fuel and vehicle maintenance by using the shuttle when they make a decision about how to get to the canyon.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned. Fee structures will be considered that incentivize shuttle use while maintaining equal access to the canyon.
251	08/07/2025	Kelly	Nielsen	dogs-allowed		schedule,travel-time	I would not use the shuttle if it is more than \$5.00 round trip. I would also be discouraged to use the shuttle if I was with a group of three or more. I would not use the shuttle if my dog could not join the ride.	summer,winter,fall	Weekends	The same	It could help during some of the busy times, but I hope that cars will still be allowed. Maybe have cameras of the parking lots so people can see if it's crowded before they drive up. If it's crowded then they can take a shuttle.	Thank you for your comment. Cars will still be allowed in the canyon.
252	08/07/2025	Kara	Freedman	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	I would LOVE to see mass transit to trailheads around the Wasatch. It is such a shame that we have beautiful places to recreate but it's basically required to own a personal vehicle to access them.	price,schedule	Lack of consistency; long lines (I'm thinking of the ski buses); other people's dogs causing chaos on the bus.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more	Love the idea of a shuttle to get to trailheads. I would happily pay the same or even a little more than I currently pay to get there in my own vehicle. However, for folks who regularly carpool, paying \$5 per day per person will already be more expensive.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
253	08/07/2025	Joseph	Thurman	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed	To add to the "convenience" box I already checked, schedule will make a huge difference for many users. If shuttles run less than once an hour or half an hour it will dramatically decrease ridership.	travel-time		summer,winter	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	Schedule will likely be the determining factor for me. If I would need to wait a really long time without any infrastructure (there are not currently bus stops in Millcreek Canyon to comfortably wait at) it would make it difficult to choose a shuttle even though that would be my preference. I would love to be entirely car free, but I currently need one to get to outdoor recreation opportunities.	Thank you for your comment.
254	08/08/2025	Stephanie	Barry	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience	Enough capacity that I don't get stuck waiting	price		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
255	08/08/2025	Nikki	Gillies	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience		schedule		summer,spring,fall	Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.
256	08/08/2025	Rachel	Nasse	dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience, hassle-free, parking		schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more	I agree that we need to be looking more toward mass transit to keep our canyons healthy.	Thank you for your comment.
257	08/08/2025	Dante	DeSimone	convenience	The key for a shuttle for me would be frequent scheduling. I don't want to wait 30 minutes for a shuttle. 15 or 10 minutes frequencies would be good.	schedule,travel-time	Too many stops. The shuttle should just go straight from its starting location to the canyon then stop inside the canyon.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more	Annual pricing would really help encourage me to ride, could probably go a little higher than \$50. If a shuttle is implemented the fee for vehicles should be increased to help pay for the shuttle first if needed. People driving cars into the canyon have a greater impact on the road, parking, and atmosphere in the canyon and therefore should pay more than those riding a shuttle. This will also encourage shuttle riding. I think if we don't make driving more costly than the shuttle in terms of price or time penalty people will not ride the shuttle.	Thank you for the comment. Fee structures will be considered that incentivize shuttle use.
258	08/08/2025	Philip	blevins	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	Good parking lot access for shuttle. Frequent shuttle runs. Morning to dusk shuttle service.	price,schedule	Poor access to parking my car for the shuttle.	summer,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	It should be convenient both in car parking and frequent shuttle service runs.	Thank you for your comment.

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259	08/08/2025	Sarah	Woolsey	convenience, skis-allowed	people being relaxed and not aggressive to get parking spaces, return of calm and peace to the canyon, no emissions vehicles used. I think of Zion and how nicely the people are when they wait in line. No aggressive cars zooming up. It has made it SOOOOO nice. Would want to have a way to also walk up and bike up and then the shuttle would be the only car. Ski racks. Warmth in the winter. No idea how dogs might fit on a bus, welcome education there.	schedule	I think time, if time lines were too long , but we might just simply change our expectations. I think of Zion and how nicely the people are when they wait in line. No aggressive cars zooming up. It has made it SOOOOO nice.	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	I think of Zion and how nicely the people are when they wait in line. No aggressive cars zooming up. It has made it SOOOOO nice. Please pursue this!	Thank you for your comment.	
260	08/08/2025	Evan	Tobin	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	If it was free Just like every other attempt at getting people to ride public transportation in this valley, it needs to be frequent enough that you don't have to plan around it. Just like a subway in any well managed city, you just show up and within 10 minutes or less the shuttle is there. If you don't make it super convenient people will stick with driving.	price,schedule, travel-time	summer,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	It would need to be frequent at peak times and consistent and not stop completely at ridiculous hours and dates like the ski buses or front runner	Thank you for your comment.	
261	08/08/2025	Lori	Campbell	convenience, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed, dogs-allowed, hassle-free-parking	Frequency of arrivals/departures, service to most if not all primary trailheads	schedule,travel-time	If it isn't frequent enough, it's going to be crazy busy and that will discourage use.	winter,summer,spring,fall	Weekends	The same	Thank you for your comment.	
262	08/08/2025	Rachel	Sanders	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	Being able to bring dogs to Mill Creek is a primary draw; not allowing dogs would mean I would drive in Mill Creek, though I'd still take shuttles in Big and Little Cottonwood and elsewhere where dogs aren't allowed.	price,schedule, other-explain-below	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	I think the shuttle is a great idea! I hope it is financially accessible to people so that it actually has an impact on traffic and we can accurately gauge how many people want to use the shuttle.	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned. Fee structures will be considered that incentivize shuttle use while maintaining equal access to the canyon.	
263	08/08/2025	Lincoln	Hoffman	hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, dogs-allowed, convenience, other-explain-below, skis-allowed	Ample gear storage (thinking picnics, coolers, etc)	price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	No room for gear, coolers, etc	summer,spring,fall,winter	Weekends	The same	I really like the idea of an optional shuttle, less enthused about a mandatory one.	Thank you for the comment. Cars will still be allowed in the canyon.
264	08/08/2025	Cindy	Crass	hassle-free-parking	Good schedule. Will it go to the restaurants?	schedule	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.	
265	08/08/2025	Brian	Doubek	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, other-explain-below	reduce traffic	other-explain-below	winter,summer,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	I believe a shuttle would improve overall experience in the canyon for all users.	Thank you for your comment.	
266	08/08/2025	Jill	Adler	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed	Ability to be dropped off wherever we want. Like ringing the cord on a bus. And definitely frequency. If I have to wait 20 or 30 minutes for a bus, I'm going to drive .	price,schedule	summer,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	less	It would have to cost less than driving my own vehicle in. I like having my car with me so I can have all of my gear nearby. I'd also be concerned about break-ins in whatever parking lot we will require to use so there would need to be 24 hours surveillance	Thank you for the comment. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned. Fee structures will be considered that incentivize shuttle use.	
267	08/08/2025	Bob	Paxton	other-explain-below	Only a non stop direct trip to the end of the canyon would encourage me to use it, with no dogs.	schedule,travel-time, other-explain-below			more	-Skis should not be allowed without lots of ski racks and luggage storage. Equipment leaves a lot less room and moves a lot less people. If skis are allowed, build a ski rack on the bus for many skis. -This could be a test run of a bussing system for Big and Littlewood Canyons in face of the gondola proposal? -Dogs should not be allowed in bus, can you imagine a bus full of dogs and shitty owners with curves and barking, no thanks. Dogs however should be allowed every other day off leash, but more dog poop bags need to be installed at trailheads and more signage. Maybe the entrance ranger can pass out bags at station and give a card on the impact of dog poop on the local ecosystem and watershed.	Thank you for your comment. It will guide us as we assess the feasibility of a shuttle service in Millcreek Canyon.	
268	08/08/2025	Rachel	Lake	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking	Nothing. Instead, create viable parking lots and safe off the road parking access.	price,schedule	fall,spring,winter,summer	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment. Several people have asked for dogs to only be allowed on certain shuttles. We have noted this.	
269	08/08/2025	Mitchell	Frankel	other-explain-below			I use Millcreek with my dogs. They will not be ok in a noisy shuttle.			I use Millcreek with my dogs. They will not be ok in a noisy shuttle.	Thank you for your comment.	

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				convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed							As someone who recreates regularly in Mill Creek Canyon, I would love to see a well-designed shuttle option. This is a great opportunity for the CWC and I would love to see action taken to pilot this program after the study is complete. I would be encouraged to ride the shuttle if it's convenient, offers parking close to the canyon mouth, is free or included with the existing Mill Creek pass, and allows well-behaved dogs on dog-allowed days and bikes on even days. Park City started allowing dogs on shuttles, so you could speak to them about how that has impacted their service for better or for worse. It is essential to create a schedule that is viable for working individuals; the shuttle should operate early mornings and late evenings on weekdays, as well as throughout the day on weekends all year long. I would be discouraged from using the shuttle if it's expensive, doesn't align with the dog/bike day schedule (because I am only ever hiking with my dog or mountain biking), or runs too infrequently. Flexibility and accessibility are essential. No one wants to get stuck up the canyon without service, waiting over 30 minutes for a shuttle. I would absolutely use a shuttle year-round: the Winter Gate and Porter Fork are essential stops in the winter. Wasatch Backcountry Alliance's Trail Counting Program collects winter usage data on popular trailheads and the Winter Gate in Mill Creek is by far the most popular each year. I would use the shuttle every day of the week; however, the times would vary. I would likely use the shuttle early mornings or evenings on weekdays, and I would use it at all times of the day on Saturdays. I would be hesitant to pay an additional \$50 on top of the existing \$50 annual Mill Creek fee. Ideally, the Mill Creek Canyon pass should cover shuttle access. Paying for service dissuades folks from riding. I think this is because of the inconvenience rather than the expense. I use the public transit system in Park City due to its convenience - I can hop on a bus and ride for free with my bike. Overall, a Mill Creek shuttle is a great idea especially as a strategy to reduce congestion and preserve the canyon experience. I recommend piloting the program for a few years and using ridership data to fine-tune the schedule and service areas. There will be growing pains but I think it's a small service area with relatively low complications (you don't need to accommodate things like ski resort employees or consider avalanche mitigation closures). This past winter, Wasatch Backcountry Alliance and Save Our Canyons had the opportunity to ride an Optimal EV electric shuttle, and we drove all the way up Mill Creek to the winter gate in February. The technology exists to make EV shuttles a reality in our steep canyon. Implementing an electric shuttle in Mill Creek would send a strong message about CWC's commitment to the pillars outlined in the Mountain Accord. It's an opportunity to lead by example and invest in sustainable, forward-thinking infrastructure, and it would be a significant accomplishment on CWC's resume!	
270	08/08/2025	Dani	Poirier	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		price,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Thank you for exploring sustainable transportation solutions for Mill Creek!	Thank you for the comment and your enthusiasm for a shuttle. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
271	08/08/2025	Craig	Thaxton	convenience, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, hassle-free-parking, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	1. On demand stops at trailheads 2. Frequent departures 3. Convenient pick up point at the base of the canyon with adequate parking	schedule,travel-time		summer,winter,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
272	08/08/2025	Anne	Doubek	convenience, hassle-free-parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	I would only ride a dog free shuttle. Dogs being on board would be a desk breaker	other-explain-below	I would not ride a shuttle with dogs	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	The same	Local residents should pay less. I don't like the idea of a shuttle but I can see it's eventual necessity due to increased use	Thank you for your comment.
273	08/08/2025	Brody	Leven	convenience, hassle-free-parking, skis-allowed	Most important to me :quick on and off. If using a shuttle becomes a whole complicated thing, I will be less likely to use it because part of the appeal of Millcreek is the convenience of a QUICK adventure. The longer we have to wait to board or catch a shuttle, the more complicated the payment process is, the slower the shuttle drives, all of that will detract from my usage.	schedule,travel-time,price	Piz see above I also don't think I would be willing to pay it, as I don't typically have an issue with parking.	summer,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	less	Thank you very much for considering this. Although, I do not think traffic in the canyon is a very big issue aside from a few days per year.	Thank you for your comment.
274	08/08/2025	Todd	Bryant	convenience, hassle-free-parking, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed, other-explain-below	Winter: Typically I am in MCC on a Saturday morning or evening during the week (trying my hardest to avoid inevitable crowds) to use the winter road on BC Touring gear or going up Porter fork for the same reason.	price,schedule		winter	Weekends	The same	I think it's a good idea. I currently use the BCC ski bus pretty regularly as a frequent solo-tourer. I like being able to get up canyon early sans car and get out of the canyon early afternoon before downhill rush. The use here would be similar.	Thank you for your comment.
275	08/08/2025	David	Rabiger	convenience, dogs-allowed, hassle-free-parking, convenience, dogs-allowed	I may consider hiking in MCC more again with a shuttle option. I don't much anymore because I live farther away and it's busier.	price,schedule		summer,winter,fall,spring	Weekends	The same	My hike group did Millcreek hikes about 24 days a year, perhaps less in retirement as we get older. In retirement we hike Millcreek canyon on weekdays to avoid the weekend parking problem.	Thank you for your comment.
276	08/08/2025	Thomas	Finley	convenience, hassle-free-parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	The schedule would need to be frequent like every 20 or 30 minutes. The cost needs to be reasonable a similar cost as the canyon fee.	price,schedule, travel-time		summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
277	08/08/2025	Anna	Cook	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	Stops at all trailheads. Frequency is 30 mins or less.	price,travel-time,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	I live at the base of Millcreek Canyon and am in the canyon at least 1-3x/week. I think it is a good idea, and most needed to relieve parking pressure on weekends, and especially in the winter. I think the frequency of the shuttle would ideally be 15 minutes and no more than 30 minutes in order for people to make that choice rather than trying their chances with parking. This issue is more pronounced when you are "done" with your activity and needing a ride down the canyon. In the winter, people will be sweaty from exercising and waiting too long in the cold for the next shuttle to come could be problematic for some. I think it would be tempting for mountain bikers (myself included) to use the shuttle to do shuttle runs on upper pipeline trail from Big Water - maybe that's ok, but also maybe you upcharge a bit for bikers? I'm not sure what the road expansion and parking situation will look like after the 2 year construction project is over, but based on how it was before I might even consider making the shuttle mandatory above the winter gate on weekends when it is open - the road is so narrow, there are people on bikes, on foot, with dogs, in cars, and so little parking. Not sure what to say about dogs...could be a zoo on a shuttle full of dogs, but Millcreek is also an extremely popular place for dog owners so their needs should definitely be considered.	Thank you for the comment and your enthusiasm for a shuttle. The scope of work includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
278	08/08/2025	Davis	Archibald	convenience, hassle-free-parking		schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.

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279	08/08/2025	Todd	Paissey	hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience		price, schedule, travel-time		summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
280	08/08/2025	Geoffrey	Bodwin	convenience, hassle-free parking, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed	I would use the shuttle year around to avoid parking hassles. In order for the shuttle to work for me, it would have to run fairly frequently, at least once per hour, from 7 am to 7 pm. It would also be important for the shuttle to stop at Porter Fork, the Winter Gate, Elbow Fork, Alexander Basin, Little Water.	travel-time, schedule, other-explain-below	I would be discouraged from using the shuttle if it does not run frequently enough to allow me some flexibility in scheduling my outing.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Parking is currently inadequate, especially on weekend. A shuttle could greatly help to alleviate parking problems. A reduction in traffic in the upper reaches of the canyon would also improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Thank you for your comment.
281	08/08/2025	Leslie	Motley	convenience, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, hassle-free parking, skis-allowed		schedule		summer, spring, fall	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment.
282	08/08/2025	Jason	Motley	convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed		price, schedule		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	The same	Curious about where the parking would be. Love the idea overall! The shuttle would need to be very frequent/ regular - for instance, once an hour is not enough. If it is not frequent enough, or reliably on time, it would deter use.	Thank you for your comment.
283	08/08/2025	Ruth	Hawe	convenience, hassle-free parking	No dogs allowed, or dogs only on certain shuttles	schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Dogs on shuttle Remote location —(far from the canyon mouth) Not frequent enough	summer, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	Want to be sure the upper canyon remains closed above the winter gate during the months of winter, as has been the case for many years. A shuttle could greatly help to alleviate parking problems. A reduction in traffic in the upper reaches of the canyon would also improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Thank you for your comment. There will be no changes to the winter gate.
284	08/08/2025	Justin	Gull	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed	Hop on hop off. Are there defined pick up and drop off spots, or will the driver stop and pick up wherever she is flagged down?	price	I would ride the shuttle only if private cars were not allowed, or if there were a way to verify that there is an extremely low probability of finding parking in the canyon. If the possibility of parking exists, then I will drive up.	fall, spring, winter, summer	Weekends	The same	I think the concept is great though I have concerns. Snowbird in the winter is my comparison. I can take the bus and it's free with my ski pass. But, I have to stand in line. I rarely get a seat and instead have to stand. I have to haul my gear on my person. The parking is full at the bottom, everybody is coming or going at the same time. And, the limited number of parking spots naturally limits the number people actually out in nature, and I don't want to be crowded whilst I'm enjoying the outdoors. Difficult problem.	Thank you for your comment.
285	08/08/2025	Tyler	Nelson	skis-allowed, bikes-allowed, hassle-free parking, convenience		schedule		winter	Weekends	The same	Would not like the limitations of a summer shuttle	Thank you for your comment.
286	08/08/2025	Shaun	Jacobsen	convenience, hassle-free parking, convenience		travel-time		winter, summer	Weekdays	more	Shuttles and buses should be the focus in all of the canyons. Not additional parking.	Thank you for your comment.
287	08/09/2025	Robert	McKinnie	convenience, hassle-free parking	How do I find out more about the shuttle?							Thank you for your comment. There will be a second comment on the draft feasibility study. We will also be updating this page as more info rolls in: https://cws.utah.gov/Mill-Creek-canyon-shuttle
288	08/09/2025	Blair	Tomten	convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		price, schedule		winter	Weekends	less	I usually only use the canyon to bike. I do not drive into the canyon unless I am with at least one other person to split the cost. If there were a free shuttle, I would consider taking that alone to go for a hike/snowshoe. I would appreciate having less traffic when I am biking, but there is limited width in the canyon, so sharing that space with buses and cars while biking doesn't seem as enjoyable, since the buses are usually wider than the passenger vehicles.	Thank you for your comment.
289	08/09/2025	Bob	Hayden	convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	Why don't you just approve a gondola like little cottonwood? Could't be much stupider.	schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Parking at pick up location.	summer, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Sounds great should do it in the other canyons.	Thank you for your comment.
290	08/09/2025	Lacey	Parker	convenience, hassle-free parking, other-explain-below	less gas via vehicle	price		winter, summer, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
291	08/09/2025	Susan	Fine	convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		price, schedule, travel-time		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
292	08/09/2025	Jordan	Angerosa	hassle-free parking, convenience, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, dogs-allowed		price, travel-time, schedule		summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	I would prefer to see the same concept with an annual pass. The pass should incorporate the same access for a family/car full of people - to ensure the pricing structure encourages bus use. It is important for the shuttle to allow ski equipment especially for access to the often crowded porter fork and maple grove.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of the study includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
293	08/09/2025	Carrie	Shaffer	Convenient parking location, increased traffic law enforcement up the canyon		schedule		fall, spring, winter, summer	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	Increased traffic law enforcement (speeding) up the canyon.	Thank you for your comment.
294	08/09/2025	Daniel	Mendoza	hassle-free parking, skis-allowed, convenience other-explain-below, convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		schedule, travel-time		summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	It seems like a good idea for the most part, but it may be inconvenient for families with small children.	Thank you for your comment. A few people have noted the difficulty of using the shuttle with children and we have added that note to our report.
295	08/09/2025	Melanie	T	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free parking	Frequent availability, clean/comfortable/warm with plenty of space.	schedule, price, travel-time, other-explain-below	If it's easier for me to drive and park then that's what I'll do. If it's more convenient to use the shuttle than that will be the better option.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	The same	It made a lot more sense to have a shuttle before the canyon was closed down with years of road construction for a wider road with bigger parking lots.	Thank you for your comment.
296	08/09/2025	Sean	Zimmerman-Wall	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free parking		travel-time		summer, winter		The same		Thank you for your comment.
297	08/09/2025	Steve	Parrish	bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, convenience, dogs-allowed		travel-time, other-explain-below	It can be hard to carry all the gear you might need on you. Decisions about what layers to wear are often made at the trailhead. We don't picnic up there but it would make picnic access difficult	winter, summer, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	It seems like the cost would transition to per person instead of per car so this is hard to answer. The shuttles would need to accommodate a large number of bikes to work. How would this work with high school teams or groups going up together? I think it is not a good solution to an already over used canyon. We should realize the limits of the areas developed. Other options for family friendly outdoor use need to be considered such as develop picnic and hike in the Tracy Wigwam property, developing parking and connect lower Parleys (through my are and pharos glen and lambd) connect Parleys to Millcreek improve the Desolation lake trail to provide better access to upper Millcreek. Limit the number by requiring reservations for more spots.	Thank you for your comment. Several people have asked this same question about the fee structure. We've noted it in our report so Fehr & Peers are aware of it.
298	08/09/2025	steve	aldee	dogs-allowed, other-explain-below	hours of operation	price, schedule		summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Thank you for your comment. The goal of the Mountain Accord has always been to maintain a systems balance—where transportation, recreation, and businesses don't detract from the visitor experience or harm the environment, so we're keeping these things in mind as we work through the Mill Creek Shuttle Concept.	

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299	08/09/2025	Roger	Borgenicht	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed	Convenient parking at a visually accessible location with electronic real time info on up Mill Creek parking availability, or unavailability	schedule	Inconvenient vehicles, especially those not accommodating dogs.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	The same	A necessary infrastructure/transport service to accommodate a complex mix of users i.e. dog hikers, mountain bikers, picnickers, skiers to preserve the wild character of Mill Creek Canyon preventing being overwhelmed by automobiles.	Thank you for your comment.
300	08/10/2025	Jeffrey	Frame	convenience, hassle-free, parking, other-explain-below	Would suggest annual shuttle pass option, in place of current annual private vehicle option. Keeping day pass option would allow large groups to still access canyon without adding vehicle traffic.	price, schedule, travel-time		winter, summer, fall	Weekends	The same	Extra shoulder/bike lane width or a mixed use trail for length of canyon would greatly reduce our need to drive into the canyon. Part of the reason people drive up is because it isn't safe to run/bike/walk on the shoulder.	Thank you for your comment.
301	08/10/2025	Mary	Welsh	dogs-allowed, convenience, hassle-free, parking		schedule		fall, winter, spring	Weekdays	more		Thank you for your comment.
302	08/10/2025	Ryan	Quigley	convenience, hassle-free, parking	I would primarily use it when I didn't have access to a vehicle of my own.	price, schedule, other-explain-below	I would avoid it if there is a history of misbehaved dogs or children. I would also like to see a pet free option but separate shuttle or dog free days.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
303	08/10/2025	sarah	inwood	convenience, hassle-free, parking, bikes-allowed	discount for residents who live in a geographic jurisdiction that funds the shuttle (e.g. county SLCo, or towns that contribute financially). Other shuttle rides should have a more expensive fee structure. Punch card would be nice. All online.	price, schedule	Runs too infrequently, or is full, cannot make a reservation. Mean dogs.	summer, spring, fall, winter	Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
304	08/10/2025	Lea	Berry	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed		price, schedule, travel-time	Riding with dogs			less	Out of states should pay more and foreigners should pay much more than Utah main residents.	Thank you for your comment.
305	08/11/2025	Wendy	Zeigler	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed		price		summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends		An annual pass would be great. Would be willing to pay \$50-60 as seniors for this.	Thank you for your comment.
306	08/11/2025	Randall	LaLonde	convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	My main uses of the Mill Creek Canyon have been cross-country skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer. For a shuttle bus to work for me, I would need to have a schedule where it made runs up and down the canyon at least every two hours of the day. To make a shuttle work, you need to provide some disincentives for car travel, such as an extra charge for cars with only a driver in them and maybe a timed reservation system for the busiest usage times.	schedule		summer, winter	Weekdays	more	It's a great idea, but the devil is in the details.	Thank you for your comment.
307	08/11/2025	Jannine	Hogan	convenience, other-explain-below	Convince is the ultimate goal. However you mention the current \$5.00 fee. Now that \$5.00 is a car load of people and their dogs. How will you implement this fee once riding a bus. I think \$5.00 per person is too expensive. My other concern is the widening of the upper road allows people to drive faster. Also: how will you deal with dogs on the bus? Not all dogs get along. People are allergic to dogs. The bikes and skis are easy.	price, schedule	Will my senior pass cover me and all my friends/family as it does now in my car.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	However more than anything PLEASE CLEAN THE TOILETS!! I have been hiking and skiing in Millcreek for 40+ years and the toilets are always filthy!! I have thought this is what the fee \$5 includes. Remember: this is double taxation. I already pay state taxes. How about run a shuttle for free with our state taxes. Thank you, jannine hogan	Thank you for your comment. We are assessing the feasibility of a shuttle in Millcreek Canyon. Our feasibility assessment does include balancing the cost of a potential future shuttle and mitigating any potential loss of toll booth revenue that is used to provide canyon maintenance including bathroom cleaning.
308	08/11/2025	Kristin	Wann Anderson	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed	I would gladly ride a shuttle if my dog could come and it ran at fairly regular intervals, especially during peak usage times.	schedule, price	As mentioned above, it's been studied that people will use public transportation as long as it is fairly easy to access and timely. For example, in Munich, the city subway trains run about every 6-10 minutes, so if you miss one you're not having to wait half an hour or more for the next one. Europeans have used public transportation for years because it is efficient, reasonably priced, and timely.	summer, winter, fall	Weekdays	more	Instead of the \$50 per year fee I think a \$75 fee would be reasonable, maybe \$7.00 for a day pass, but you wouldn't want to make it too much to prevent people with lower incomes from using it. Continue the senior rate of a lower amount and one for students through college-age.	Thank you for your comment.
309	08/11/2025	Ben	Woods	convenience, hassle-free, parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	Offering a shuttle/bus service should be considered for both winter and summer seasons.			summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Do it!	Thank you for your comment.
310	08/11/2025	Marilyn	Bown	hassle-free, parking, convenience	Multiple trailhead accessibility	schedule	Standing in line for a shuttle Unloading gear for a picnic, ski trip, and/or hike	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays		I'd be willing to try the shuttle at least once. However, I'd be questioning convenience and accessibility for hiking, skiing, & picnics. I marked all four seasons above as I love being in the Canyon during the entire year. The parking lot at Rattlesnake Gulch is currently working well as a place to meet hiking friends to then drive further up-canyon. Don't know how I'd handle transferring picnic supplies from a car to a shuttle to unload at available place?	Thank you for your comment. Several people mentioned the need for the shuttles of accommodate picnic gear so we have noted that in the report we delivered to Fehr & Peers.
311	08/11/2025	Ingrid	Niesen	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed	A consistent reliable schedule of pick up and drop off in various locations throughout the canyon	travel-time, schedule		summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	I think it's a good idea, my husband & I have often talked about a shuttle in Millcreek would be a great solution	Thank you for your comment.
312	08/11/2025	Peter	Donner	convenience, hassle-free, parking, skis-allowed		price, schedule, travel-time		summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Would consider using a shuttle if parking were not available in the canyon.	Thank you for your comment.
313	08/11/2025	Jane	Bowman	skis-allowed, hassle-free, parking, convenience	frequent departures - maybe ability to reserve seats?	schedule, other-explain-below	inability to guarantee a prompt return shuttle (for instance if there were too many riders per shuttle)	summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekdays	more	support concept in general but fear it won't be used if people can't rely on availability (especially on down canyon shuttle)	Thank you for your comment.
314	08/12/2025	Meghan	Duff	convenience, hassle-free, parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	- environmental protection and limit of environmental degradation from SOVs, pollution reduction, etc. - congestion reduction and better road biking experience as a result allowed skis-allowed trip up canyon (don't have to drive) - for me, benefits often outweigh the drawbacks when choosing to take public transit	price, schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	- a shuttle bus that is not timely is frequently late and therefore unreliable—will prevent users from riding, particularly those who are trying to do pre- or post-work activities in the canyon that are time-constrained - cost beyond canyon toll: many people have demonstrated willingness to pay to go up canyon already, but keeping payment the same as canyon toll or transparently explaining economics of additional fee would alleviate issue - shuttle frequency – important that the shuttle comes frequently enough that people feel like it is useable (eg 30 minute intervals will not be sufficient) - needs to stop at all trailhead/access points so all potential users will actually find it useful	summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	- would LOVE to see a shuttle service in MCC, particularly if the constraints above are addressed, and would use it all the time. In fact, I would probably be more likely to go up canyon if it were available in a user friendly way (on time, frequent service, serves all access points efficiently etc) because I often feel guilty driving up canyon alone so frequently because of environmental impact. - regarding the last comment above: could be a marketing angle there. - if this shuttle gets implemented (or even just planned), I would really like to see some sort of assessment or pilot thought around expanding to BCC/LCC. Would encourage the Commission to use this as an opportunity to study and measure impacts and success to expand elsewhere where we need better transit solutions. This seems to be a unique opportunity for that study given the amalgam of events leading to this moment.	Thank you for your thoughtful comment. The road manager in Millcreek Canyon is Salt Lake County and the road manager in the Cottonwood Canyons is UDOT, so the study of transit needs and feasibility across each of the three canyons follows different processes, but we have noted your comment and will keep it in mind.
315	08/12/2025	Taylor	Morney	convenience, hassle-free, parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	A consistent schedule and connection to UTA routes.	schedule, price, travel-time	Irregular schedule.	winter, spring, fall, summer	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Thank you for considering my perspective, I have high hopes for this shuttle system.	Thank you for your comment. Several people have mentioned a desire for a Mill Creek Shuttle to connect to UTA routes, so we have made note of that in the report we delivered to Fehr & Peers.
316	08/12/2025	Eileen	Hwang	hassle-free, parking		schedule		summer, winter	Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment.
317	08/12/2025	Carleton	De Tar	hassle-free, parking, skis-allowed		schedule		summer, winter, spring, fall	Weekends	more	I'm answering for two of us. To be convenient, a shuttle needs to be frequent, reliable, and not over-subscribed. Ideally, wait times should be no longer than 20 minutes. It would be needed mainly on days of heavy use. Would a non-holiday-weekday shuttle be necessary?	Thank you for your comment.
318	08/12/2025	Rachel	Anderson	convenience, hassle-free, parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	Free! I love public transit, and I love public land. Smaller parking lots with a bus is a dream as long as it's free and runs fairly often and allows dogs!	price, schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	My only concern is a shuttle system that would close the road to personal cars but cause the shuttle to cost money. I am happy to pay for the pass to access the canyon as always, but I would be really sad to see another fee system in place for the shuttle and it be the only way up, or needing to pay to park and pay to shuttle in addition to the annual pass.	summer, fall	Weekdays	The same		Thank you for your comment.
319	08/12/2025	Graham	Rex	dogs-allowed, convenience, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed			I do not want it to be a hassle at peak times—for example, taking the ski bus is a crapshoot because so many people are trying to take it.	summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	Ban cars	Thank you for your comment.

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320	08/12/2025	Christian	Paul	convenience, hassle-free parking, other-explain-below	Allow America The Beautiful pass holders access to the canyon. Both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons allow for parking and recreation use with this pass. It's time to include Millcreek Canyon accepting this pass.	price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	I already purchase a America The Beautiful pass so having to pay a separate fee is just gouging the public for recreation	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	less	Stop making recreations pay a different fee if they have already purchased a America The Beautiful pass	Thank you for your comment.
321	08/12/2025	Chris	Watkins	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below		price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Pick-up location	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same		Thank you for your comment.
322	08/12/2025	Becky	Suchy	convenience, skis-allowed, convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	Shuttle trips every 15 minutes or less	other-explain-below,schedule	Inconvenience with scheduling. Waiting for a shuttle would prevent me from using the canyon. I usually have a tight schedule when going to the canyon.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	I just think it would be so difficult to plan around a shuttle. I would suggest a higher entry fee for cars and that there is someone at the gate all the time. Offer the shuttle for a lower fee than cars. Perhaps you could run the shuttle on the weekends or during peak usage times when the use is the highest.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of study includes looking into fee structures that will incentivize shuttle use.
323	08/12/2025	Craig	Lamb	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below		price,schedule	Not enough shuttles, which might make the shuttles overcrowded	summer,spring,fall	Weekends	The same	I really like the shuttle system at Zion National Park, so it would be great if this shuttle system could resemble it.	Thank you for your comment.
324	08/12/2025	Kristin	Thompson	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	Convenient stop locations. Frequent stop times up and down. Season Pass available	price,schedule, travel-time		winter	Both Weekdays & Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.
325	08/12/2025	Derek	Gustafson	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below		schedule,travel-time,price	All of the above could be an issue if not carefully considered. Possibility of getting stranded up canyon due to unexpected long day. Millcreek currently has no cell service which could make for a challenging scenario.	summer,winter,spring	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	I think it makes sense to try this as it could be a model for other canyons. If well adopted the frequency and cost issues (if there are any) could be resolved. Some adaptation will be required but the parking is such a nightmare we must try something.	Thank you for your comment.
326	08/12/2025	Susie	Albertson	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below		price,schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Great idea. Hope you implement it.	Thank you for your comment.
327	08/12/2025	Kelly	Boardman	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	I use the canyon for recreation. I also work at Log Haven. It would be nice if the shuttle schedule accommodated the schedule for those who work in MCC.	schedule,travel-time,price,other-explain-below	Those of us who work at Log Haven often get off work between 9PM and midnight. Would a shuttle accommodate people who are leaving the canyon during these times?	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	A shuttle in Mill Creek would be great for the environment and has the potential to protect the watershed in many ways. Finding a good way to accommodate dogs, bikes, skis, schedules and stops will be challenging.	Thank you for your comment.
328	08/12/2025	Eve	Kovacs	hassle-free parking, convenience, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	Frequent enough schedule so that there is flexibility for when I can come and go. Stops at Porter Fork, Winter gate in winter and, additionally, Elbow Fork, Alexander Basin, and Little Water parking area in summer.	schedule	If the shuttle is too infrequent, it could be very inconvenient to use it.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	I think it is a great idea to alleviate the hassle of finding parking. No matter what season or day of the week or time that I have been, there has always been pressure on the available parking. Weekdays are not quite as bad, but even then, the lots are full or close to it. There would need to be a substantial parking lot at the base to accommodate the bus riders. If available, I would buy a (senior) session pass for the bus, like I now do for canyon access	Thank you for your comment.
329	08/12/2025	Kirsten	Weinbrom	convenience, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed, hassle-free parking	Probably only in the summer and only for shuttling bikes. Winter I probably wouldn't use it. Porter fork with less traffic around Bowman I rarely have trouble finding parking, although I go middle of the day during the week typically. For the upper gate, it is a bit inconvenient but there is a huge parking lot just down the road that isn't that bad of a walk to the gate, especially without dogs.	price	If the general cost of my use of it is more than just using my yearly millcreek pass, I probably would just do that. I still will get that as my dogs aren't quite friendly in close quarters with other dogs (although on the off chance the shuttle provided crates for dogs I'd use it in summer sooo often to shuttle pipeline with them), so if I want to bring them I'd need to drive myself for everyone's comfort	summer,fall	Weekdays	less	I use millcreek a lot all seasons, and really the only use I could see is bike shuttles. Congestion in winter just isn't bad enough to make me use it.	Thank you for your comment.
330	08/12/2025	bethany	lopez	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	If it is nearly as convenient as driving in my own car, and spares me the hassle of battling for a parking spot, I'd absolutely use it. Also, high frequency and an easy-to-remember schedule would be important. Many folks like myself dart up there during an otherwise busy day for a great outdoor jaunt close to home, and if I had to wait 30+ min for a shuttle to get back to my car (or get up to the trailhead) the outing would no longer be a convenient, simple addition to my day. I really like the Zion National Park approach-It runs by each stop so often that you don't have to worry about whether or not there will be one near your start/finish time. There just will be. You don't have to memorize the schedule because it just comes by every x number of minutes all day. And yes, absolutely, bike/ski/dog compatibility will really help. I usually go up Millcreek with one of those!	travel-time	No parking area at base (would maybe need to expand parking or create a parking garage or something down on wasatch blvd?) Also, if it cost more than driving (i.e. more than the current toll fee plus gas) I might think about it twice.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	Really like the idea, also hope electric shuttle buses are being considered to reduce pollution even more	Thank you for your comment. The scope of study includes looking into the things you've mentioned.
331	08/12/2025	George	Vargyas	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	high frequency pick up and drop off	schedule,price		summer,winter	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	It could accomodate more people and be safer than high volume single occupant vehicles if done correctly	Thank you for your comment.
332	08/12/2025	Audrey	Clark	hassle-free parking, convenience, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed	Seating would need to be ready for backpacks and wriggly kids.	other-explain-below	Over crowded shuttles.	fall,winter,summer,spring	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	I would suggest \$7 per day and \$60 per year	Thank you for your comment.
333	08/12/2025	Joel	Bown	convenience, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free parking		schedule,travel-time		summer,spring,fall	Weekdays	more	I am concerned about where we could park and pick up the shuttle. There are few obvious parking lots that would be sufficient for a large number of users.	Thank you for your comment.
334	08/12/2025	Jess	Oveson	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	easy to get kids up/ cost, etc	price,travel-time		winter,summer	Both Weekdays & Weekends	less		Thank you for your comment.
335	08/13/2025	Lauren	Barros	convenience, hassle-free parking, dogs-allowed, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	I have been wanting a shuttle for 30 years! I used to live at the mouth of the canyon. I loved riding my bike up the road, the traffic was dangerous. I also loved driving up and hiking/mtn biking, but a) one slow car could double the drive and b) it was awful to spend so long to get up there and risk not having any parking.	schedule	Perhaps if the shuttle ran infrequently or was full.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment. Your comments will guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program.
336	08/13/2025	John	Knoblock	bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, other-explain-below	point to point hiking possibilities	price,schedule, travel-time, other-explain-below	Living in Olympus Cove it will increase travel time to park at the base, wait for the shuttle, and then ride it with intermediate stops. I get a senior annual pass for only \$30 (?) so the annual pass costs and daily rates should increase to offset free shuttle bus. Daily rates should be \$10 and annual pass \$100, with maybe \$50 senior. Maybe \$50 annual bus pass and \$100 annual car pass?	summer,winter,spring	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Ha-ha- maybe odd days dogs allowed and even days bikes allowed?	Thank you for your comment. Several people have mentioned this event/odd biking schedule, so we have noted it.
337	08/13/2025	David	Hoffman	convenience, hassle-free parking, skis-allowed		schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekends	more	A shuttle would be great for skiing, as well as connecting long hikes and runs.	Thank you for your comment.
338	08/13/2025	Rob	Cook	convenience, hassle-free parking, bikes-allowed, skis-allowed		schedule,price	A shuttle would have to run frequently enough that I didn't have to wait too long or plan my timing too much. It would also need to cost similar or not much more than the current canyon fee.	winter,fall	Weekends	The same	I am supportive of a shuttle, especially on winter weekends when finding parking can be challenging.	Thank you for your comment.

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339	08/13/2025	Joseph	Thurman	convenience, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking	Frequency and not having to park	travel-time, schedule		summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	Using this year to estimate capacity will not be very accurate. Many people are avoiding the canyon due to construction. It will be hard to make an accurate estimate based on lower canyons usage this year. Once canyon opens back up with newer nicer road and such a long time not being available it will probably be even more popular than ever. Bus needed from Olympus park n ride. Bike shuttle needed from Olympus Park n ride. Dogs are awesome they should go too. I don't really care if I have to put a muzzle on my pup for the bus ride. No problem. She's nice but not all dogs are. I wouldn't care if there was a muzzle rule either. But I would prefer dogs on bus with muzzle than no dogs on bus at all.	Thank you for your comment.
340	08/13/2025	Jessica	Pierson	convenience, hassle-free-parking bikes-allowed, skis-allowed	I have lived in Salt Lake City for the past 20 years without a car and have not had access to the canyons and all the beautiful nature and recreational activities they offer unless someone else provides transportation. Unfortunately, this means that in a state that daily prides itself on world-class access to nature, I am rarely able to enjoy it. Please provide a shuttle into Millcreek Canyon (and the other Wasatch Canyons) that it also connected to frequent public transit, ideally TRAX. A shuttle will not only enhance the health of the canyon by reducing automobile impacts but it would also provide access to multiple segments of the community who currently have the least access. I look forward to the great opportunity to regularly hike and picnic in the canyon and to be nourished by its naturalness and beauty. Thank you.	price,schedule	Depending on where the drop off /pickup points are selected. I'd love to see a stop at the porter fork road in the winter	winter,summer,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more	I love this - I'm often discouraged from using my pass in millcreek simply because I'm worried I will have a headache parking. I use the canyon year round and would love to see a xcobc ski shuttle.	Thank you for your comment.
341	08/14/2025	Patrick	Hutchings	convenience, bikes-allowed, other-explain-below		schedule,other-explain-below	Lack of connection to frequent public transit. Additionally, as is always the case with public transit, eliminating multiple transfers is essential to making it feasible.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Thank you.	Thank you for your comment.
342		Shirley	Sutherland	convenience, dogs-allowed							Live in Sugarhouse. In favor of shuttle. Would like shuttle to allow dogs. Would be willing to wait 15 minutes, but 30 minutes is too long for babies, kids, and dogs to wait.	Thank you for your comment.
343		Robert	Paxton								Want to make sure the public isn't paying for the shuttle through taxes.	Thank you for your comment.
	7/14/25	John MacKay	Janson						Weekends		Maybe for weekends but with all the improvements coming via the road construction, it is not needed. Weekends are super congested and I don't go there because of that	Thank you for your comment.
	7/15/25	Richard	Sommer								There has been a noticeable increase in usage since covid. Need more restriction or monitoring of trails regarding bikes and dogs. Trails need to be maintained. Rather pay for better maintenance of trails than a shuttle.	Thank you for your comment.
	7/16/25	Eira	Wexford								Great initiative with the ski bus bypass service! It's fantastic to see transportation solutions designed to improve efficiency during peak times. Similarly, a Mobile App Development Company in New Jersey is helping businesses streamline operations and enhance user experiences through innovative mobile solutions. Keep up the great work!	Thank you for the comment.
	7/17/25	Mayumi	Wright								It is always nice to have options. So, I vote for shuttle bus to the Millcreek Canyon. Reference: Leaving my house in a car from Murray to the mouth is 16 minutes and 48 minutes to Big Water Yurt. On the bus it's 44 minutes with walking to the mouth. To make this reasonable travel needs to be less than an hour for people from home to top.	Thank you for the comment.
	7/19/25	Emily	Lemons	convenience		schedule					Love this idea! Even if imperfect, I would prefer some version over none at all.	Thank you for the comment.
	7/21/25	Richard	Overmeyer								The shuttle is a terrible idea. There is already a lot of foot traffic in the canyon, and a shuttle would both make it more difficult to get into an area, and possibly increase the foot traffic substantially. Also, bikes take up space and would be hard to shuttle, and dogs can be aggressive. DO NOT ADD A SHUTTLE IN MILLCREEK CANYON	Thank you for the comment.
	7/24/25	Sarah	H								I sure hope we can make this happen. Personally, I'd love to see mill creek go bus only access. Electric buses would be even better!!	Thank you for the comment.
	7/24/25	Ben	Buzlow								I think a shuttle would be a great idea, especially on the weekends when parking is at a premium. It would need ways to carry skis to be viable for winter use.	Thank you for the comment.
	08/05/25	Logan	Essaff	skis-allowed					Weekends		I fully support the Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle Program! This initiative is essential for reducing traffic, preserving the environment, and improving accessibility to popular trailheads. The shuttle will make it easier for visitors to enjoy the canyon year-round, accommodating bikes, skis, and dogs. I appreciate the CWC's commitment to community input, ensuring the service meets our needs. Let's create a sustainable and enjoyable experience for everyone in this beautiful area!	Thank you for the comment.
	08/05/25	Bryan	Bear								I think the shuttle is something that is needed to reduce congestion in the canyon. It also allows me access to Millcreek Canyon. The shuttle should stop at all trail heads and picnic areas, and run at least every 1 hours during daylight hours.	Thank you for the comment.
	8/11/25	Douglas	Stark	convenience		schedule					Please email me what results emerge from this study.	Thank you for your comment. There will be a second comment on the draft feasibility study. We will also be updating this page as more info rolls in: https://cwc. Utah.gov/mill-creek-canyon-shuttle
	08/05/25	Terry	Huff								This may be a good idea, but I would begin slowly. On weekends and holidays first.	Thank you for the comment.
	8/12/25	Adrienne							Weekends		Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle. I would be most likely to ride in the spring, summer, and fall when hiking and biking are more common. In winter, I would consider it if the shuttle was equipped to handle skis and winter gear efficiently. I would mainly use the shuttle on weekends, especially when parking is more competitive. But having the option during the week, even at reduced frequency, would be appreciated. If the shuttle costs the same or less than the \$5 daily fee, I'd be willing to pay, if parking was free at the shuttle lot, that would further encourage ridership. General Comments: A shuttle is a smart way to reduce parking strain, protect the canyon environment, and improve safety especially during peak seasons. However, success depends on frequency, flexibility for gear and pets, and price. I'd also suggest considering digital tools like a live shuttle tracker app and real-time updates to help users plan their trips.	Thank you for the comment.
	7/14/25	Pete	Benda	convenience, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, hassle-free-parking bikes-allowed, other-explain-below	I would absolutely consider the shuttle if it were convenient, reliably frequent, and easy to board with dogs, bikes, or ski depending on the season. Having clear, hassle free parking at the shuttle stop is important. If the shuttle could reduce traffic congestion, it would also improve the canyon experience for everyone.	schedule,price, other-explain-below	If the shuttle is infrequent, expensive, or adds a lot of extra travel time compared to driving, I would likely opt out. If bringing gear (like bikes, skis, or dogs) is complicated or not allowed, that would be a major barrier.	summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	Thank you for considering these thoughts.	Thank you for the comment.
	7/18/25	Douglas	Flegal								I've never experienced an overload of traffic, except when Tracy cars exit. I would prefer you increase the parking around Church Fork over using a shuttle.	Thank you for the comment.

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7/19/25	Teri	Dibble	dogs-allowed, skis-allowed, bikes-allowed				summer,winter,spring,fall	Weekdays	The same	Greetings: I think a shuttle system is a fabulous idea & curious that it has not been offered before now. I would pay an annual user fee--\$50 is not too much. Using & living near the canyon for over 30 years, I have witnessed a cleaner & better maintained canyon after the user fee was installed. User fees are necessary. The transportation needs to be electric or solar powered-- fossil fuels are noisy & foul smelling. Yes to year round usage. Yes, to bikes & skis & 1 dog per person. .dog walkers with multiple dogs have done too much damage. In my opinion, & many cannot keep track of several dogs. I've witnessed them missing poop piles. ...sad. Use primarily on weekdays...weekends are way too crowded. I am saddened to see the upper canyon altered forever. The idyllic single lane and breathtaking beauty will be altered from now on. To excavate for gigantic fire trucks, shuttles, big parking lots breaks my heart. This gem of a true wilderness will not be the same. Thank you for your consideration	Thank you for the comment.
7/19/25	Rosemary	Steed								Shame on you! Our roads are falling apart, pot holes on every street, funding cuts for after school programs that will increase vandalism. And that monstrosity of a palace you've built for yourselves! Also, every year there's a marathon that puts my house in a doughnut hole unable to go in or out of my own home! Doing things for small groups, like creating Millcreek Commons, Marathons, does nothing for the rest of us. But Good roads, and less crime would benefit all. Please get your priorities aligned for the betterment of all, not just a few (yourselves included)	Thank you for your comment. The Central Wasatch Commission is the governmental entity conducting the update to Millcreek Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study, not the City of Millcreek, which is the entity I think your comment is intended for.
7/21/25	John	Reschke							The same	I would be in favor of a shuttle if daily and annual fees are not increased. I would want annual passes to include free use of shuttle but I do not want to see private vehicles to be restricted in any way. I use the canyon very early in the morning and sometimes late at night, and would not expect a shuttle to be running during those hours.	Thank you for the comment. Private vehicles won't be restricted.
7/22/25	Shelley	Gabriel	dogs-allowed				summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	The same	While I am so disappointed that upper Millcreek Canyon is currently under construction for expanded parking (something that will forever change the character of Millcreek), I would highly encourage consideration of a shuttle service. Since I mostly bring my dogs with me when I hike there, if dogs were not allowed, I wouldn't use the shuttle. Shuttle service should be part of the canyon fee and not an additional fee. I would ride year-round on all days of the week if available. I have been hiking up Millcreek since about 1989. It used to be that when the gate to the upper road was closed before July opening, there wouldn't be a soul on that road during the work week. Now, it's an absolute zoo. While you likely can't control the volume of people, you can certainly control the volume of polluting vehicles. A shuttle bus is a good option.	Thank you for the comment.
7/22/25	Penny	Jameson								Over use is killing the canyon! I wouldn't widen the road or make it easier for more people to get up there. It is one of the few places where I can hike safely with my dogs... and I have done that on odd days winter and summer. I love the canyon, and not mind at all that parking is limited, and would like to see the solitude and wilderness feel protected. A shuttle would be fine if it doesn't increase the density of hikers and if there will still be a way for those of us who hike responsibly with our dogs to access the trails. There aren't many trails in the lower canyons so care needs to be taken to keep use limited. I also feel strongly about not making use of the canyon more expensive. People should be able to enjoy it regardless of income.	Thank you for your comment. The goal of the Mountain Accord has always been to maintain a systems balance--where transportation, recreation, and businesses don't detract from the visitor experience or harm the environment, so we're keeping these things in mind as we work through the Mill Creek Shuttle Concept. Fee structures are being considered that incentivize use while maintaining equal access to the canyon.
7/24/25	Cameron	Link	skis-allowed, hassle-free- parking, convenience, other-explain- below	-ski racks: it's so hard to manage wobbling around on a ski bus holding skis and a backpack and poles-- dependable schedule -super easy parking -storage area and benches at popular trailhead so you can change into ski boots at the trail head and change back to shoes, while waiting for the bus. A place to store shoes and other small items since they can't be stored in car	What would discourage me from riding: -misbehaving dogs (maybe dogs only allowed on off leash days? And they must be leashed on shuttle?); it would suck to be waiting in line for a shuttle and not have a space to sit because of too many dogs -adds a significant amount of time over driving and finding a parking spot-- more expensive + just a little more time; I don't mind paying more and I don't mind waiting a little while for a shuttle but if I'm paying more and it's inconvenient I won't ride it. -more than 15 minutes between shuttles, if I have to wait more than 15 mins it will be inconvenient. -long lines, if there's a possible that the shuttle fills up and I have to wait for the next one it would be discouraging		summer,winter,spring,fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends	less	Would I ride it year round, days of the week: - I would ride it year round any day of the week if it were more convenient and/or cheaper than driving. It would need to be really good and cheap for me to ride every single day all year. - I would only ride it on weekends in the winter if it was less convenient and/or more expensive than driving. -on weekdays in the winter I get back to the trailhead around dusk. The shuttle would need to run well past sundown in the winter or else I could get stranded Price I'm willing to pay: -if you are serious about this working increase the cost of driving to offset a free or very cheap shuttle. -increase the cost to drive to \$15-20 on weekends with a free shuttle. I can almost guarantee every parking spot will still fill up. -if there's a choice between every shuttle rider paying \$5-\$10 and my car with a few friends paying \$5 total we will drive almost every time. It sounds like you are considering making the shuttle the same price or more expensive than driving but this will not work. How would you price it? I can currently get myself and 3 friends to millcreek for \$5 total. How do you price the shuttle the same? Are you going to charge us \$5 for our group? If it's \$5 per person that's essentially equivalent to it costing \$20 to drive our car up. -almost no one will have any interest in paying more than the car fee if the shuttle is less efficient than driving General comments: This is a great idea but it needs to be done exceptionally well to encourage people to ride. There are so many inherent disadvantages to a shuttle system over driving that need to be mitigated. Riding a shuttle inherently means: -you need to wait at a stop for the shuttle to arrive -you need to pack everything you need with you on the shuttle -you are squeezed in with lot of other people. -you have to wear ski boots and juggle skis and backpacks and helmets and poles and dogs all while navigating a narrow aisle and a packed shuttle and avoid dropping skis on people. -there is the possibility of getting back to the trailhead after the shuttle has stopped and you get stranded -you don't get to take your ski boots off as soon as you get to the trailhead These are all things that need to be considered and mitigated but they will always be inherent downsides to a shuttle system. For that reason realistically people will only ride the shuttle if: -it is very unlikely they will find a parking spot (I've never not found a parking spot) -it is cheaper than driving (driving costs only \$5 so even if the shuttle were free people would pay \$5 to not deal with the hassle, realistically driving cost needs to go up regardless of anything else for the shuttle to work.) -it is equally as efficient as driving (shuttles would need to run every 10 mins, parking at the bottom would need to be absolutely hassle free, shuttle would need to be roomy with no need to stand up while the vehicle is moving, shuttle would need to make minimal stops to keep it almost as fast as driving, shuttle would need to run way past dark, noice there's an accident and it takes a while to get back to the trailhead.	Thank you for your comments. The scope of work includes looking into many of the things you've mentioned.
7/25/25	Sandy									I do not feel it will be a benefit to have a shuttle in Millcreek canyon. I live in the area and use the canyon all the time. People use the canyon and their convenience and would not ride a shuttle... there are too many dog walkers and bikers who will not use a shuttle... large families would not use a shuttle but V would v hikers or runners, they are on a time schedule... a shuttle would be a waste of tax posters money... my vote no because it will impact my taxes	Thank you for your comment.

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										While I am in favor of a very limited shuttle up Millcreek, I am quite worried about the implementation and secondary gain by introducing a shuttle. I would not ride the shuttle and need to have access, as promised, because of our permit to access our cabin at the FIRS. I have seen the Park City shuttle in practice that goes from the city to Bonanza Flats and Bloods Lake. It is a small, 20 person shuttle that allows 8 bicycles. It is free to the users, being paid by parking fees (\$5.00 per hour) and restaurant taxes. I am also skeptical of costs. When the toll began in Millcreek, the presentations indicated that the cost would only be 50 cents. The garnering of these funds were to cover road repair, snowplow, upkeep of picnic areas, install and maintain bathrooms, etc. This amount has skyrocketed 10 times to the current price of \$5.00. There was a promise that the 50 cent charge would adequately cover the costs, plus that of wages, toll booth and leave a good fund. In review of Millcreek's and Salt Lake County's finances, the distribution of these funds do not appear to go directly for the benefit of Millcreek canyon. Millcreek road is very historical. Over the next 2 years, the road will be widened from the snow gate to the top. However, it was adamant that no additional parking places will be constructed. In fact, less parking in the canyon will be enforced as patrons will not be allowed to park on the side of the road. The interests catering to bikers, hikers, dog owners, skiers seemed to take precedence over all other users. Users of the canyon include picnickers, attendees of 2 restaurants, users of Tracy Wigwam, photographers, cabin owners, road bikers etc. The Forest Service has granted an easement to Salt Lake County for the road only. There was a study done by FEHR a few years ago, but it was quite flawed. It should be noted that the reason for this study, and the already proposed shuttle, is to cater to the hikers, bikers and skiers who share common interests with Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons along with several other areas along the Wasatch Front. Millcreek Creek is unique (and could be lost shortly) as the water is currently used for agriculture, but is being gobbed up by municipalities including Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City and Millcreek City. However, when the municipalities convert the water potably, then the use will drastically change. Currently there is considerable confusion up Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons concerning travel, parking and use of the canyons. There is tension between UTA with its bus schedule, providing adequate service and private entity use. In the prior FEHR study, they discussed using solely a shuttle system with no cars in the canyon, much like Zion National Park. They completely disregarded the cabin owners, the restaurants and Tracy Wigwam's contracted rights of access. Even now access to the FIRS is thwarted by the snow gate when there were promises of snow removal during the winter back in 1983. In sum, the shuttle may be a good method to allow more people into Millcreek Canyon, but should not be exclusive. Further it is not a panacea. We should be very careful about the decision making process as it has not been followed in the past, the costs have been outrageously imposed over the years and the implementation has been at the whims of others, not taking into consideration those that actually have a vested interest in the canyon. IMO, a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle would be a mistake. Mill Creek should be reserved for advanced local skiers. This user group has no problems accessing the canyon. Bringing more people up the canyon could jeopardize this access. Mill Creek Canyon ski terrain is advanced (see fatalities and multiple close calls over the years). A shuttle to this terrain is irresponsible.	
7/25/25	David	Parker									Thank you for your comment. We are in the process of assessing the feasibility for a shuttle that would an additional travel option for canyon users, not the only means of travel for canyon users.
7/27/25	Jack W	Landon									Thank you for your comment.
										Hello, I am very against a Millcreek canyon shuttle and feel like it would be a huge hindrance to the way we use the canyon. We typically go weekday mornings to hike or bike and almost never have any trouble finding parking even with the new construction. Or we ride up the road from home. In the winter, we ski on the road frequently. I would NOT be willing to pay more for a shuttle, we already pay for the canyon pass. I also feel like the shuttle would make it a LOT harder to transport all my ski equipment and dog up to the trailhead. I like being able to leave some supplies in my car or see how the temperature feels when I arrive and then decide what to wear as it's often hard to know for sure what conditions are like until you get there. It'll also be significantly slower to ride a shuttle and the shuttle times would probably not be frequent enough or early enough to work for us. I could see possibly doing a shuttle on weekends or holidays only but truly feel like it would decrease and diminish everyone's enjoyment of the canyon at almost all other times. Why cater to those who drive up to look around for a few minutes vs those who use it regularly??? The shuttle would also have to hold a lot of bikes which does not seem feasible and I think it'd be miserable for anyone with strollers or young children. We've stopped going to Zions since the shuttle is so awful, please don't ruin Millcreek canyon the same way. Do more education, put in more parking, and remember that the mountains are there for us to use and "protection" can go too far!!	
7/31/25	Cody	Miller							less	It bothers me to hear that it's to create a better user experience when it's really just taking public lands away and trying to reduce visitors by making it really unappealing to go through the hassle of shuttling up	Thank you for your comment.

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7/31/25	Edward	Marshall								To the CWC Board Members & staff and to Fehr & Peers, the shuttle feasibility consultant. My name is Ed Marshall, and my address is 6451 E. Millcreek Canyon Road. My spouse and I are the only two full-time residents of Millcreek Canyon, and we view the road frequently from our front windows and porches. I have been on the CWC Millcreek Canyon Committee since its inception six years ago, and I recently resumed the chairman's position. I am writing, however, on behalf of myself and Log Haven Restaurant, which is principally owned by my spouse, Margo Provost. I am not writing on behalf of the Committee. In order to achieve the maximum benefit from the shuttle feasibility study, waste the least amount of time and money, and do no harm to the canyon's businesses and residents (as well as to Salt Lake County and the local governments involved), it is critically important for Fehr & Peers to recognize at the outset exactly what the real problems are in Millcreek Canyon and what they are not. The real problem in Millcreek Canyon is not the volume of traffic on the road, as in the Cottonwood Canyons. A "red snake" here is four cars driving at the speed limit, and the traffic volume returned to pre-Covid levels several years ago. No, the real problem is that the Forest Service does not have sufficient parking spaces for its recreational users at times of peak demand, which are often surprisingly difficult to predict. The parking shortage is caused by the Forest Service's decision to adhere to its 2003 Forest Plan and not increase parking despite the increase in population and use of the canyon over the past 22 years. This results in roadside parking during times of peak demand, which forces people and bikes onto the road and creates potential danger; notwithstanding the lack of actual accidents. A second problem is the lack of communication facilities in Millcreek Canyon. This results not only in slow responses to emergency situations but also in drivers not knowing whether there will be parking spaces available at Dog Lake and other upper canyon trailheads when they arrive. We have supported the shuttle feasibility study because reducing the number of vehicles is one option to resolving the Forest Service's parking shortage. A shuttle would also improve the experience for many Forest Service recreational users, including us. However, there are more cost-effective solutions, whether done in conjunction with a shuttle or instead of a shuttle. Given that the real problem is a parking problem rather than a traffic problem, the obvious solution is for the Forest Service to use the existing federal recreation website (recreation.gov) to require parking passes in the potentially crowded parking areas at anticipated times of peak demand. The cost of a single enforcement person per shift patrolling lots in a small vehicle and issuing tickets to violators would be extraordinarily less expensive than the very high start-up and operating costs of a shuttle system. In addition, this approach would generate net revenue for the Forest Service rather than reducing its revenue from lost fee-booth income. I suggested this approach to the Forest Service months ago but have not heard anything back from them about it. Another solution (that would be compatible with parking passes or a shuttle) would be to improve the communication system in the National Forest immediately. For the past two years, we have been using the Starlink satellite internet systems at our home, and it has proven highly reliable and effective. Starlink has recently announced that it is now available directly to cell phone customers through T-Mobile. If that phone service is also reliable and effective in the upper canyon, then it would enable the Forest Service's parking enforcement officer or its educational/trail officers (there have been two in recent years) not only to call quickly for help in emergencies but to transmit parking information to update a sign at the fee booth. Ideally, they could transmit the information directly to an electronic sign via the internet. This solution is now realistic and seems advantageous not only financially but also from the perspectives of user experience, information, enforcement and emergency responses. It is very important to us that Fehr and Peers also recognize at the outset that Log Haven does not contribute to the Forest Service's parking shortage. We have ample parking for our guests and employees and free valet services. People would have to walk far out of their way to park on Forest Service land. Likewise, we would benefit very little from a shuttle system solution since all it would do for us is reduce the traffic somewhat in front of our home and the restaurant. Therefore, our support for a shuttle is conditioned on it having no adverse effects on Log Haven. We would have to oppose with all of our might any recommendations that might restrict vehicle access on the public county road to Log Haven, create a timed-entry system for the canyon, reverse the direction of the fee booth, or introduce other new problems. Such proposals would not only damage Log Haven but would reduce the tax revenue from it that the County uses to provide road maintenance, snow removal, fire & police services in the canyon. Such proposals would also waste the time and \$18M+ that the US, the County, Millcreek City, and the Forest Service have spent on FLAP improvements for traffic and parking improvements. In conclusion, we would support a voluntary (perhaps incentivized) shuttle system for National Forest recreational users as one means to reduce the Forest Service's self-induced parking shortage. However, we believe that there are more cost-effective alternatives available. Also, any shuttle system must at a minimum be linked with immediate communication improvements in the canyon that are now realistically available. My personal view is that the CWC has now authorized a shuttle feasibility study because Fehr & Peer's 2012 traffic study recommended a shuttle system as one possible approach to solving a "traffic" problem in the canyon. Therefore it was included as a goal in the 2015 Mountain Accord. Now that you (and hopefully CWC Board members) recognize it is really a self-imposed parking problem (that no city or county would allow a business to create), I hope that you will also recommend the solutions suggested above as potential alternatives. Thank You for the opportunity to make this input prior to the start of the Fehr & Peers study.	Thank you for your comment.

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			Other things that would encourage you to ride the shuttle?	Other things that would prevent or discourage you from riding the shuttle?				Summary: I like the idea of a shuttle during peak times for busy Friday-Saturday-Sundays, however I would likely not use it, mostly because I don't go on days when it's crowded and I have two big rowdy dogs. I also don't think the timing is right for an effective use of funds for a study or a pilot as construction is almost halfway over, canyon resources will change, parking isn't ready and adoption would take too long (look how long it took some people to even realize the upper canyon is closed) More background: Although I am a heavy user, 1-2xweek, it's almost exclusively on Mon-Wed, with rare Sundays, starting by 7am on hot summer days, and somewhat later mornings in winter. Parking is never an issue that early on those weekdays. I go intentionally early to avoid crowds and beat the heat for me and my dogs. 99% of the time I'm solo with my dogs for the peace and quiet, with skis sometimes which is a lot to manage when I ski with dogs (or biking big water or crest). On the way up the canyon my dogs are crazy excited with poor self control, desperate to run free and poop. When my golden retrievers are done hiking, they are filthy, disgusting, muddy and wet ... and extremely friendly -- i.e. in no condition to ride in a shuttle vehicle or share tight quarters with other passengers. I rearranged my work schedule to be able to be in the canyon weekdays when it's not busy and parking isn't an issue, and let my dogs do their muddy crazy thing with minimal impact to others. My usage patterns and fur critters are not a good match for a shuttle. If I were to go with friends and family on a Saturday without dogs, a shuttle would be cool, as long as it didn't make me car sick and I could get a seat and not have to wait too long, and it probably would need car seats for kids. I do buy an annual pass for the canyon and after the construction is done I would be happy to pay more ... maybe a \$75 annual pass? \$50 is so cheap. Part of the crowd problem right now while upper millcreek is closed, is that every other alternative is under construction too - BCC and LCC have road construction and lane restrictions, as does Parleys. Neffs is getting the trailhead rebuilt. And even Mirror Lake Highway is getting repaired. There was zero coordination in those projects and now mountain users have no easy place to go. Shuttles won't change that, even if valley parking is sorted out in time. And school is starting soon which always decreases weekday crowds. I don't think we should spend time and money on this until the upper canyon is finished. We're over halfway through the first summer already and winter will be similar to normal. Save the shuttle planning for after the canyon is done when we can study new parking patterns and resources and build a cohesive plan.	
8/5/25	Jen	Homel					more	Thanks for the opportunity to give input! First of all, great idea to investigate the feasibility of a shuttle system for MCC (and could what we learn help with BCC and LCC as well?) and a great idea to have Fehr and Peers conduct the study. That's what they do. But, I keep reading 'summer of 2025' and it's August already. Start the survey in August? To me, the survey should have been started in May, if we weren't going to do another one, so results could actually be implemented for 'summer 2025'. Maybe there will be 'some' fall action, but it would seem we have missed this year. What were the results of the 2012 study already conducted? Why was nothing done based on that previous study? Probably the same traffic, parking problems, trail usage, the same popular trailheads yada, yada. In conducting an internet search, MacroTrends (MacroTrends.net) shows Salt Lake County grew in population by 16% from 2012 to 2025. One could have interpolated that growth and corrected/upgraded any 2012 results, expansions of parking areas, number of shuttles to accommodate 2025 demand. Any results from this new survey should be interpolated to increase capacity by another 16% to address another 10 years of future growth down the road in order to not be behind and under capacity from the get-go. The upper road is closed now and some of my biking friends like that because they can ride up without traffic, but that is not a long term situation. All of the items listed in the CWC email make sense to me, parking demand, vehicle occupancy, a pilot plan to gauge demand, determine acceptable price points (I like \$5 per day and \$50 for a season pass for heavy users. Maybe a \$25 weekend only season pass for the working stiffs?). One thing is for sure, the shuttle will absolutely have to accommodate dogs, skis and bikes or you will lose a significant portion of your target ridership. You need a summer shuttle for bikers and hikers to access the Crest (access is "Hikers are Odd, Bikers Get Even" -Odd numbered days and even numbered days to reduce biker/hiker conflicts. That is what is in effect right now in both directions, up and down. You need a winter shuttle for snowshoers, nordic skiers and backcountry skiers. You need fall shuttles for the leaf peepers and general awesomeness of the fall hiking and biking season. Spring may be the slower season...mud season we call it in Park City, but that season may be shorter in MCC. People will ride a shuttle weekdays (for the retirees and flexible class schedule students) and weekends for the working stiffs. It will be busier on the weekends of course so increase frequency. Fehr and Peers can quantify frequency with demand probabilities.	Thank you for your comment and your detailed accounting of how you use the canyon. This type of information will help guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle
8/6/25	Craig	Williams	bikes-allowed, dogs-allowed, skis-allowed				The same	Hello CWC folks, I'm not sure what the shuttle is for. They are already ripping up the canyon with expanded road and parking lots. Is the shuttle so that even more people can get up there? Where would the parking lot for the shuttle be? How often would it go? If it didn't go often, it wouldn't be very practical. You would have to plan your trip carefully and make sure you got down to the trailhead in time to catch the shuttle. If it does go often, how could it be cost effective? I would not take it if it cost more than the current price to get up the canyon -- but the current price allows for several people to enter the canyon in one car, so I don't see how the pricing would work in a way that would attract people to ride. I VERY MUCH support ski shuttles and perhaps summer shuttles in the Cottonwood Canyons. Those make so much sense -- so much more sense than a tram. But I'm not catching the vision of a Millcreek shuttle. Maybe I need more education, but for now these are my comments.	Thank you for your comment. While it is late in the year, Fehr & Peers will still look into ways to start a pilot program before the FLAP construction is complete, even if that means 2026.
8/8/25	Kristen	Rogers-yverson						I VERRY MUCH support ski shuttles and perhaps summer shuttles in the Cottonwood Canyons. Those make so much sense -- so much more sense than a tram. But I'm not catching the vision of a Millcreek shuttle. Maybe I need more education, but for now these are my comments.	Thank you for your comments. The scope of work includes looking into many of the things you've mentioned. There will be a second comment period on the draft feasibility study, where many of your questions should be addressed.

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										Hi Team My comments regarding the Mill Creek Canyon shuttle program: when I am in town I go into Mill Creek Canyon probably 3 times per week in both the snowy and non-snowy seasons. This says a lot, because between Park City and the Salt Lake Foothills (trails) and the Cottonwoods there are plenty of other places to go to do what I enjoy doing in our mountains, but Mill Creek has it all and at a very high quality level, in addition to the convenience. I would use a shuttle a lot, provided it ran relatively efficiently and often. I think probably 80% of my visits. Simple math: 3x/week = ~150 days/year x 80% is 120 days/year (since I'm in town about 50% of the time that number is actually more like 60). Of those, 10% is cycling, 50% is skiing, and 40% is hiking/running. I understand that bikes and skis may be challenging, but see the possibilities of racks and/or trailers being used. I've seen both systems used extensively on both private and public shuttle/bus systems (UTA, Zion shuttle, public mt bike shuttles in New Zealand, private Crest and Knox shuttles, etc). I do not have a dog, but have been known to borrow dogs for runs/hikes. I grew up with dogs who traveled in dog boxes in the back of my parents' station wagon. Either well-behaved dogs (at owners' discretion) could go in the shuttle itself with people, and/or make room for rear-door-accessed dog boxes or boxes on a trailer. I would be willing to pay at least the current \$50/year for a pass or \$5/day. I would probably go higher by 50% before starting to squawk. I would like to see the shuttle stop at Rattlesnake, Mill Creek Inn/Grandeur/Desolation trailheads (one stop there), Porter Fork/Birch Hollow (1 stop) and the gate year-round. In the July/Aug/Sept/Oct timeframe additional stops at Elbow Fork, Alexander Basin, the last creek crossing before the top, and the Big Water trailhead at the top. Supposedly the new road will accommodate all those "Whistle stops" should be allowed at other points: Boy Scout camp, Log Haven, picnic sites, private cabins. If the shuttle blocks the road momentarily while people are disembarking that's okay, it's a forest road and other drivers - if they are there, but they won't be because they'll be on the shuttle - should be okay for a few-second delay, just like traffic lights/lighted ped crosswalks. Parking - expanding the little Water Wheel Park to the north of its current configuration to expand near-mouth parking would be great and logical; that is valuable space that is not being utilized. Typically I don't like taking out trees nor bike path, but that bike path goes from nowhere to nowhere and no one uses it, and the spindly trees there are simply aesthetic. Parking - utilizing the Virginia Street parking where it butts up against the 1-215 sound wall enables much more parking as well. Much of the overflow use from the Waterwheel park would happen during the summer months and weekends, both times when school is not in session, and Skyline High, Millcreek City, and Granite School district are okay with it. Once the Skyline construction is done - that includes more parking down in the campus - the Virginia Street parking will open up even more. I would like to see the shuttle run at least every 30 minutes. Assuming at least 45 minutes round trip, that would probably mean at least two, probably three vehicles. If it was only once an hour I would use it far less, and would lose (never attain) the "habit" of riding the bus. Having a shuttle will enable more "point to point" adventures, which not only is favorable to people (everyone loves that aspect of European mountain connectivity) AND help disperse use. I recognize that the problem is not the traffic per se - ala LCC - but parking. Despite the upper canyon "improvement" project, available parking is not increasing/will not increase...ever. Yet the parking places "sell out" a lot, particularly in the winter, and much of the traffic is people driving up and down the canyon in vain looking for parking that is not available, and/or stuff their cars into non-parking spots, thereby requiring resource-intensive enforcement resulting in expensive tickets when people are just trying to recreate on a casual schedule, and environmental/paean degradation as people park off the roadway from lots. Avoiding this propensity for bad parking is what prompted the FS to pretty much destroy the upper creek in constructing the new road, but actually probably could have been alleviated with a shuttle. At least initially it's okay that cars continue to be allowed in the canyon as well. Adding a shuttle to MCC will again show the various agencies and the community that mountain shuttles are viable. Though a greater expense, electric shuttles should be used due to alleviation of noise and pollution (people come to MCC to avoid those two critical aspects of SLC life). We need year round shuttle but where is the park and ride? The state? Sold off land to build a Porsche dealership where you could have put a park and ride across from the Olympus hill shopping center. The whole issue of using transit in all the canyons is the lack of Park and Ride locations at the mouth of all the canyons.	
8/8/25	Tom	Diegel	bikes-allowed, skis-allowed, dogs-allowed, convenience		schedule, price		fall, summer, spring, winter	Both Weekdays & Weekends	more		Thank you for your comment and your detailed accounting of how you use the canyon. Thank you also for sharing your deep knowledge of the area and its complexities. This information will help guide us as we work toward assessing the feasibility of a Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle.
8/10/25	Suzanne	Stensaas								I want to mention some things I think are very important to consider. Parking in Millcreek Canyon can be awful (crowded). Traffic in Millcreek Canyon can be bad (eg waiting at pay station, plus all driving is bad, as we know). Clearly solving these issues should be the target. Currently parking is surely limiting usage, ie people choose to stay away because they think they won't be able to find a parking place. I know I have. If parking DOESN'T limit usage, should something else? I would say yes. At some point access should be round robin by application, or something. There is no point bussing people up the canyon for a picnic when they can't find a place to have it. I would very likely use a shuttle year round, any day. But where would it start? The UTA lot? Not sure if UTA is up for that, but hopefully. For people who use it a lot, it shouldn't become horribly expensive, so hopefully one can buy a pass. The fees for access (by car) are reasonable, I think. Thanks for your efforts. Please add this suggestion to the collection of comments about the Millcreek Canyon study. Suggestion: Place a DO NOT STOP sign at the tollbooth on the incoming right-hand side.	Thank you for your comment. The scope of study includes looking into areas to stage the parking near the mouth of the canyon.
8/11/25	Michael	Layton			price		summer, winter, spring, fall	Both Weekdays & Weekends			Thank you for your comments. The scope of work includes looking into many of the things you've mentioned. There will be a second comment period on the draft feasibility study, where many of your questions should be addressed.
	Dan	Zalles									Thank you for your comment. We've added this note to the report we delivered to Fair & Piers.