



CWC DIGEST - OCT/NOV



CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- Mayor Jeff Silvestrini retired from his post as the Mayor of Millcreek. We are deeply grateful for his years of service as Mayor and on the CWC Board. We will appoint a new commissioner from Millcreek at the January 12th Board meeting.
- Our new CWC Board leadership consists of Mayor Erin Mendenhall of Salt Lake City (Chair), Mayor Roger Bourke of Town of Alta (Co-Chair), and Councilmember Chris Robinson of Summit County (Secretary/Treasurer).
- The Ski Bus Priority Access program, which runs on Little Cottonwood Canyon closure days to incentivize transit use and alleviate congestion, began its sixth season.
- The Board has signed a letter to airport car rental agencies requesting their participation in UDOT's Sticker Program.
- The CWC released the draft Millcreek Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study and collected almost 100 public comments on the draft, in addition to the 375 made during the scoping process. A final report will be available in the coming months.
- Emory Schwieger, the research intern hired by the CWC in May, completed a research report on land designations in the United States to help inform future efforts on the CWNCRA. [Read the report here.](#)
- The Second Annual [Central Wasatch Symposium](#) will be on January 8th and 9th 2026.
- Starting in 2026, CWC Board meetings and Stakeholders Council meetings will be held quarterly instead of bi-monthly.

2026 Board meeting dates:

- January 12, 2026
- April 13, 2026
- May 4, 2026 (budget hearing)
- June 22, 2026
- October 5, 2026

2026 Stakeholders Council meeting dates:

- March 4, 2025
- June 3, 2025
- September 2, 2025
- December 2, 2025

QUESTIONS?

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STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL

MILLCREEK CANYON COMMITTEE

- Continues to focus on the Fehr & Peers shuttle feasibility study. Some members also want to continue exploring the possibility of obtaining conservation easements on several properties in the canyon, particularly the Boy Scout camps and the three parcels for sale at the mouth of the canyon.

ECONOMY SYSTEM COMMITTEE

- Welcomed new committee member and Co-Chair John Knoblock.
- Continuing work on a Wasatch Front funding initiative, including soliciting 'funding needs' input from the Stakeholders Council, and starting due diligence on determining estimated dollar amounts for each funding need suggestion, which will take some time to complete.
- Discussing ideas for funding sources and concepts for prioritizing the funding needs list and will solicit Board feedback before continuing to gauge their support for the initiative.

RECREATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

- Discussed the State's Outdoor Recreation Initiative program and what opportunities for study or infrastructure within the central Wasatch could be potentially supported by this program.
- Trails Utah is starting a master planning study for the Bonneville Shoreline, including GIS mapping and project/property prioritization for its progress.
- Discussed the possibility of planning recreation activities for a future Central Wasatch Symposium.

ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM COMMITTEE

- Discussing a possible campaign to modify visitor behavior in the Central Wasatch to help manage capacity in the canyons, educate users about environmental responsibility and sustainability, and inform the public on how to reduce their impact on the environment, traffic and other visitors.
- Staying informed of Solitude's parking lot plans and the Town of Brighton's response. As of 11/11, the Town of Brighton formalized resort margins within town boundaries and the town's ability to limit development on these lands. The town unanimously passed an ordinance that helps protect open land within its margins and safeguards against future development.
- Discussing the upcoming Big Cottonwood Watershed Restoration Project scope and timeline.
- Brainstorming ideas to increase traffic and relevance of the Central Wasatch Dashboard.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

- Advanced a proposal to request participation from car rental agencies at the Salt Lake City airport in UDOT's Sticker Program. In October, a letter to the rental agencies was drafted and brought to the Stakeholders Council for approval and then brought to the CWC Board for final approval. The letter has been signed by the Board and will be sent to rental agencies this month.
- Discussing ways to promote "low-hanging fruit" transportation improvements in the canyons.
- Continues to monitor transportation-related issues and events in the canyons.