

UDOT Presentation – Council Member Comments Summary
City Council Meeting – July 27, 2021

- **Alison Stroud:**
 - If large parking structure on 9400 S we should consider how people are getting there especially via Highland

- **Brooke Christensen:**
 - Concerns
 - Watershed quality
 - Traffic through city
 - Impacts to neighborhoods
 - Impacts to safety
 - Impacts to city resources – public works, fire, police
 - Taxes

- **Cyndi Sharkey:**
 - A concern is that we do nothing
 - This is a chance to be transformational to do something different
 - We aren't solving for today we are solving for decades out
 - How can the solution to a problem be doing more of the same?
 - Population growth won't stop we need to do something
 - Considering mobility, safety, and reliability – one thing is clear avalanches are a big issue
 - The transportation option that can help mitigate that risk is what we should go with – that's the gondola
 - Bad weather conditions – buses won't help, we need the gondola
 - Gondola seems to be the most environmentally friendly
 - Air and water will do better with the gondola
 - Has the potential to get more people off the road and a second way in and out for safety and medical reasons
 - Miles of destructive roadway if we widen
 - Protect water quality
 - Less parking stalls and traffic circulation at 9400 S
 - Something to be said about people willing to ditch their car for gondola ride instead of the bus

- **Kris Nicholl:**
 - Wants a recommendation from staff especially from Nick

- **Marci Houseman:**

- Buses aren't going anywhere – by choosing gondola we aren't eliminating buses
- Widening little cottonwood canyon vs. gondola is the decision she is making
- She filtered the two options with the Sandy City priority document
- Need to look at it with a layering approach
- Both have pros and cons
- She thinks the worst thing we can do to the watershed is to widen the canyon
- One bad accident or poor weather will still slow down traffic with the bus option
- She is prioritizing reliability over mobility
- She would pick the gondola option
- Getting cars off the road
 - If we have the right balance of high tolls and smaller fee for gondola
- Snowbird is considering conservation easement and will pay for their employees to ride the gondola to work
- It can serve a year-round recreation need
- Improve canyon experience – gondola ride is experiencing the canyon in a different way for those who don't ski, hike or bike
- Gondola is much safer in her opinion

- **Monica Zoltanski:**

- Worried we can build super transit system and still have too much traffic
- Cost is a concern
 - Is this a good use of state money and public resources?
 - How can we pay all this money without having ski resorts be a part of the solution?
 - What are the resorts doing?
 - They could limit the number of ski passes per day or limit number of parking spaces
 - Need more buy in from the resorts
- Enhanced bus option is her choice
 - It is more minimal – low snow year, in the summer, the buses could be utilized in other areas they aren't just sitting idle, they are put to public use all throughout the year
 - Building a parking garage is permanent but not as permanent as a gondola going up 70 meters high
 - Doesn't want permanent structures that can't be repurposed
 - It makes sense to move forward with the bus option

- Try this first and then years forward we can look at a gondola option
 - Need to move forward with a more conservative option first
 - Widening the road is not great but neither is building towers for the gondola
 - On bad weather days we could say no private vehicles on the road
- **Zach Robinson**
 - Concerns:
 - Volume of cars on road is his number one concern
 - He struggles with the fact that they are still letting 70% of cars on road with both options
 - Decreasing the volume needs to happen no matter what option they choose
 - Water quality
 - Minimize environmental impact as much as possible is very important
 - Traffic management
 - Public safety
 - Year-round accessibility
 - Enhanced bus service is his preferred choice currently
 - Mobility issue is the bigger issue in his mind
 - On average he thinks there are more good weather days than bad weather days
 - Hopes bus service never goes away and that it is year-round not just ski season