



**CENTRAL
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COMMISSION**

Central Wasatch Commission

Sandy City Council

Presentation

September 26, 2023

An aerial photograph of the Central Wasatch Mountains. The foreground shows a dense urban area with a grid street pattern. The middle ground features rugged, rocky mountain slopes leading up to a valley. In the background, high mountain peaks are partially obscured by soft, white clouds under a clear blue sky.

The Central Wasatch Commission

A unique effort

Local governments and elected officials operating by consensus to address longstanding issues and aspirations for the Central Wasatch Mountains.

Convenes

Conflict resolution

Achieve cooperation

Assist State



Member Jurisdictions



Member Jurisdiction Benefits

Consensus approach to land and watershed protection and decision making

Consensus-based transportation approach

Short-Term improvements in the mountains

The Visitor-Use Study

The Environmental Dashboard

Regional stakeholder involvement

Ski Resorts and Economic Interests

Amber Broadway-- Solitude Mountain Resort
Mike Doyle -- Brighton Ski Resort
Dave Fields – Snowbird Ski Resort
Nathan Rafferty – Ski Utah
Morgan Mingle – Park City Chamber of Commerce

Conservation Interests

Carl Fisher – Save Our Canyons
Pat Shea -- Friends of Alta
Megan Nelson – The Nature Conservancy
Joanna Wheelton – Cottonwood Canyons Foundation
Caitlin Curry – Wasatch Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

Recreation Interests

Serena Yau – Salt Lake Climbers Alliance
John Knoblock – Mt Olympus Community Council, Trails Utah
Sarah Bennett – Trails Utah
Tom Diegel – Wasatch Backcountry Alliance
Dennis Goreham – Wasatch Mountain Club
Ian Hartley – Mountain Trails

Cultural & Educational Interests

Stuart Derman – Wasatch Mountain Arts
Maura Hahnenberger – Salt Lake Community College
Hilary Lambert – Wasatch Mountain Institute

Community Councils and Homeowner Associations

Kurt Hegmann – Mill D Cabin Owners Association
Barbara Cameron – Big Cottonwood Community Council, Brighton Resident
Del Draper – Secret Lake Cabin Owners Association
Kirk Nichols – Evergreen HOA, Professor of Outdoor Recreation, University of Utah

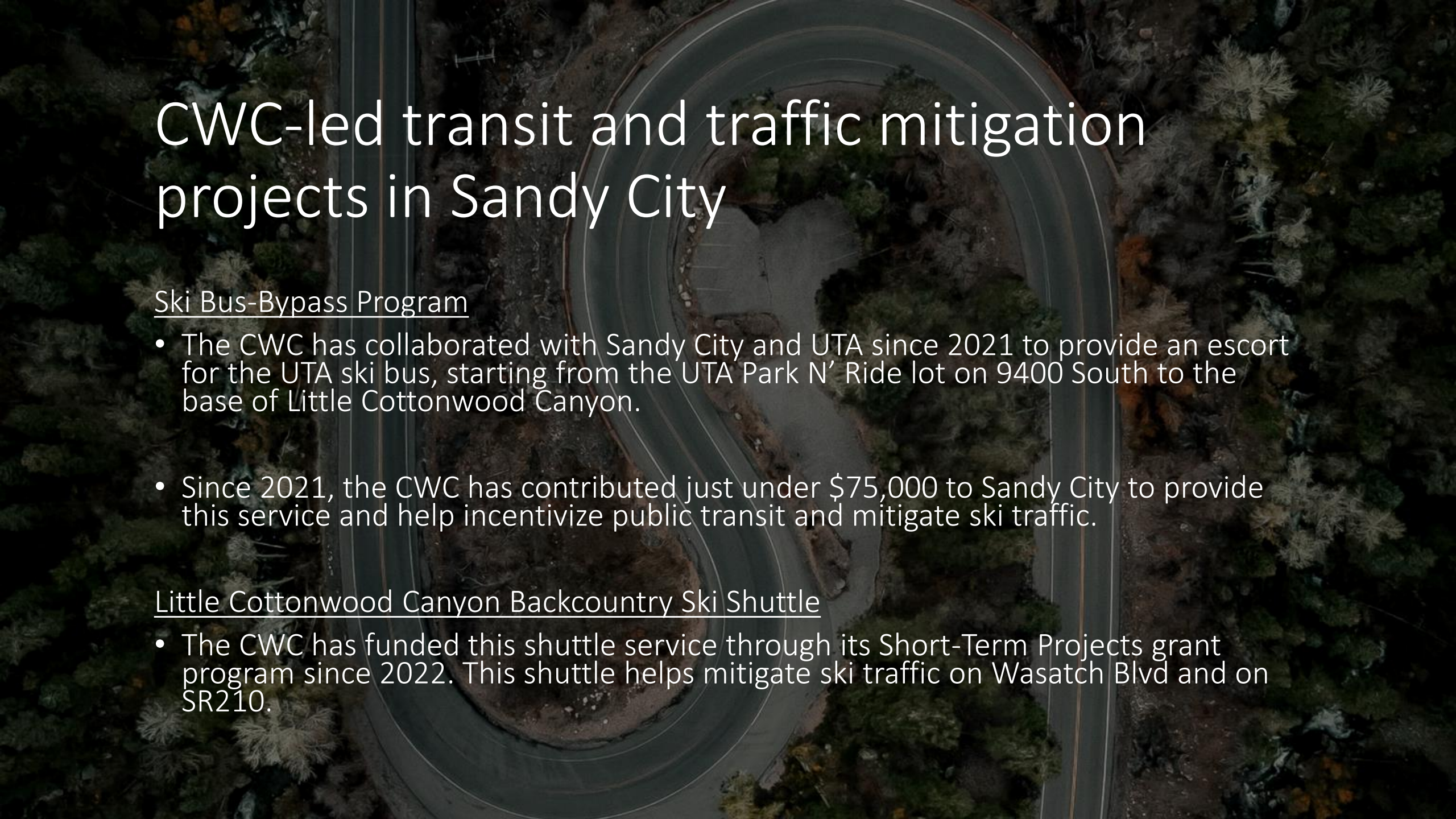
Private Citizens

Michael Marker – Little Cottonwood Canyon Resident
Ed Marshall – Log Haven Restaurant
Kelly Boardman – Salt Lake City resident
Jennifer Eden – Parley's Canyon resident
Dan Zalles – Sandy City resident
Adam Lenkowski – Cottonwood Heights resident
Linda Johnson – Salt Lake City resident

Transit & Transportation Interests

Roger Borgenicht – Utahns for Better Transportation
Mike Christensen – Utah Rail Passengers Association
Danny Richardson -- Salt Lake City resident

CWC Stakeholders

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road through a dense forest of evergreen trees. The road curves through the center of the frame, with a small bridge crossing a stream in the distance. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day.

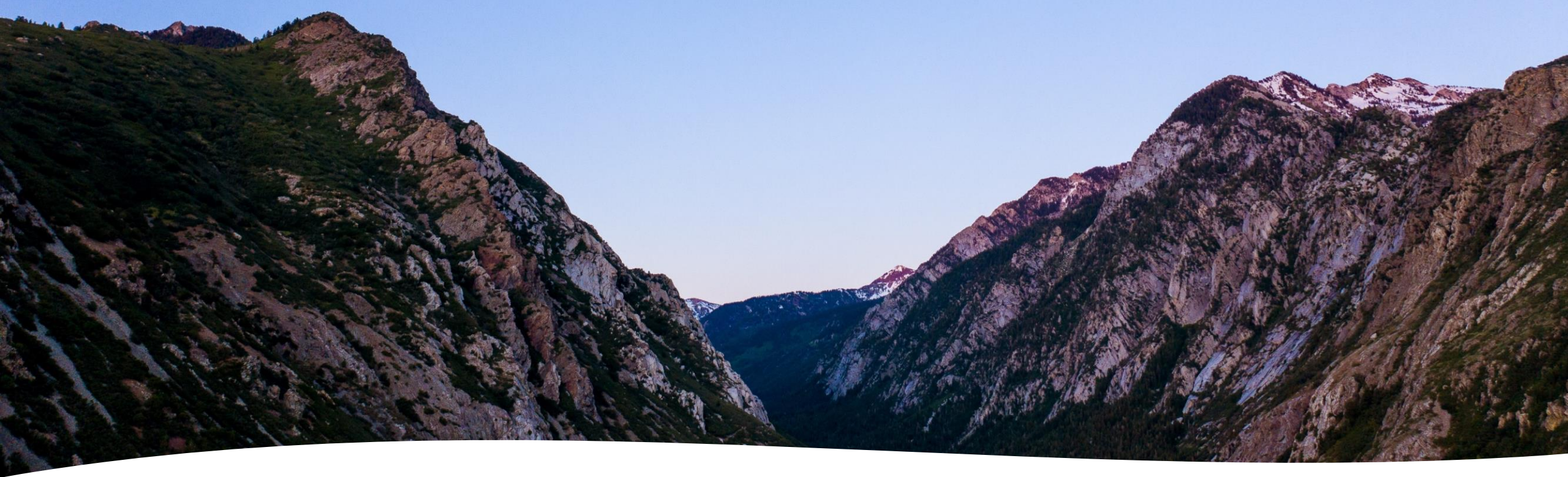
CWC-led transit and traffic mitigation projects in Sandy City

Ski Bus-Bypass Program

- The CWC has collaborated with Sandy City and UTA since 2021 to provide an escort for the UTA ski bus, starting from the UTA Park N' Ride lot on 9400 South to the base of Little Cottonwood Canyon.
- Since 2021, the CWC has contributed just under \$75,000 to Sandy City to provide this service and help incentivize public transit and mitigate ski traffic.

Little Cottonwood Canyon Backcountry Ski Shuttle

- The CWC has funded this shuttle service through its Short-Term Projects grant program since 2022. This shuttle helps mitigate ski traffic on Wasatch Blvd and on SR210.



Recent CWC Outreach in Sandy

Central Wasatch Commission staff conducted outreach with Sandy City residents at two recent Sandy City events:

- Healthy Sandy/Food Truck Night
- Sandy City's Heritage Festival

Both events were a success. Sandy City residents signed up to receive updates from the CWC through our newsletter, took CWC “swag” – stickers and postcards, and learned about the mission and activities of the organization.

The background of the slide is a photograph of a mountain range. The mountains are rugged and rocky, with some snow patches. The sky is a mix of light blue and soft orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. On the right side of the image, there is a large, semi-transparent white circle with a thin white border, which serves as a design element for the text.

The Environmental Dashboard

The Environmental Dashboard is a tool for the public, land managers, policy makers and technical users to learn about the historic and current environmental conditions of the Central Wasatch.

The Dashboard contains five environmental elements: air quality and climate, geology and soil, vegetation communities, water, and wildlife, and existing data for each element has been gathered and presented for public access.

Access the Environmental Dashboard here:

<https://cwc.utah.gov/environmental-dashboard/>



A request of Council to fully fund
Sandy City's contribution to the
Central Wasatch Commission.

Thank you. Questions?

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