

Mayor's Office: Council Agenda Item Request Form

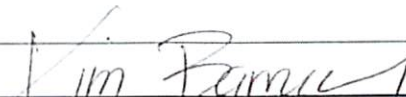
This form and supporting documents (if applicable) are due the Wednesday before the COW meeting by noon.

Date Received

(office use)

Date of Request	4/18/18
Requesting Staff Member	Kim Barnett
Requested Council Date	4/23/18
Topic/Discussion Title	Update on Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC) EIS
Description	The purpose of the LCC project is to provide an integrated transportation system that improves the convenience of multiple transportation modes, and substantially improve the reliability, mobility, and safety for residents, visitors, and commuters who use S.R. 210. Through transportation improvements, the project would strive to mitigate congestion on S.R.210 and improve recreation and tourism experiences for all users of Little Cottonwood Canyon. The transportation improvements will consider the character, resources, diverse uses, and scale of Little Cottonwood Canyon.
Requested Action ¹	Informational: The team will be providing updates on the EIS, answering questions and would like to remind the council that if they as a governing body would like to comment on the EIS, the scoping period is through May 4, 2018. Comments can be submitted through two official channels: email (littlecottonwoodeis@utah.gov) or via the website (udot.utah.gov/littlecottonwood)
Presenter(s)	John Thomas, Project Manager from Utah Department of Transportation
Time Needed ²	10-15 minutes
Time Sensitive ³	Project team is on the agenda for Cottonwood Heights City Council at 6:00pm, the team requests to be early on the agenda in order to ensure a timely arrival at the next community commitment.
Specific Time(s) ⁴	
Will You Be Providing a PowerPoint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will You Be Providing Back-Up Documentation or Handouts?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Mayor or Designee approval:



¹ What you will ask the Council to do (e.g., discussion only, appropriate money, adopt policy/ordinance) – in specific terms. ² Assumed to be 10 minutes unless otherwise specified. ³ Urgency that the topic to scheduled on the requested date. ⁴ If important to schedule at a specific time, list a few preferred times.

Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement

A PARTNERSHIP

- UDOT
- USDA Forest Service
- Utah Transit Authority
- Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- ☐ More than **2.1 million people per year** visit Little Cottonwood Canyon.
- ☐ Visitation results in **congestion** on State Route (S.R.) 210. **Limited parking** spaces in the canyon. **Avalanche mitigation requires road closures**, which contribute to congestion.
- ☐ Numerous studies have identified traffic issues in the canyon.
- ☐ Senate Bill 277 authorized UDOT to make transportation improvements where congestion mitigation would improve economic development associated with recreation and tourism.

WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

- ☐ Transportation issues in Little Cottonwood Canyon diminish the quality of recreation experiences for canyon visitors.
- ☐ Congestion in the canyon causes traffic backups on Wasatch Boulevard, affecting access to adjacent neighborhoods.
- ☐ Dispersed parking along the roadway degrades natural resources and a safety concern.
- ☐ Population growth and increased tourism will increase the number of vehicles entering and parking in the canyon, exacerbating the problem.

LCC EIS STUDY AREA



ALTERNATIVES

No Action – required by NEPA

A Combination of Facilities and Operational Improvements

- Transportation System Management (TSM)
- Travel Demand Management (TDM)
- Tolling and/or high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) programs
- Improved transit service
- Avalanche mitigation
- Improved information sharing (e.g., driver alert systems)
- Roadway improvements
- Added parking

Other Alternatives Identified during the Scoping Process

RESOURCES

- Wetlands
- Water quality and infrastructure
- Recreation resources
- Threatened species: Ute ladies'-tresses and western yellow-billed cuckoo
- Historic and archaeological resources
- Scenic byway and visual considerations
- Neighborhood and community impacts
- Environmental justice
- Economic impacts
- Air quality
- Noise

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- Comment Period ends May 4.
- Excellent opportunity to get your voice heard.
- Comments are considered and become part of the EIS record.
- udot.utah.gov/littlecottonwoodeis

SCHEDULE

EIS Notice of Intent – March 9, 2018

Public Scoping – March 9 to May 4, 2018

Alternatives Development – Spring through fall 2018

Draft EIS – Winter through summer 2019

Final EIS/ROD – Spring 2020

THANK YOU!

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DRAFT PROJECT PURPOSE

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