

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATE: _____

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE SALT
LAKE COUNTY MAYOR SUPPORTING A COMMON-SENSE SOLUTIONS
APPROACH TO THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S
LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

WHEREAS, Little Cottonwood Canyon ("LCC") is a treasured natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Transportation ("UDOT") has been conducting an
Environmental Impact Statement related to transportation improvement alternatives for State
Route (S.R.) 210 in and near LCC for over 4 years (the "LCC EIS"); and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the "County") has served as a participating agency for the
LCC EIS, and members of County leadership and staff have actively engaged in the LCC EIS
process since its inception; and

WHEREAS, UDOT recently issued a Final LCC EIS (the "Final EIS"), in which it
identified Gondola Alternative B (the "Gondola Alternative"), with proposed phasing, as the
preferred alternative to improve transportation in LCC; and

WHEREAS, UDOT is conducting a 45-day comment period for the Final EIS prior to its
issuance of a separate Record of Decision (the "ROD"); and

WHEREAS, the Gondola Alternative: i) will cost taxpayers at least \$550 million in
initial construction costs, together with ongoing operational expenses; ii) will make stops at only
2 private ski resorts; iii) will remove only 30% of vehicular traffic from the canyon road; iv) will
entail the construction of 22 high-rise hotel sized gondola towers along the canyon road; and v)
has limited flexibility to pivot in the event of changing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIS failed to adequately and effectively consider alternate
transportation modes, such as electric (or other sustainable) buses and different options for
tunneling technology; and

WHEREAS, an alternate common-sense solutions approach (the "Common-Sense

Solutions Approach”) exists that has the potential to adequately address the transportation needs highlighted in the LCC EIS, but through more practical and less invasive transportation strategies, such as parking management technologies and policies, multi-passenger vehicle incentives, traction device requirements and regionally placed mobility hubs; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council and the Salt Lake County Mayor wish to articulate their joint position on the proposed alternative identified in the Final EIS.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Salt Lake County Council and the Salt Lake County Mayor recommend that the Gondola Alternative be eliminated from consideration in the final ROD, and, instead, UDOT adopt the Common-Sense Solutions Approach, which is a more fiscally conservative and environmentally sound option; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, and the Salt Lake County Mayor, acting as the executive body for Salt Lake County, intend to continue to support the Common-Sense Solutions Approach as the recommended solution for the transportation issues related to S.R. 210 in and near LCC.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2022.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Laurie Stringham, Chair


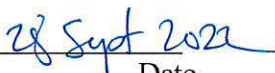
SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR

By: _____
Jenny Wilson

ATTEST:

Sherrie Swensen
Salt Lake County Clerk

REVIEWED AS TO FORM

District Attorney Date

Council Member Alvord voting	_____
Council Member Bradley voting	_____
Council Member Bradshaw voting	_____
Council Member DeBry voting	_____
Council Member Granato voting	_____
Council Member Snelgrove voting	_____
Council Member Stringham voting	_____
Council Member Theodore voting	_____
Council Member Winder Newton voting	_____