

Alta Town Council



Staff Report

To: Town Council

From: Chris Cawley, Interim Town Manager

Re: UDOT LCC EIS/Gondola Resolution, Survey

Date: December 5, 2023

Attachments:

November 8, 2023 Council Meeting Discussion re: Resolution 23-R-1

The Alta Town Council has reviewed several iterations of a resolution stating a position on the UDOT Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement (the EIS). During the November 8, 2023 council meeting, the council's discussion of [Resolution 23-R-21](#) informally reached three conclusions:

1. The council wants to maintain and promote positive relationships with UDOT and its personnel.
2. The council supports the "Common Sense Solutions Approach" outlined in the October 2022 letter from [Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson](#).
3. Prior to adopting or endorsing a statement opposing or taking any other position on the proposed Little Cottonwood Canyon gondola, the council wants to understand community members' positions on the gondola.

Proposed survey

Mayor Bourke and I would like to use an online survey to collect feedback from the community about the gondola. I have developed a survey using Microsoft Forms with the following questions:

1. Name
2. Email Address
3. Alta Affiliation: Resident, Property Owner, Business Owner or Operator, Business Employee, Frequent Visitor, Occasional Visitor, Other
4. How well do you feel you understand UDOT's LCC EIS, and the Preferred Alternative?
5. How effective do you believe a gondola will be in improving safety, mobility, and reliability on SR 210?
6. What benefits do you think the proposed gondola would provide?
7. What negative impacts do you think the gondola would create?
8. Please use the following questions to describe your reaction to UDOT's proposed Little Cottonwood Canyon Gondola
9. Do you believe the proposed gondola is an appropriate use of public or taxpayer funding? Why or why not?

10. Please include any other thoughts, feelings, or reactions to the UDOT LCC EIS Preferred Alternative and the proposed gondola.

[Please click here to preview the survey.](#)

We propose opening the survey on Thursday 12/13, and closing it Tuesday, January 2, 2024, to leave time for staff to compile survey data and prepare a report. We are still refining a plan for how to distribute the survey as of Wednesday December 6th and will report a proposal to the council in the December 12th meeting; our goal is to distribute the survey somewhat narrowly, rather than sending it out via social media or the newsletter.

Request for Council Discussion

Please review the survey and the survey questions and bring any questions or suggestions to discuss in the December 13th council meeting.