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Hello, my name is Dani Poirier, and I am the Director of Wasatch Backcountry Alliance (WBA), a nonprofit organization founded in 2013. WBA's mission is to protect the balance between undeveloped and developed terrain, as well as access for human-powered winter recreation, while serving as the recognized voice for the backcountry community in the Central Wasatch. Today, WBA represents a community of more than 43,000 individuals across our membership, email subscribers, and digital audience.

My comment pertains to Agenda Item 7.A: Corridor Preservation – Quail Run Development, Little Cottonwood Canyon Transit, in Cottonwood Heights.

On behalf of a large community of Utah taxpayers and backcountry users, we ask that any funds allocated to Little Cottonwood Canyon transportation projects be used exclusively for Phase 1 improvements. Committing public funds toward land acquisition or preservation for future phases such as the gondola, (projects that may never be built) amounts to speculation, not responsible long-term planning.

At this time, we urge you to focus public investment on Phase 1 solutions that address current transportation needs, deliver measurable public benefit, and uphold fiscal accountability for Utah taxpayers.

Thank you,

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