

# Survey Results: Little Cottonwood Canyon Traffic

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## 519

**Total Participants**

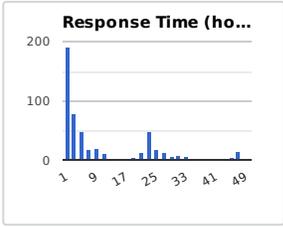
498 of 770 initially invited (65%)  
21 others

Margin of error: ± 4%

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**

Participants for filter:  
**448**

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Started:  
**Jan 23, 2023 11:07am MST**

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**Jan 25, 2023 11:07am MST**

Target Participants:  
**All Sandy**

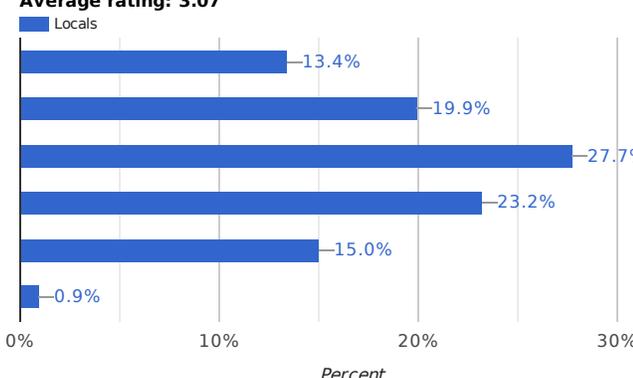
**Q1** During the winter ski season, traffic can get backed up going to the Snowbird and Alta ski areas.

How important is solving this problem to you?

(448 responses by )

Options	Locals (448)
Not At All Important (1)	13.4% (60)
Slightly Important (2)	19.9% (89)
Somewhat Important (3)	27.7% (124)
Very Important (4)	23.2% (104)
Extremely Important (5)	15.0% (67)
Not Sure	0.9% (4)

**Average rating: 3.07**



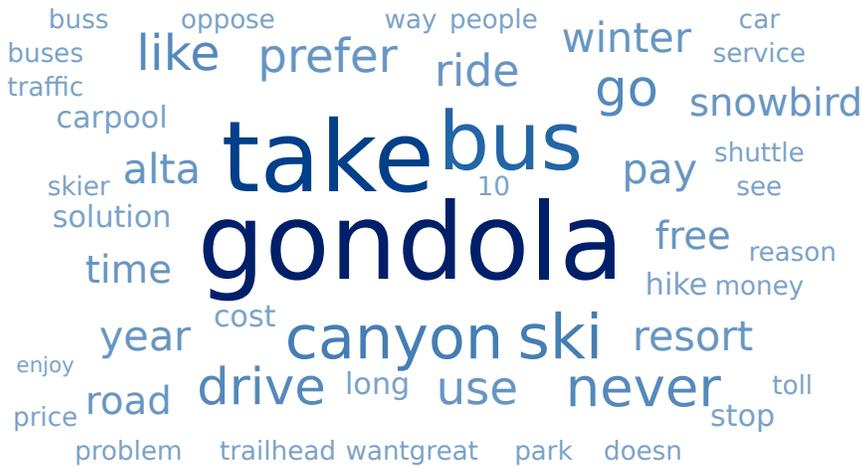
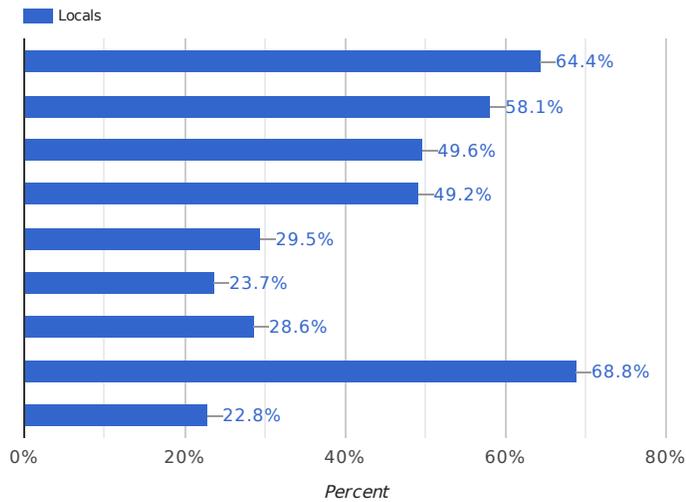
**Q2** Think about driving in a car versus taking a bus or gondola up Little Cottonwood Canyon and consider the total door-to-door travel time for each option from home to ski area, including any parking/walking/waiting time.

Which of the following are TRUE for you, if any? (Choose all that apply, if any?)

(413 responses by )

Options	Locals (413)
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Options	Locals (413)
I'd take a free bus if it took the same time as driving	64.4% (266)
I'd take a free bus if it was 15 minutes quicker than driving	58.1% (240)
I'd take a bus if it took the same time as driving, but saved me \$10	49.6% (205)
I'd take a bus if it took the same time as driving, but saved me \$20	49.2% (203)
I'd take a gondola if it took the same time as driving	29.5% (122)
I'd take a gondola if it took 15 minutes longer than driving	23.7% (98)
I have taken a bus to Alta or Snowbird	28.6% (118)
I have driven to Alta or Snowbird	68.8% (284)
I would:	22.8% (94)



Not a skier

I think the Gondola is the best idea ever !!!

Consider looking at the ski areas: They've loaded the hills with people. Therein lies the issue.

Not interested in taking a bus or gondola. I like having my car.

usually I plan accordingly like an adult and go early lol

This problem only exists for about 10 days of the year during high powder snow season.

I would NOT take a gondola.

Take Gondola over car pooling or bus

The gondola is an expensive solution and not in the best interest of the canyons or the community

Create an app for meeting people to carpool

like to see cops doing traffic control.

The Gondola is the only solution. I would use it no matter how long it takes. Buses NO!

Never use gondola

Greatly prefer to take a train that connects to Trax.

Gondola need to have seating. Too long to stand the whole time.

recommend against going up the canyon in the winter

I would never ride the gondola.

take the gondola if it is cheaper or equal \$\$ to driving or bus

I live right on LCC road and have hitched hiked a ride to the resorts.

not ski, I would hike, and gondolas and buses don't work for that.

Not go. I don't ski.

Have reasonably priced storage for gear at resorts

I don't use this canyon in the winter

Take a shuttle bus that also stopped at trail heads year around.

Not take gondola!

Carpool if there would be a good way to figure out how to connect with other people.

Take a different shuttle to snowbird or alta

Like to be able to turn eastward on LC Road in the morning and not have to add 10 miles to commute.

Take a train, bus, shuttle or some other alternative than a gondola... way to expensive.

not do anything but drive. Got three young kids.

NOT NOT NOT take the gondola

I would take public transportation if it was quicker, reliable, and easy.

I do not ski and never go up the canyon in the winter time.

Like to see more use of the busses. Guests Uber to my place and take the bus, happy option!

I don't ski so for me to hike it makes very little difference.

Years ago a "super tunnel" was proposed that would service all ski resorts. Consider that?

Take a bus if there were buses going up more frequently so it wasn't standing room only on the bus.

I don't drive the canyon at all

favor a user fee for driving in the canyon at peak times.

Drive if the road was tolled and it cost \$500 per year for the me to do so between Nov 1-Apr 30.

Take the bus to be part of the solution

Definitely not use a Gondola - It's completely unnecessary, a waste of money, and too invasive.

Carpool with others going to the resort

take a bus if i didnt have a family of young children in tow.

I would take a free bus if it was slower too. The FREE part is the part that gets me.

I would be more likely to take a bus if there was more gear storage space at Snowbird and Alta.

I would NOT take a bus

Prefer no tolls and no gondola for a problem that exists for 2-3 weeks out of the year

Take the gondola because driving can literally take hours and hours due to winter driving condition

take a free bus if they ran more often, used LCC park & ride, and had lockers available at low cost

take a gondola if it took 15 minutes longer than driving AND was reasonably priced for a ride.

Support year-round frequent bus service, with some also stopping at trailheads

Not go up the canyon in the winter. I don't ski. Summer traffic patterns are my major concern.

I prefer the gondola. The bus would be 100 percent taxpayer subsidized, forever.

not take the gondola for any reason

Always Drive. I have way too much ski equipment to carry.

Make the rich developers and ski trappers pay for a gondola or improved bus system.

Be opposed to a gondola

Never take a gondola

I don't understand why we are still taking about a Gondola. We have voted down this option.

Never ride a gondola— it only serves the ski resorts and I hiked from trailhead not serviced

Pick up carpoolers at a pullover (each side of the road) and safe pedestrian access around them.

NEVER take the gondola. Don't build it.

Not a skier, so it really doesn't affect me.

Never take the gondola \$\$\$\$

oppose the gondola and support banning most private vehicles in the canyon.

No one wants the gondola. It doesn't solve the problem .

Take the gondola if it took 15-20 minutes from parking to top of mountain.

drive myself 99% of the time

Join a protest to prevent the gondola from being built.

Stop Skiing

I would NEVER take a gondola and pray it doesn't get approved!

Skiers spend a great deal for ski passes etc... They can afford to pay a bus fare. No on Gondola!

hope they don't construct a gondola

not use the gondola at all

Busses are no better than cars w/o some priority. While I am not a fan of a 1/2 billion gondola w/

Like solutions other than what only benefits alta and snowbird. These are not the only venues in th

prefer if we save the natural beauty in the canyon because that's what I enjoy.

Never pay to use a gondola

Like to not spend \$\$\$\$ in tax payer money to benefit a small portion of our population.

Like more bus lots or van ride share lots

Prefer the gondola project gets canned.

Absolutely oppose the Gondola!

We don't participate in winter sports and never use the canyon, so responses are not typical.

Prefer traffic to trailheads other than Alta/Snowbird we're prioritized

NEVER want a gondola

prefer to pay a road toll to access Snowbird & Alta, but would prefer to ride a small, electric bus

Not pay to go up canyon as a local.

I have taken the bus to Solitude.

wonder why the City is involved in this issue. The City should worry about the wait on City roads.

appreciate a transit stop at Tony Grove.

If a gondola, & several great restaurants at the top, I would take it in the summer, for fun.

Not go up the canyon

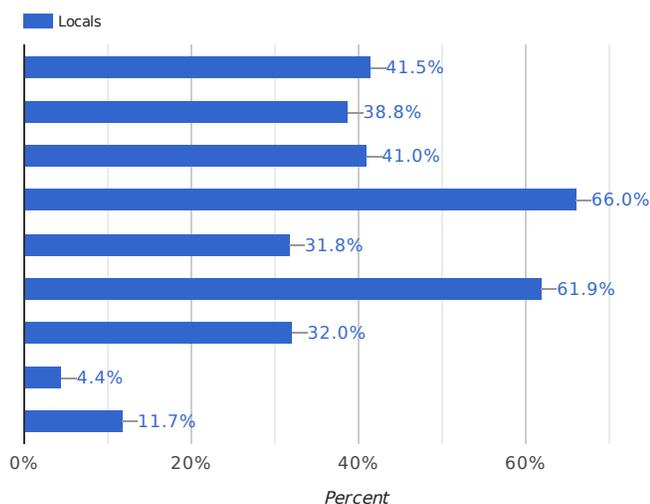
have the "wealthy" ski resorts and mountain property owners pay the costs.

**Q3** The following are a list of possible near-term solutions that Sandy City officials could potentially influence.

Which of these would you want them to focus on, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR, if any)

(412 responses by )

Options	Locals (412)
Tolling all private vehicles at peak travel times	41.5% (171)
Paid parking reservations at ski resorts	38.8% (160)
Increased enforcement of 4-wheel drive and chains when required	41.0% (169)
Resort shuttles that go through a local Sandy City pickup loop	66.0% (272)
More carpooling and ride share locations	31.8% (131)
Improved Park and Ride at 9400 S & Highland with additional buses	61.9% (255)
Banning roadside parking	32.0% (132)
Don't need to do anything	4.4% (18)
Other:	11.7% (48)



require alta wait reservation use toll  
 snow private problem road need paid  
 time canyon car bus traffic  
 peak pay ski occupant  
 blocks buses park build focus  
 let vehicles resorts along city  
 issue access gondola go people lot  
 snowbird winter anything route resident allowed

Trax line to mouth of the canyon and a bus service from the mouth of the canyon up to the resorts

If anything, consider express busses that leave from 3 valley locations and go straight to the hill

If parking at the resorts is an issue, would building bigger parking structures at each one help?

I have worked at Snowbird for over 40 years, and I can say this is only a problem I'm very few days

Stay our of other cities affairs. Don't try to compete with private enterprise solutions!

Why is Sandy wasting time on this?

Bud only access and not allowing vehicles to wait for the canyon to open which blocks our access

get people to use the full length of the merge lanes.

Focus on NONE of the above. PLEASE focus on the Gondola solution.

Forget the Gondola!!!!

Force the state to consider a train that connects to Trax and goes to Park City.

charge tourist \$500/day to go up the canyon

I would build a tunnel to widen the road and make the road safer. Increase parking lot size.

Build more parking at ski resorts.

Restrict single occupancy vehicles

Storage at the resorts for a reasonable price

Big fan of EV busing (winter and summer).

Electric buses only during peak times (prior purchase of lift pass) hotel shuttle for patrons

If you require paid parking you need to guarantee a spot for everyone that pays

Stop the politics of cancelling or minimizing bus routes to England

Widen the road to 3 total lanes. Use 2 lanes up the am then switch it to 2 lanes down in the pm

Support Alta and Snowbird to build more parking structures and they can charge accordingly.

Require 4x4 or AWD vehicles WITH "Winter Tires" (Three Peak Mountain Top Snowflake)NOT Mud and Snow

resorts solve the problem and add more parking

Only let people in LCC with a parking res. and proper tires. No entry in car without reservation.

Build parking lots along the route to replace road side parking

Most of these are UDOT decisions, not Sandy decisions.

Using busses just adds more vehicles onto a road system that will fail now & get worse

Let the resorts pay for transportation to and from their resorts through the canyon

Coordinated weekend and holiday parking reservations between Snowbird and Alta.

I'm here need to be more buses. This year UTA cut ski bus service in half, which does not help

Don't even need paid reservations just make people make reservations

Buses only from 7-noon up the mountain and private cars afterwards

I do not support government dictating what a business should do.

No single occupant vehicles

Our canyons are becoming the private use of the rich. None of these proposals lessen the problem.

Public transportation

I want to keep the canyons accessible to all- no fees, keep private vehicles allowed.

require a minimum occupancy of 4 per car, to keep road space efficient.

Build the Gondola

No great choices - when cars clog the road - there is no way to get any type of bus up the road or

This is an issue for the two (!) Ski Resorts to manage.

when lots are full at resorts, prohibit traffic uphill unless space available

Tolling private vehicles with less than 4 passengers.

Anything but pay to go up canyon as local

Have an app that tracks the traffic so people know not to go up and a reservation system for resorts

focus on "parking" issues that are IN our City or code enforcement, that is what impacts us.

Do not invoke the gondola. There is no evidence that there will be enough snow to warrant its existence.

**Q4** The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has been evaluating different ways to reduce passenger vehicle trips up Little Cottonwood Canyon by 30%. They recently said that a gondola to Snowbird and Alta, with a base station at La Caille, is their preferred alternative. This proposed solution would also include increased and improved bus service (with no canyon roadway widening), tolling or restrictions on single occupancy vehicles, and the construction of a mobility hub. The entire project would cost an estimated \$550 million (in 2020 dollars).

What do you think of this decision? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(406 responses by )

<b>Options</b>	<b>Locals</b> (406)
I'd support it if the gondola funding came from federal taxpayers	20.0% (81)
I'd support it if the gondola funding came from Utah taxpayers	14.3% (58)
I'd support it if the gondola was privately funded (by resorts, businesses, etc.)	46.8% (190)
I wouldn't support it, even if it was all privately funded	47.3% (192)
Not Sure	4.4% (18)
Other:	15.8% (64)



Not a single penny from any government sources.

The resorts NEED to pay for a large part of this solution!!!!

I still would like more information on the visual and environmental impact

Taxpayers should not pay for facilities that only support private enterprise

No one is going to take the Gondola unless it is faster or cheaper than driving.

I wouldn't support it. The damage to the environment to service a few is unacceptable.

The same traffic lines would exist accessing the Gondola as now exist accessing the canyons,

No gondola. PERIOD. I would never support it.

The Gondola is destructive. Business that benefit should pay for alternative transportation.

The gondola is absurd, do all the other things first

The gondola should be on the ballot not for UTA to decide. Negative impact on LCC.

Expanded bus service with snow sheds.

any solution should be funded privately by the resorts as they are the reason for needing a solutio

Gondola will not move enough passengers to solve the problem & will be a blight on the landscape

I have heard rumors as to what it would cost to ride the gondola. Too far out of my reach! I am n

I wouldn't support it if it was funded by taxpayers

I'd support if part federal, part state funds

Need estimates of how much each gondola ride would cost riders after it's funding to decide.

widen the canyon roads and make it easier to get people up the canyon

This question is structured to lead to a specific answer. Its to complicated to simplify it.

NO GONDOLA

The Gondola will not solve the problem, takes to long, and will cost to much (unless tax payer supp

90% of us don't use these resorts, I don't want to pay for it

The gondola is the worst solution. I adamantly oppose it.

I don't want the gondola to mar any scenery or land

Seriously. What needs to be done to stop talking about the Gondola? The people have spoken.

I might support the gondola if we only knew how much it will cost to ride.

Again 90% of the people are against the gondola.

The gondola will ruin the natural beauty of the canyon and negatively impact flora and fauna

Sandy citizens should be free to ride, rest of Utah 50% off ticket, visitors 100% full prize ticke

I support the gondola. Why does this question have strings attached?

A gondola would be destructive to the canyon, not ease traffic, and should not be paid by taxpayers

I really don't want to see private vehicles charged or banned.

I do not support a gondola AT ALL! It has a bigger impact for what is a very short period of time.

Support the Gondola project with funding from all sources

Not simply about resort access at peak hours 9 days a year, benefits for resorts on the taxpayer no

550 million will be 750 when done - for only 2 stops? And still no other canyon improvements? I lik

Protect Sandy's culture and beauty - NO GONDOLA

The gondola project is too expensive.

need more gondola info-#, interval, capacity

Not interested in a gondola



to both resorts takes too much time. During peak hours, it seems busses would fill up to both resorts.)

I've worked at Snowbird for 40 years, this problem only exists on powder days and on weekends with powder. Throughout the rest of the week, and year, I can drive to Snowbird in less than 15 minutes. The only reason this is an issue is because of the property owners greed, and cronyism at its best. By far the best option is avalanche town, and several wide sections made only four buses that can bypass traffic. This is such a debacle I cannot believe we are still debating it, and I suspect that if the gondola moves forward that would be so many lawsuits that it will never be completed.

I am not in favor of a gondola unless it is entirely funded by private entities. It is not a good use of tax payer dollars.

I don't go up in the winter, but I think they need to look at something closer to the management of Zion Canyon than a gondola.

Better bus service

This is a seasonal issue. More busses, reservation parking, and monitoring of cars entering the base of the canyon to ensure they have a reservation in private cars would streamline the cars that go up the canyon. Even a silly gondola is going to cause traffic and parking issues at the base of the canyon and quite honestly could increase traffic congestion all the more.

Investigate the current traffic(citizens using the canyon now) more closely with surveys to get best info for what is really happening this winter and continue to brainstorm solutions (big and small) for all aspects that will make it better NOW and in the future.

The goal should be to attract skiers and snowboarders to Utah with easy access to the canyons and keeping the costs of winter sports as low as possible. Disneyland offers discounts to local and state residents. Perhaps the ski resorts need to look at this also.

1. Drivers turning east from south bound Wasatch Blvd onto 9400 S are a significant reason Wasatch Blvd backs up so far to the south. It is aggressive drivers that try to jump the line by turning at the LaCaille sign. The gondola does not move enough passengers per hour to solve the problem, rather than a 2 hour line to drive up the canyon I will have to wait for 2 hours to get on an expensive gondola that takes 45 minutes to get to the resort that is 15 minutes away by bus.

Pretty sure they've all been thought of, except possibly electric trolleys in a continuous loop.

Stop letting folks wait for the canyon to open. Intersections are blocked and if emergency devices had to come they couldn't get here. Frequent Bussing and extremely limited car service would be better not gondola

I thought this was a UDOT decision and we're still 1 year plus from any from decision being funded? Why is Sandy spending so much time on this? Waste of resources.

The popular climbing areas such as White Pine, Lisa Falls, Pipeline, Tanners Gulch, etc. need stops and services from any transportation hub.

The elephant in the room is the number of empty seats in cars that go up and down the canyon. If that unused resource could be used for more people the problem would go away. The simplest solution is to implement a ridesharing app that connects drivers and passengers going up and down. To incentivise the transition you could add fees for unused seats.

We are strongly against building a gondola. It is not making any logical sense to spent 500mil + of taxpayers money. It is scam.

Stop messing around and get serious about the train that connects to Trax and goes all the way to Park City.

More buses during peak travel. Let those who benefit most from this pay for it... not the taxpayers! The overpriced Resorts.

Snowbird should pay for more busses since the IKON pass is mainly responsible for the traffic issues. They're more interested in their profits than the traffic!

More buses are needed.

head tax on everyone who goes up to ski

Sandy City Mayor needs to get onboard with the gondola solution and please stop all the negative campaigning against it.

Keep polling! That build credibility and transparency in our leaders! Thank you for doing this and empowering the community to take action and become part of the solution!

Put up cones to get people to use the full length of the merge lanes. People often merge as quick as they can and block the merge lanes (one car in two lanes) and completely defeat the purpose of this system. Have cops at the two major intersections (le Caille Light and (9400S and Wasatch) to control merges. Actually, enforce the traction laws for once!!! Write tickets to those that don't follow them. The sticker system helps!! Traffic only moves as fast as the slowest vehicles and a couple of cars are regularly causing the majority of the issues.

The fact that the gondola only stops at the ski resorts and not any of the trailheads is telling. If it comes to be, it should be privately funded.

Those that use it should pay for it. OR the resorts that want the traffic can pay for it.

Little Cottonwood Traffic issues are seasonal. It comes with having beautiful mountains and ski resorts.

NO GONDOLA

No

Thank you for considering solutions to this issue.

UDOT wants to force me to pay for specialized transport to two private ski resorts, it's insulting. Why isn't anyone talking about limiting sales of passes and ski resort access? If the national parks can have timed entries why can't the resorts? So many of us use the canyons outside of ski season and take advantage of non-resort winter activities. The gondola will only serve those who pay to ski and completely disenfranchise the local community.

Why is Big Cottonwood Canyon being ignored? Why are the resorts not building more parking?

The Gondola is the BEST option for reducing emissions and congestion!!!

Electric Bus is a better solution than the gondola - more parking more busses - better storage at the resorts for boots/snowboard/skis etc at a reasonable price not \$500 for the winter when a pass is over 1k per adult -

I prefer an EV busing solution that would seem to be effective in both winter and summer. Gondola seems mostly winter-only due to limited stops (at the resorts). And EV busing should be the norm for both Cottonwood canyons. I am not sure why we would subsidize something so expensive that benefits just the ski resorts.

Resorts may need to have a lottery for admission on high ski days to make it fair for all.

Look at other recreational areas and national parks that have year round shuttles. Consider how well it works in other places.

Buses and other ride share options provide maximum flexibility - they can be constantly adjusted to hone in timing and funding options; locking us into a permanent solution like a gondola is not a very wise approach, considering we have no idea how climate change will ultimately impact these ski resorts and the rest of the canyon.

I don't think the tax payers should fund projects that ski resorts could afford and will improve their profits even if they charged people to ride

They should build snow sheds over major avalanche paths.

Enforce carpooling. Express bus lanes.

More buses or lanes doesn't actually provide an alternative solution - it's more of the same. Gondola provides an actual alternative and provides choice between bus, private vehicle, and gondola.

Obviously Big Cottonwood Canyon has the bigger traffic issue. Little Cottonwood has been picked for this because the former Utah Legislative Senator owns the property where the gondola will start and he will make a ton of money!

I only go skiing every few years. Thus, this is really not a problem for me. Other than I can not go up the Canyon to enjoy any other beauty during the Winter. I think they need a reservation system for the resorts and then only allow them up the canyon to ski if they have reservations. That way they could control the numbers. A bus system would be just fine. You could pay drivers a big raise with \$550 million dollars.

Stop the gondola. Too expensive, bad for environment, slow, only needed a few days a year (peak times), would be running empty for 98% of year. Government funded with no funds from resorts makes no sense, only good for 2% or less of Utahans.

Any costs should be shared with the ski resorts. The Utah taxpayers shouldn't have to bear the burden of making transportation changes that private companies benefit from. Also, the ski resorts shouldn't be able to purchase the property that the gondola parking lot will be placed on.

I think the reservations were working. I think that it is important to consider all sides. We should move slowly when it comes to changing the mountainsides with gondolas! Yuck!

Locals have had to absorb ALL the pain — increased ridiculous traffic AND ridiculous increased lift tickets. STOP ADVERTISING!

Ride sharing incentive program

I think reservations at the resorts until full and then close the canyon would help mitigate the problem with a gate that can close near the last parking area (Wasatch Blvd/S.R. 209/9400 S. for turn around reasons) I'm very concerned about a gondola particularly if there are mechanical issues and it breaks down with people suspended that far above the canyon. In addition to that, it would destroy the beauty of the canyon.

I use the canyon back country. None of the solutions proposed would help parking or transport to those locations

The reduction of the bus schedule has had a major negative effect on the canyons traffic - both canyons. Multiple times I have tried to take the ski bus but the buses are full or the lines at the bus stops are so long it is an unacceptable wait.

The resorts have to pay for the Gondola if it is passed. It benefits them and I do not ski!

I strongly oppose the gondola. There are several cheaper, simpler, and more eco-friendly solutions.

I am concerned about two things. First I think that the ski resorts should be paying for transportation that mainly benefits the resorts rather than expect city, state, or federal tax payers to pay for it. Second, I think that whatever is done should benefit

people who use the canyon outside of the resorts, particularly those who use the white pine trailhead for accessing the mountains in winter.

The residents do not want the gondola, please listen to the people who use the canyon all year round and live in the area of the gondola.

Gondola seems like a very short-sided idea to address the issue. It might make a small impact but I don't see regular usage from citizens utilizing the gondola.

The ski industry has created this nightmare by raising the cost of a day ticket and forcing people to buy a season pass in addition to the multi-area passes which bring skiers from great distances to UT. Now they want premium charges on powder days to solve the daily cashflow loss because they aren't selling day tickets!

This is very important. It is hard to get my kids to school because of the traffic on Wasatch.

We need to figure out if global warming will make gondola a wasted expense in 20 years.

Do the simple solutions that address the few days/times that it is actually a problem. The alternatives they are proposing are so costly.

Good luck solving a problem that only exists for a limited number of days per year.

Paid parking reservations, no parking on the roads. If you don't have a spot you don't go. Also, paid park reservations should be time dependent to streamline traffic up the canyons. Accountability on behalf of the resorts to whom this problem is driven by needs to be taken up, not everyday Utah citizens that may not even ski or snowboard.

I do not want to subsidize ski resorts. I would allow them to issue bonds to pay for their gondola. Tax payers already support the ski resorts in many other ways. Airport, buses, roads, etc.

The merchants in the community benefit from the skier population. The resorts should expedite avalanche control and provide more parking and finance additional transportation that brings their clients. We locals are only inconvenienced on powder days and know how to circumvent the lines. Se do not want to mar the canyon views with gondola towers!

I sometimes think the gondola is being forced down our throats. For a handfull of days during the ski season, it seems the expenditure for a gondola is excessive and should not be bourne by the taxpayer whether federal or local. It only benefits the ski resorts. Were there a tunnel to Park City, at least the mines could be drained, secondary water could be brought to the valley and transportation would have essentially no impact on the environment. Granted, it would cost more, but with the additional long-term benefits and potential revenues, why not consider it?

Stop trying to sabotage the buses to justify the gondola! Building it would destroy many of the other amazing recreation areas in the canyon -- not to mention the beauty of the canyon itself. We have existing infrastructure in place to solve the problem if UTA starts paying drivers a living wage & the 4WD/chains rules are actually enforced.

Get rid of the Icon pass. That would probably reduce the number of people coming to ski.

Niederhouser follies need to be reported and ended!!!!!!!!!!!!

Increasing bus frequency and promoting the use of buses would be the greatest solution in my opinion.

Put a toll booth in. Start with dynamic pricing based on how many occupants and how crowded the canyon is. Charge people from out of state double.

A solution for a day trip just to visit the place and enjoy the mountains without having to ski or to pay to get there would be great.

Parking structures should be built in Alta and more structures at Snowbird. Let these private businesses pay for their own improvements. Government should not be paying for private business interests that only benefit a small number of people.

Mandate 4x4 or AWD with Winter Tires Not Mud and Snow. Mud and Snow tires become much harder when temperature drops to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below; they provide little to no traction on ice or snow packed roads. The science is clear on this matter. Make it a class B misdemeanor to be in the canyon without above at any time Nov1-Apr 30.

To spend half a billion dollars to solve a problem on just 60 days in the year is ridiculous. With paid parking/parking reservations and a poor snow year, 21/22 had very few traffic jams. 22/23 has much more snow so more road closures. All less invasive/less costly measures need to be implemented for several years before even widening the road is considered. Work with UTA to improve bus service (it was 40 minutes late this morning), absolutely enforce the traction law better, and toll during peak hours. Those need no physical infrastructure change, no additional pavement, yet will certainly manage traffic much better. The gondola and road widening don't take in to account the tragic fact that skiing in the Wasatch will be declining as the lake dries up and the world continues to warm. Put that \$500 million in to saving the lake and maybe our quality of life and property values. Thanks for listening.

NO GONDOLA!!

Definitely against toll roads

I wish people would understand the reality of the gondola increasing lines and even more congestion at the mouth of the canyon. It isn't realistic to think people wouldnt need to park at the base station. There would still be congestion!! It would

isn't realistic to think skiers could stand in line for the gondola, fully clothed for skiing and then ride the gondola for 30+ minutes. That is not a good option, and such a favor to the prior legislator that purchased the LaCaille property.

I am not sure why the citizens need to bear the burden to shuttle tourists to the ski resorts. If the resorts want a gondola, the resorts should raise the \$500MM. Given climate change, will there even be a skiable snow season in our future? If we build the gondola and the industry dries up, it would be a complete waste of money.

More bus service. Dedicated uphill lane to bus in morning and dedicated bus lane at end of day.

Follow the money...the Gondola is only supported by those who will make money from it! I've not talked to anyone else who thinks it will resolve issues traveling up the canyon and will be a major waste of money and be unnecessarily damaging to the canyon environment. Please do more vetting/analysis regarding the gondola proposal. It should probably be a referendum item for voters.

A toll is necessary - pay for use!

The resorts are the reason for this congestion. They should fund any solution that ultimately improves their revenue. this is not a tax-payers problem. Anyone wanting to visit the resort is expecting a great experience AT THE RESORT. This is a private business problem. I won't ski anymore because it's so chaotic up there. As Utah ski resorts have grown interest, they are making more money. Provide shuttles and set expectations. Limit passes, setup staggered time slots for skiers. Not an and intrusive gondola that would only be used by skiers going to the resorts. The mess and the noise alone is not worth the cost.

No gondola

I am not keen on scarring the views/landscape of the mountainside. While I realize that something needs to be addressed, I also know that the LOCAL people would not support, through RIDERSHIP, the idea of a gondola. Even in the summer, all of our canyons are becoming un drivable because of the traffic and BICYCLISTS! They scream about the cars, but I want to scream about how unsafe I feel trying to keep them safe on narrow roads with one steep side.

Somehow providing a way that traffic (if it is still there) can be queued up in a lane while still allowing local traffic to move around. There are back ways that we know about to take our kids to Granite Elementary, but for those that live in that triangular area near Wasatch/LCC Rd, and down LCC Rd, the traffic can greatly impede normal access to the neighborhoods.

no

The ski resort skiing area has limitations in terms of people. I do not favor spending the funds for a solution that is only open half the year and benefits only the resorts. I think traffic incentives and bus options are better.

NO GONDOLA!

Tolling, electronic tolling at the mouth of the canyons; pricing/encouragement for carpooling. Electric buses; extra bus lane likely NOT needed; gondola is a bad idea - doesn't really solve much, and would create other/additional traffic problems around the Base Station.

Consider tiered toll pricing based on the number of passengers. This would incentivize single passenger cars to pick up additional passengers.

Defining the possible "improvements" at the 94th and Highland is important. Building a multistory structure and describing the increase in bus traffic is important in understanding the impacts on that intersection.

Buses are fabulous. I am angry that they reduced bus service. Crowded busses make it hard to ride with kids when seating is limited and I have to wrangle all their equipment. I frequently use the Big Cottonwood busses to ski when I ski alone, but when I take the kids, I drive. Better busses with adequate seating, meaning more frequent busses, please!!!!

more premium parking for cars with 3-4 passengers.

Let the people/corporations making the money from skiing pay for the solution that is benefiting them.

From the perspective of someone who skis at resorts in these Canyons on a regular basis, it seems that parking reservations during busy times has helped LCC the most. However, that canyon backs up on busy mornings when the road is closed due to avalanche control. If a gondola could still run while the road is closed for avy control, this might help. Otherwise, Mother Nature pretty much has control due to the nature of this canyon. I certainly think parking reservations at both resorts (as opposed to just paid reservations at Solitude) would help in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

The solution needs to be a 12 month of the year solution, and an all activities solution (not just ski resorts). Frequent buses (likely with restrictions on private vehicles) is the best option to keep the canyons accessible to everyone.

Agondola is NOT the solution under any circumstances!

I don't use the canyon in the winter as I don't ski. It is the summer traffic that concerns me. Don't think the gondola is Amy good because you can't stop at the trail heads. The huge parking lot would be awful.

This type of a poll, is leading the participants to a desired conclusion and should be discarded.

NO GONDOLA

This is another one of those issues being forced upon us by outside interested. My solution would be to limit the number of ski passes sold for each day, and then have a check station at the bottom of the canyon. If you do not have a ski pass for that

day, you don't get up the canyon. The rest of the year, ( not during ski season) the canyons would be open.

Cost share. Quit cutting back on bus service....period. We have surplus of taxes. Fix or get new leadership.

More access to buses or a privately funded gondola would be a good improvement to the canyon.

I believe the gondola will harm the canyon in unacceptable ways. And only device the resorts. Hikers and climbers would not benefit The shuttles would be a good solution for the reports and people would use them

Snow tunnels, sheds.

I would appreciate it if our voices mattered..

Make the people who travel the canyon responsible for their own costs and make the resorts and rich developers pay for the gondola or bussing! Nearly 90% of Utahans don't use Alta canyon, it is unfair to put the coat on the rest of us and make it our burden. Developers and resorts want it? They can pay for it! 550 million? You've got to be kidding me. What a farce! As if Sandy residents haven't been gouged these past 4 years, it's robbery!

Add more busses to the route during peak demand times. There should be more busses running on a January weekend than on an April weekday. Add lodging to the 994 Sandy bus route. There are no hotel rooms withing walking distance to the bus route. Why would a family drive from a hotel to a bus stop instead of driving all the way up the canyon?

I think a reservation system at the ski resorts is key; especially on weekends and holidays

Limit vehicles that can go up. Resorts need to have a cap and utilize a reservation system to limit the load up the road and in the canyon.

I think increased busses would help

It not a Sandy issue

More frequent buses. UTA cut ski bus service in half this year and it's ridiculous. It was already hard to get a bus down the canyon at the end of a ski day. It wasn't uncommon to wait an hour at snowbird for a bus with space going down. Why would they cut ski bus service? It doesn't make sense. Also UTA should be free

Work with UTA to restore the bus schedule to every 15min, if not greater. Have the resorts fund a traction law checkpoint at the base of each canyon with a turn around route constructed to allow non compliant vehicles to exit the canyon without causing congestion.

I am opposed to the gondola. It will only benefit the resorts. All other options should be pursued, especially increased busing, increased carpooling, and a reservation system for parking at the resorts. I have lived in Sandy most of my life and frequently go to Little Cottonwood Canyon. The gondola will be a blight on the landscape forever and will only marginally solve the traffic problem which is only a problem 10-12 days a year. Sandy government officials should do everything they can to oppose the gondola.

No gondola in LCC.

Utah is overtaxed. The highways are a joke. Have you ever tried to get from St George to Salt Lake on a holiday? Yet we are obsessing about ruining our amazing canyon. This is a rabbit hole.

Tell the state to stop jerking us around. This idea that all of a sudden UDOT doesn't have enough drivers and in turn has to cut the canyon service is a joke. Totally planned to make us beg for the gondola.

Environmental and political issues aside, it is irresponsible for a public entity to spend so much money on a project that will ONLY benefit private businesses. In addition, we are asking the wrong question: instead of "how many people can we get up the canyon" we should be asking "how many people can our canyon hold".

I am concerned about how access to parts of the canyon other than the ski resorts would be affected.

Ski resorts need to front money to add buses, solutions.

Convince Snowbird and Alta to become boutique ski areas that only accept pass holders to those resorts and drops the ikon pass.

I am STRONGLY opposed to the gondola. I have not seen ANY evidence they it would be good at all.

Put the cost on the resorts and the skiers, not the taxpayers. And do not widen Wasatch Blvd

It should not be up to the taxpayers to subsidize people accessing the ski resort. Decreasing the numbers going up the canyon can be accomplished by the ski resorts working out their own transportation issues, increasing their prices, and doing everything by reservation.

Big Cottonwood is just as bad, this too needs to be rectified. I know that it is not a Sandy City problem.

The gondola s a foolish idea in that you can exit only at the resorts. The problem is that people don't always want to go to the resorts. Another problem is that, as we all know, the \$500 million gondola will cost more than a billion dollars just as the new state prison did.

Gondola and road widening are not options. Improve buses or other car-pooling type transit that doesn't penalize the people that are using the canyon for non ski resort activities.

Nobody talks about what would happen if the gondola had an issue and goes down for a few days or even weeks. This should be talked about more.

Perhaps provide some Sort of incentive to carpool . Many days I see many cars with just one occupant !

I suggest the limits on the amount of traffic in the canyon during ski season. Perhaps the resorts need to place a number on daily passes as Deer Valley does.

More car parks on bus routes, such as the one at 94 and 20th, a vastly improved bus service, no private vehicles in the canyon except for critical workers and deliveries. Maybe allow car shares with 5 or more people.

No gondola, regardless of where the funds originate. I certainly don't want a cent of my tax dollars to go towards it. I'd rather see the ski resorts suffer economically than destroy the pristine nature of Little Cottonwood.

No one wants the gondola. 90% of the SLC metro area is against it. People want more buses and or enforcement of traction law. Make people have snow tires and 4wd or chains.

No gondola. Make a bus lane up the canyon and add more parking where the proposed gondola parking garage is located.

Sandy needs to get serious about prevention traffic backlog on 9800 South on canyon closures that block neighborhoods. The gondola will only make congestion in Sandy worse

If no Gondola, then buses only during weekends. Private cars during the week or something similar where buses only during peak season. If Gondola, then no tax payer should fund such a massive project. 550million from 2020 has pretty much double by now. Gondola should be pay by resorts and private companies. No tax payers. Sandy and cottonwood residents should ride free in Gondola, rest of Utah 50% off, non Utah residents and visitors should pay full prize to ride. Also Gondola should be a short ride, not spending 45 minutes dangling from a cable. Take notes from European countries who have success gondolas

have adults only ski days!

Bus brigade on weekends and holidays. The buses load at available parking lots and leave at the same times, to get skiers there at the start times for the ticket they purchased. Traffic is stopped and the buses go up in a brigade. Reverse the process at the end of half day and full day tickets.

Buses will not solve the problem. Widening the road is the wrong way to solve the problem. The gondola solves the problem with the least impact on the environment. The decision is not Sandy City's decision. Why do we keep getting these surveys?

I think busing is the best solution.

The number of single occupant vehicles is staggering. A toll based on occupancy should be applied. 1 occupant = \$30 2 occupant = \$20 3 occupant = \$10 4 or more = free Allow single occupants to take the bus for free.

Ski resorts are the sole beneficiary of all suggested solutions. They should dig into their massive profits and seriously contribute to the solution. Don't burden the Utah taxpayers with the costs.

I do not think that the gondola is appropriate for the location. I think it's horrific financial abuse to fund it by taxpayers when it is only for the benefit of two specific ski resorts and their patrons. Busses are the correct answer, and a bus lane, if possible.

UDOT needs to work directly with Sandy Mayor Zoltanski. Mayor Z has many great ideas to help resolve the traffic issue if the committee, UDOT and the State will work with her directly. The State and UDOT are in excluding the city that will be impacted directly for the gondola. When I was reading all the gondola comments there were very FEW in support of the gondola. The proposal also was very narrowminded in its position and didn't truly present the NO in those comments. I personally know of no one in support of the gondola (people from many locations in the valley).

Maintain the Sandy police escorts; increase frequency of bus systems; and continue to look for short-term incremental improvements right now as there is no current funding to do anything.

It is clear that the Gondola idea will only ease traffic congestion for less than a few weeks each year. Further, private companies are asking the Utah taxpayers to foot the bill. Let \*them\* pay to get their customers up to the resorts. The gondola should be stopped at all costs.

I don't think a gondola is a good solution. People go up the canyon for other reasons than just to get to the ski resort. The construction will have a big environmental impact. Other solutions should be put in place- not the gondola.

Parking garages at the resort's main parking lots.

If buses were free and more available, not totally packed, I would use this option more. Some kind of shuttle/ride share options from resorts, possibly a discount on tickets if you use their shuttle?? Get rid of ICON pass. It brings so much more traffic that is when things went bad. We live here for a reason locals should have some benefits. We go up the canyon more in the summer so we are against the gondola and tolling.

UDOT already decided

Gondola is too expensive and cost would be primarily borne by non-skiers. NO ON GONDOLA!

The state needs to allow development of the mountains on the west side of the valley so that people can go there and ski and hike. I'd rather the money be spent that way.

I don't think it's fair to ask taxpayers to fund a gondola that would solely benefit ski resorts

I think more options for people to get up the canyon are great. Really don't want a gondola- so many expenses to maintain it. More parking for carpools and more buses would be great. Not everyone in our community can afford fees to drive up either- just the gas for the drive up the canyon is felt in their budgets and all families should have access.

Charge a toll, for all vehicles. Put a cap on the total amount of vehicles which can go up the canyon each day. Do not allow vehicles with a single person, this will encourage the use of a carpool system and use of existing park and ride lots

Increased electric buses are the best way to handle the situation. Tolling, with cost reductions the more passengers in the vehicles, is an additional alternative (in addition to buses).

How about some guard rails. That road is scary as... heck. Yeah, "heck" is what I mean to say there

More bus service, tolls during ski season, free resort shuttles are all better ideas than what the gondola would do for our canyons - which would be a huge eyesore and cost millions of dollars! We SHOULD NOT be paying for this out of our tax dollars!!! The resorts should pay for it 100% if this is what is decided. But NOOOOO GONDOLA! Also the gondola would impede on climbing & hiking locations and hurt our wildlife and is far worse for the environment!

Let the resorts supply bus services. Don't count on UTA

Build the gondola!

I think it was wrong for Sandy (and other political entities) to come out against the alternatives for the canyons even before they reviewed them (some were even before it was announced!!). It was arrogant and not what I expect of my community leaders---it was a knee-jerk reaction to get attention, but not at all helpful in the process. Many alternatives have to be explored, and the ultimate solution may be a combination of several ideas to address this very complex issue. To try and take ideas off the table because of an uninformed political stunt is unacceptable to me as a Sandy constituent.

Carpools of 4+ should not pay the toll if there was one. There should be more buses, and two new park and rides at Hidden Valley Park and Wasatch Blvd. and Wasatch Blvd and Highland Drive.

Your survey comment boxes are too character limited! The concept of a non-road-based transit system is good, combined w/on road transit options. What is proposed as the preferred option (Gondola) is overkill. Can we have some MTB trails in the canyon? I realize outside scope. By placing a gondola txn hub at the base - UDOT is moving the traffic problem further down the road, will still be a traffic jam accessing the garages. That said - one Camry w/o snow tires or w/inexperienced driver can shut the entire road with effects lingering for hours. Huge impacts on environment/revenue - etc. All the gondola nay-sayers forget this as they want to preserve the current status quo. This is short sighted and does not consider big picture. there has to be some option between 750 MIL and doing nothing. Oh - and the UDOT road improvement option? (opposed to the Gondola option) No place to park once you drive up the improved road! and STILL - ONE car can shu the place down or bring it to a sto

The gondola is a solution for 10-12 days of heavy traffic during the year. Are we really to think everyone will just start using it all year even when I won't drop off hikers at any point other than a resort? Catering to private resorts is not a creative use of taxpayer money just for those 10 days of traffic. Since it will most likely not pay for itself I believe it to be a future liability for taxpayers and would result in a major transfer from public coffers into real estate developers and private resorts. Other infrastructure projects especially around water seem more important than ease of access to a resort for 10 days of the year. In essence the gondola is a narrow solution to a larger regional transportation issue facing all the canyons not just the isolated case of LCC and we are refusing to consider. So I think a more flexible, varied strategy for the time being as we come together to solve it. As stewards of this iconic beauty we can do much better.

Add a permanent 3rd lane on Little & Big Cottonwood Canyon Drives and use it as a traffic density lane. Two lanes going East in the mornings. Two lanes going West in the afternoon/evenings.

70% of respondents to the previous full survey indicating NO GONDOLA should be sufficient to shut down this conversation on a Gondola.

I don't ski so I really don't care about the traffic. However I don't think taxpayers should be saddled with this problem especially with the \$500M price tag of the gondola. That project is nothing more than bragging rights. What should happen is the ski resorts should pay to shuttle people up the canyon via UTA busses.

We only drive up the canyon one or two times/year, but probably would go more often if parking was more easily available, especially for persons with mobility issues, like myself. Do not support the Gondola option in any way, shape, or form, regardless of who foots the bill. Leave our Canyons as they are meant to be enjoyed and revered!

More shuttle buses for people to use to each ski resorts. I am totally against putting a gondola.

(1) In the future, please provide context for your flash surveys (i.e. Why are we talking about this subject?, What data is driving this concern?). (2) A gondola would ruin the natural beauty of the canyon. Plus, spending over \$550 million of taxpayers money for a gondola is beyond prudence or reason, particularly for a "ski season" concern. Our taxpayer monies should be spent on more important issues, or returned to the taxpayer. (3) The DOT and City Counsel should work with the Town of Alta, Wasatch Backcountry Alliance and the Forest Service to further explore replacing the parking spaces being used by non-ski area visitors (Alta states it is over 200 spaces) & continue with open parking. What concerns does the Town of Alta

and the Backcountry Alliance have to this plan? Can any accommodations be made that would allow this plan to move forward? Does the Town of Alta and/or the Wasatch Backcountry Alliance have traffic concerns? If so, what are their solutions?

Access to hiking trails should be free. Do not add costs to that traffic, just resort traffic.

The skiers should be the ones flipping the bill

Initiate tolling & support for car-pooling ASAP!!!

No to the Gondola. Make a toll to go up during peak times to fund some free buses that go up

Lift discounts for people who ride share, use public transportation or carpool.

Build the gondola! Stop private cars driving up the canyon please

Have a reservation system for the ski resorts where people have to make a reservation per vehicle before going up and only give resorts a limited amount of reservations, and have a limited amount of reservations for those just wanting to go for a ride.

When I drive in Sandy I am "stuck" at 100 more places than the Canyon.

Skiers that are not residents should be required to pay higher fees for any type of transportation to the ski slopes if Utah taxpayers end up funding the gondola

No gondola.

Parking reservations work and have been easy to book as an Alta skier. Snowbird should implement reservations as well. I do think the fee should be reduced to \$5-\$10 max or incentivized by number of people in vehicle. We also need more buses with adequate seating. The deterrent is having to stand with all of your ski stuff.

Improve park and ride lots down at the base of the canyon. Encourage carpooling websites.

I don't ski so don't go up the canyon in the winter. However, any reduction of traffic using mass transit methods anywhere in the state has my vote. As an aside, I have traveled to other countries who have gondolas for much the same purpose. During the spring, summer, & fall the gondolas attracted tourists for scenic tours. I would love a gondola ride during the fall color myself. Great idea, please keep pursuing it.

If transportation only serves private interests, it should be paid for by private sources. It's ridiculous to expect taxpayers to pay for a gondola that only benefits private ski resorts.

There is high risk of avalanches and rock slides endangering ground transportation, which may demand snow sheds. Other popular recreation sites, including Tony Grove, exist in Little Cottonwood Canyon and need access. Safe wildlife highway crossings need address, especially when widening highway.

Ski resorts charge WAY too much anyway, today, you have to be rich to ski. I'm middle class, and it's WAY TOO MUCH to use OUR beautiful mountains. There should ALWAYS be ONE FREE ski run open for ALL UTAH RESIDENTS, Resorts shouldn't be able to charge such astronomical prices. There should be 1 free run at each resort. With a limit of 2 or 3 trips. OR there should be a CAP on SKI ticket prices! And RESORTS should just send free SHUTTLES to EXTRA stops. And for those who take the shuttle should be rewarded to take them by saving a significant amount on ski tickets. And season passes. I NEVER take buses because I don't trust bus drivers driving skills in the canyon.

I am strongly opposed to gondola since there are many other options instead.

Ticket people that pull in front of incoming traffic at stop lights and then can't move forward to get out of the way

Why aren't we talking about priority bus lanes or simply removing the option of driving a private vehicle during peak times? Yes, this is inconvenient. But it will be the most effective solution.

NO GONDOLA, improved base parking lots, more frequent buses, resort shuttles to Sandy, increased ride share opportunities

Whatever the solution is, the bill should be paid by those who financially benefit from it. The struggling tax payers shouldn't have to pay to get people up to the resorts. It should be those who stand to benefit from it that should pay. If people own property/cabins in the canyons then they should pay. If you want tax payers to fund this, tax those who own businesses/properties in the canyon. I don't think the public camp grounds are causing the traffic jams in the winter since they are used mostly in the summer months. There doesn't seem to be a traffic jam problem in the summer so I wouldn't use federal/state tax funds for the winter traffic jams.