



## PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Mountain Accord is an effort created to make critical decisions for the long-term future of the central Wasatch Mountains and canyons. The program will evaluate issues associated with four areas—transportation, environment, economy, and recreation—and propose solutions to address these issues.

It is an unprecedented collaboration of more than 20 public and private organizations coming together to meet the long-term usage and preservation needs of the region. These diverse groups include Salt Lake County, Park City, Ski Utah, Save Our Canyons, and Salt Lake City, among others.

Utah's central Wasatch Mountains and canyons are a significant natural resource for more than 1 million nearby residents and visitors. However, continued population growth in Salt Lake, Summit and Wasatch counties means the availability of efficient transportation, clean air and water, recreation resources, and environmental sustainability will be compromised unless steps are taken now to balance these competing and overlapping demands.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend two public meetings to find out more about the program and to submit official comments and suggestions to help guide the planning process for the central Wasatch Mountains.

Feb. 4, 2014  
4:30–7:30 p.m.  
Park City High School  
1750 Kearns Boulevard, Park City

Feb. 5, 2014  
4:30–7:30 p.m.  
Skyline High School  
3251 East 3760 South, Salt Lake City

## PROCESS

Mountain Accord consists of two principle phases.

### Phase One:

- The project team will develop and evaluate potential future scenarios for the central Wasatch Mountains. These scenarios will address the program's transportation, environment, economy, and recreation goals.
- This phase is expected to last one year.

### Phase Two:

- Once a preferred scenario is identified and agreed upon, this phase will focus on advancing proposed actions through the appropriate federal, state, or local agencies and entities.

- Some of these actions will be subject to formal review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and may require that environmental impacts be formally evaluated, such as an environmental impact statement (EIS).
- This phase is anticipated to last two years at a minimum.

Public participation is an essential component of both phases to ensure the program meets the needs of the residents in the study area.

## STUDY AREA

The study area for Mountain Accord includes portions of Salt Lake, Summit, and Wasatch counties. The area is bounded on the west by the existing transportation backbone in the Salt Lake Valley (Salt Lake International Airport, TRAX/FrontRunner, and I-15), on the east by Park City and Wasatch and Summit counties, on the north by Parley's Canyon, and on the south by Little Cottonwood Canyon.

## PREVIOUS STUDIES

Several agencies and government entities have conducted studies in recent years to understand the issues facing the region. Many of these previous plans and efforts called for a comprehensive, formal analysis of long-term solutions, which Mountain Accord will provide. These existing studies have created a framework for managing the land and resources, and their recommendations and conclusions are incorporated into the solutions which Mountain Accord will identify and implement.

Some of these studies include:

- Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow (2010)
- Mountain Transportation Study (2012)
- Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Plan (Revised 2003)

## PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Mountain Accord is directed by an executive committee, which comprises 21 representatives from government agencies, the local business community, and non-profit organizations.

### Mountain Accord Executive Committee

#### *Charter Members*

- State of Utah
- Utah Department of Transportation
- Utah Transit Authority
- Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy
- Salt Lake County
- Summit County
- Wasatch County
- Salt Lake City
- Park City
- Sandy City
- Cottonwood Heights
- Town of Alta

#### *Participating Members*

- U.S. Forest Service
- Federal Transit Administration
- Federal Highway Administration
- Utah State Legislature
- State of Utah—Governor's Office
- Wasatch Front Regional Council
- Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Save Our Canyons
- Outdoor Industry Association
- Ski Utah