



Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort Draft EIS
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Dear Mr. Kaputa,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mission Ridge Expansion Master Planned Resort Draft EIS.

Link Transit and Mission Ridge enjoy a strong partnership. Link Transit provides seasonal bus service, SkiLink, to the resort which is partially funded by Mission Ridge. SkiLink provides mobility benefits for community members, increases public safety by reducing vehicle trips, and reduces parking demand at the resort.

Motivated by a desire to continue the partnership with Mission Ridge, Link Transit offers the following comments on the DEIS:

- Purpose and Need: One need listed for the proposed project is insufficient on-site parking facilities to meet peak demand. SkiLink helps to mitigate this need by operating during peak demand periods.
- Section 5.6.1 Existing Transportation Overview: The section omits any discussion of SkiLink. The need for the parking element of the proposed project would be even greater without SkiLink. Please revise the section in the Final EIS to include SkiLink. During the 2024-2025 ski season, SkiLink buses had more than 5,200 boardings.
- Section 5.6.2 Transportation Impacts: The section omits any discussion of impacts on alternate modes of access such as SkiLink and charter buses. SkiLink buses currently encounter difficulty at times in circulating through the Mission Ridge parking lot. The effects of the planned resort expansion and revisions in internal roads should discuss impacts on buses.
- Section 5.6.3 Findings for the Proposed Project. The section omits any discussion of the impact on bus access to Mission Ridge. Please provide a discussion of how the new public access road, private roads, and parking will be designed and permitted to facilitate bus access.
- Section 5.6.4 Applicant Proposed Mitigation. The applicant could offer to mitigate the need for additional parking by continuing their funding partnership with Link Transit for SkiLink and designing the new public access roads to facilitate bus circulation.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.



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