Attachment B - Wasatch Back Ragnar Relay Background

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The Wasatch Back Ragnar Relay has had a long history in Park City. Park City hosted both the start and finish of the race at several locations including Deer Valley, Park City Mountain Resort and the Park City School District - Kearns Campus from 2008 to 2014.

During these years, with more than eight hundred (800), twelve (12) person teams, which calculated to 9,600) runners that would meet at one time in Park City, with additional spectators, major concerns were expressed during these years included traffic and congestion problems at the start/finish, as well as damage to fields and private properties.

In 2015 major changes happened including no longer hosting a start or finish of the race, the race only came through Park City. This decreased spectator attendance significantly, and also decreased some of the impacts to residential areas.

In 2016 additional major changes

Over the last 2 years, Ragnar relay has held two minor exchanges in Park City including one at Park City Resort Base and one at Guardsman's pass. In previous years, both minor and major exchanges were held at various resort, school district and city properties. As the event has continued to be held in Park City, they have continued to reduce their impacts.

In 2017, additional changes were made, though none were significant to approve in Council, they were important, as Ragnar Relay agreed to move off of Savor the Summit Weekend, helping to further decrease Public Safety impacts and better balance the event calendar.