



# Tahoe In Brief

## Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board Monthly Report

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March 2023

## TRPA CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

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### **MARCH 2023**

- March 21: Tahoe Trails Strategy webinar
- March 22: TRPA Governing Board Meeting
- March 29: Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Core Team Workshop

### **APRIL 2023**

- April 12: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
- April 21: Tahoe Living: Housing and Community Revitalization Working Group Meeting
- April 26: TRPA Governing Board Meeting
- April 27: TRPA Governing Board Strategic Planning Session

### **MAY 2023**

- May 10: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
- May 24: TRPA Governing Board Meeting

### **JUNE 2023**

- June 14: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
- June 28: TRPA Governing Board Meeting

Potential agenda items April to July could include:

- Tahoe Regional Trails Strategy informational presentation
- Boulder Bay – Waldorf Astoria permit revisions
- Homewood plan amendment
- Washoe County Area Plan amendment
- TRPA’s Transportation Equity Study
- Update on the Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Plan and regional partnership
- “Achievable” housing definition amendments
- Tahoe Living Phase 2: density, height, and coverage amendments informational hearings
- Performance review and two-year distribution of residential allocations to local jurisdiction partners
- City of South Lake Tahoe Tahoe Valley and Tourist Core Area Plan amendments

# TRPA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

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## TRPA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Set by the Governing Board, these strategic initiatives reflect the agency's commitment to protect Lake Tahoe's environment while improving regional transportation, increasing diverse housing options, and facilitating community revitalization.

- **Building Resiliency: Climate Change and Sustainability**
- **Keeping Tahoe Moving: Transportation and Destination Stewardship**
- **Tahoe Living: Housing and Community Revitalization**
- **Restoration Blueprint: Environmental Improvement Program Implementation**
- **Measuring What Matters: Thresholds and Monitoring Update**
- **Digital First: Innovation**

### ***KEEPING TAHOE MOVING: TRANSPORTATION & DESTINATION STEWARDSHIP STRATEGIC INITIATIVE***

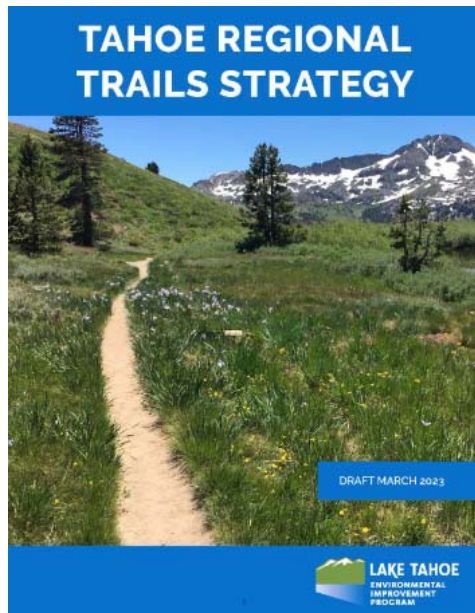
This initiative includes an update of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, which encompasses greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, the work of the Bi-State Consultation on Transportation, destination stewardship planning, and ongoing transportation corridor planning.

#### **Creating a Better Network for Walking, Biking, and Rolling**

In January 2023, TRPA kicked-off the planning process for an update to the Active Transportation Plan, last updated in 2018. The plan seeks to support a host of active transportation initiatives, most notably updating the priority project list, incorporating an existing pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure analysis, policy recommendations for the region for electric bicycles and shared mobility (electric scooters), and bringing the "Complete Streets Guide" up to 2023 standards. This planning effort seeks to empower local agencies to implement these design guidelines and programs in construction projects and community programming. The overarching goal of the plan is to encourage residents and visitors to reduce reliance on personal automobiles and utilize the world-class network of on- and off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities. These goals directly

seek to reduce vehicle miles traveled in the Tahoe Basin, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The final updated Active Transportation Plan will also serve to update and inform the active transportation component of the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan (2025). Staff has convened a regional Technical Advisory Committee and will be engaging with the public at several outreach events in the spring, summer, and fall. Staff expects to present the plan to the Governing Board in early 2024 for potential adoption of the updated plan.



### Tahoe Regional Trails Strategy Released

For the first time ever, a coalition of Tahoe partners have developed a Tahoe Regional Trails Strategy to take a basin-wide perspective to trail planning and building. The draft strategy was released publicly on March 1 following a two-year long planning process with partners including Achieve Tahoe, California State Parks, California Tahoe Conservancy, Nevada State Parks, Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association, Tahoe Fund, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, USDA Forest Service, and the Washoe Tribe. Once finalized, the strategy will serve as a blueprint for a connected and accessible dirt trail network for Tahoe. The draft strategy is available for review at [www.tahoetrailsplan.org](http://www.tahoetrailsplan.org) and the TRPA Governing Board will receive an informational presentation on the strategy at the April meeting.

### Funding for Six Transportation Projects and Continuing Free Transit

In November 2022, TRPA/Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization staff released a call for projects for the 2023 Regional Grant Program. Fourteen project applications were received, totaling over \$38.7 million in program funding requests. The project applications were evaluated by an internal cross department review team that scored the projects based on the screening and criteria established in the guidelines. Staff is recommending seven projects for a total of \$11.1 million in California funding. Nevada projects have not been recommended at this time and are pending additional review. Staff recommendations can be viewed at

<https://www.trpa.gov/transportation/funding/regional-grant-program>. The TRPA

### Projects Recommended for 2023 Regional Grant Program Funding

1. Kings Beach Western Approach
2. Apache Avenue Pedestrian Safety and Connectivity
3. Pioneer Trail/ U.S. Highway 50 Intersection Safety Improvement
4. Pioneer Trail Pedestrian Improvement Project Phase II
5. Microtransit EV Charging Base Station (New)
6. North Tahoe Shared-Use Trail
7. Free-to-User Transit Program

Governing Board will consider the recommendations for programming of projects at their April meeting.

### **Transportation Priority Project State Route 28: Spooner Mobility Hub, Trail and Watercraft Inspection Station**

State Route 28 Central Corridor projects are moving towards implementation. The SR 28 Central Corridor Management Plan - Sand Harbor to Spooner - Parking, Transit, Trail, and Safety Improvements Project will be split into two projects to accelerate implementation. The transit mobility hub element for Spooner Summit is being transferred from the Sand Harbor to Spooner project to the new SR 28/US 50 Spooner Mobility Hub and Aquatic Invasive Species Watercraft Inspection Station Project led by Nevada Department of Transportation. This new project will include the design and construction of an aquatic invasive species boat inspection station, a transit mobility hub with 250 parking spaces and restrooms, and 0.5 miles of multi-use path with a pedestrian crossing to Spooner State Park. The site is already home to a seasonal watercraft inspection station in need of permanent improvements. The update to the corridor management plan requires a Federal Transportation Implementation Program amendment that TRPA staff will present to the Environment Improvement, Transportation, & Public Outreach Committee at its April meeting. The committee will be asked to recommend the Governing Board adopt the change as the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization also at its April meeting.

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### **Associated Working Group(s)/Committee(s):**

- Bi-State Consultation on Transportation
- Transportation Performance Technical Advisory Committee
- Tahoe Transportation Implementation Committee
- Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Plan Core Team and Executive Team
- Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Coordinating Committees
- Regional Trails Plan Steering Committee

### **Website(s):**

- <https://www.trpa.gov/transportation/#programs>
- <https://www.trpa.gov/programs/sustainable-recreation/>
- <https://stewardshiptahoe.org/>

**Newsletter:** Sign up to receive news by sending an email to [enews@trpa.gov](mailto:enews@trpa.gov) and put "Transportation" or "Destination Stewardship" in the subject line.

## **TAHOE LIVING: HOUSING & COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION STRATEGIC INITIATIVE**

This initiative addresses strategies for implementing affordable and achievable workforce housing as a key component of healthy, sustainable communities in the region. The Tahoe Living initiative implements the Regional Plan, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, and other identified regional housing needs.

### **“Achievable” Housing Definition Amendments**

The Regional Plan Implementation Committee (RPIC) hearing on the "achievable" housing definition amendments scheduled for February has been rescheduled to the March committee meeting. This month, staff will bring the amendments forward to RPIC for a possible committee recommendation. Staff anticipates bringing the draft amendments to the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission in early April for a recommendation for approval by the Governing Board, which could then consider adoption of the amendments at its meeting later that month.

### **Height, Density, and Coverage Development Right Standards Amendments**

TRPA has received input from the Tahoe Living Working Group, the Local Government and Housing Committee, and the Governing Board on changes to regional height, density, and coverage standards that would help make housing more affordable for Tahoe residents. The Tahoe Living Working Group will provide input on these code amendments at its meeting April 21, and staff anticipates bringing these to Governing Board committees beginning as early as May and June.

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### **Associated Working Group(s)/Committee(s):**

- Tahoe Living Working Group
- TRPA Governing Board Local Government & Housing Committee

### **Website(s):**

- Meeting materials are posted on the Tahoe Living Working Group page: <https://www.trpa.gov/tahoe-living-housing-and-community-revitalization-working-group-2/>
- Tahoe Housing Story Map: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/62ae9110d85c43ecb381eb3f3ccec196>

**Newsletter:** Sign up to receive housing news by sending an email to [enews@trpa.gov](mailto:enews@trpa.gov) and put “Housing” in the subject line.

This initiative focuses on accelerating the pace and scale of Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) implementation to keep pace with current threats and to build resiliency to climate change. The EIP has a proven track record over 25 years. This bi-state, cross-boundary restoration partnership has implemented more than 700 projects to improve the environmental and economic health of the Tahoe Basin. To build on the program's success, TRPA staff are accelerating project implementation on multiple fronts including streamlining EIP project permitting by "Cutting the Green Tape," augmenting program funding, and building partnerships at the national and regional levels.



### **Lake Tahoe Restoration Act**

This month, the EIP partnership will submit their annual funding request for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 to Lake Tahoe's Congressional delegation. This request is the result of a collaborative project prioritization process led by TRPA through the Tahoe Interagency Executive Steering Committee. Since the act passed in 2016, over \$100 million in EIP project funding has been directed to the Tahoe Basin to accelerate threshold attainment. This year's request is \$75.25 million to advance work in forest health, water infrastructure, aquatic invasive species, and watershed and water quality improvements. While FY 2024 is the last year of the current authorization, on March 1 Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation to extend the authorization of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act to 2034.

Additionally, TRPA is preparing to award FY 2022 Lake Tahoe Restoration Act funding as part of the TRPA/USDA Forest Service funding agreement. This interagency agreement expands capacity to allocate federal funding to priority projects within the EIP. Funding awards will include approximately \$1.7 million to watershed restoration and water quality projects and \$1.5 million to forest health projects. Staff will provide the final project awards in the next Tahoe In Brief.

### **Cutting the Green Tape**

TRPA staff will take part in two upcoming Cutting the Green Tape forums hosted by the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Landscape Stewardship network. In March, TRPA will present at a state-wide webinar to share progress and lessons learned on Lake Tahoe's Cutting the Green Tape initiative. In June, Deputy Director and Chief Partnerships Officer Kimberly Chevallier will serve as facilitator for an in-person forum bringing together key staff from California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards to advance Cutting the Green Tape across the state.

### **Tahoe Keys Lagoons Aquatic Weed Control Methods Test**

On March 15, the Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association will have submitted their annual progress reports to TRPA and the Lahontan Water Board on the first phase of the

control methods test. The report will summarize the results of the first year and will include required water quality monitoring, resource protection measures, and mitigation data and results. TRPA staff will present to the Governing Board in May to review the results of the first year and what is planned for the upcoming season of the test project.

### **Permanent Watercraft Inspection Stations- Spooner Summit**

The planned permanent station for Lake Tahoe aquatic invasive species watercraft inspections at Spooner Summit is coming closer to reality. In collaboration with EIP partners, the project to construction a permanent station near the current location of a seasonal inspection station has been folded into the Spooner Mobility Hub element of the SR 28 Central Corridor Management Plan, as mentioned in the Transportation brief above. In addition to initial plans, partners are assembling a funding package that includes contributions from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Nevada Lake Tahoe License Plate funds, Community Directed Spending, and Federal Highways funding through the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), which is the project lead. The TRPA Governing Board is scheduled to review the project's inclusion in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program list in April. Subsequently, NDOT will pull together a project team to lead delivery of this critical investment in infrastructure to protect Lake Tahoe from aquatic invasive species.

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### **Associated Working Group(s)/Committee(s):**

- Governing Board Environmental Improvement Program Committee
- Tahoe Interagency Executives Steering Committee

### **Website(s):**

- EIP Project Tracker: <https://eip.laketahoeinfo.org/>
- Cutting the Green Tape: <https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Cutting-Green-Tape>

## ***DIGITAL FIRST: INNOVATION INITIATIVE***

This initiative recognizes the agency's unique ability to address external events, technology changes, and pursue continuous improvement. It involves significantly improving the ability of the agency to provide services in a "digital first" way by rethinking processes and, using innovative technology.

### **Project Permitting**

Staff continue implementation of the Shoreline Plan. This is happening in two phases: Phase 1 registration and/or permitting of **existing** moorings and Phase two permitting and registration of **new** moorings.

#### **Phase 1:**

- Phase 1 Mooring Registrations – 89 percent of the 1,425 registrations have been processed and 9.5 percent remain to be processed. This includes 81 that are in



TRPA review and 55 that require additional information from applicants to proceed with review.

- Phase 1 Mooring Registrations Requiring a Permit – 91 percent of the 233 registrations that required permits have been processed. Twenty of these remain to be processed and are in TRPA review.

Phase 2:

- Phase 2 – New Mooring Permits – 45 percent of the 118 applications have been processed. Fifty-five percent remain to be processed, including four that are in TRPA review and 58 that require additional information from applicants to proceed with review and three that are on hold per the applicants' request.
- Pier Lottery Permits– 67 percent of the 24 applications have been processed. Thirty-three percent remain to be processed, including one that is in TRPA review, 1 that is awaiting a public hearing, four that require additional information from applicants to proceed with review, and two that are on hold per the applicants' request.

See tables on the next pages for permitting details.

### TRPA Applications by Project Type through February 28, 2023

TRPA Applications by Project Type	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Residential Projects	242	267	42
Commercial Projects	11	18	7
Recreation/Public Service Projects	44	48	7
Environmental Improvement Projects	13	5	1
Shorezone/Lakezone Projects	130	66	3
Buoy and Mooring Projects	48	15	4
Grading Projects	37	35	2
Verifications and Banking	427	379	37
Transfers of Development	55	59	7
Other	142	233	22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>132</b>

### Completeness Review Performance

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>January 31, 2023</u>	<u>February 28, 2023</u>
<b>Completeness Reviews Finished During Period</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>82</b>
Reviewed within 30 Days of Submission	62	73	82
Over 30 Days from Submission	0	1	0
Percent Over 30 Days	0%	1%	0%
Files with Completeness Over 30 Days	HIST2022-1549 (Historic Det.; 31 days)		
<b>Applications Not Yet Reviewed for Completeness</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32</b>
Under 30 Days Since Submission	39	38	32
Over 30 Days Since Submission	0	0	0

## Application Review Performance

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>January 31, 2023</u>	<u>February 28, 2023</u>
<b>Issued Permits</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>56</b>
Issued within 120 Days of Complete Application	41	51	49
Issued over 120 Days from Complete Application	2	8	7
Percent Over 120 Days	5%	14%	13%
Files with Issued Permits - Over 120 Days:	ERSP2022-0016 (Shore-Lakezone, 263 days)	ERSP2022-0242 (Shore-Lakezone; 311 days)	MOOR2021-1896 (Mooring Permit; 194 days)
	MOOR2022-1898 (Mooring Permit, 189 days)	MOOR2021-1777 (Mooring Permit; 135 days)	MOOR2021-1690 (Mooring Permit; 188 days)
		ERSP2022-0097 (Shore-Lakezone; 176 days)	MOOR2021-1823 (Mooring Permit; 187 days)
		MOOR2021-1832 (Mooring Permit; 176 days)	MOOR2021-1831 (Mooring Permit; 158 days)
		MOOR2021-1689 (Mooring Permit; 198 days)	MOOR2021-1822 (Mooring Permit; 143 days)
		ERSP2022-1688 (Residential Dwelling; 127 days)	MOOR2021-1845 (Mooring Permit; 138 days)
		ERSP2022-1601 (Residential Dwelling; 121 days)	ERSP2022-0939 (Residential; 126 days)
		LLAD2022-1063 (Lot Line Adj., 121 days)	

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<b>Applications in Review</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>97</b>
Under 120 Days in TRPA Review	113	83	82
Over 120 Days in TRPA Review	20	16	15
Percent Over 120 Days	15.0%	16.2%	15.5%
Files In Review - Over 120 Days:	ERSP2022-0242 (Shore-Lakezone; 302 days)	MOOR2021-1798 (Mooring Permit; 239 days)	MOOR2021-1798 (Mooring Permit; 267 days)
	MOOR2021-1889 (Mooring Permit; 268 days)	ERSP2022-1124 (Shore-Lakezone; 230 days)	MOOR2021-1820 (Mooring Permit; 258 days)
	MOOR2021-1798 (Mooring Permit; 208 days)	MOOR2021-1930 (Mooring Permit; 209 days)	MOOR2021-0768 (Mooring Permit; 218 days)
	MOOR2021-1894 (Mooring Permit; 200 days)	MOOR2021-0768 (Mooring Permit; 190 days)	MOOR2021-1075 (Mooring Permit; 218 days)
	ERSP2022-1124 (Shore-Lakezone; 199 days)	MOOR2021-1075 (Mooring Permit; 190 days)	MOOR2022-1635 (Mooring Permit; 166 days)

MOOR2021-1930 (Mooring Permit; 178 days)	MOOR2021-1819 (Mooring Permit; 190 days)	ERSP2022-1772 (Shore-Lakezone; 161 days)
MOOR2021-1689 (Mooring Permit; 176 days)	MOOR2021-1830 (Mooring Permit; 190 days)	MOOR2022-1579 (Mooring Permit; 158 days)
MOOR2021-0768 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	MOOR2021-1887 (Mooring Permit; 190 days)	MOOR2022-1808 (Mooring Permit; 152 days)
MOOR2021-1075 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	MOOR2021-1902 (Mooring Permit; 190 days)	MOOR2022-1668 (Mooring Permit; 151 days)
MOOR2021-1299 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	MOOR2021-1907 (Mooring Permit; 190 days)	MOOR2021-1847 (Mooring Permit; 137 days)
MOOR2021-1690 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	MOOR2021-1909 (Mooring Permit; 190 days)	MOOR2021-1869 (Mooring Permit; 137 days)
MOOR2021-1819 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	MOOR2022-1635 (Mooring Permit; 138 days)	ERSP2022-0065 (Shore-Lakezone; 132 days)
MOOR2021-1830 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	ERSP2022-1772 (Shore-Lakezone; 133 days)	MOOR2022-1826 (Mooring Permit; 127 days)
MOOR2021-1832 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	MOOR2022-1579 (Mooring Permit; 130 days)	MOOR2022-1834 (Mooring Permit; 127 days)
MOOR2021-1866 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	MOOR2022-1808 (Mooring Permit; 124 days)	MOOR2022-1835 (Mooring Permit; 127 days)
MOOR2021-1887 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)	MOOR2022-1668 (Mooring Permit; 123 days)	
MOOR2021-1896 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)		
MOOR2021-1902 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)		
MOOR2021-1907 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)		
MOOR2021-1909 (Mooring Permit; 159 days)		

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<b>Applications Requiring Additional Info. From Applicants For TRPA Review</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>104</b>

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