TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Tahoe In Brief

Governing Board Monthly Report

September 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. IX.A.1

TRPA CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2022

- September 28: TRPA Governing Board Meeting*

OCTOBER 2022

- October 12: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- October 12: Threshold Update Initiative Stakeholder Working Group Meeting
- October 25: Destination Stewardship North Shore Public Workshops
- October 26: TRPA Governing Board Meeting*
- October 26: Destination Stewardship South Shore Public Workshops

NOVEMBER 2022

- November 9: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- November 16: TRPA Governing Board Meeting*

*Each month from July to December the meeting theme will relate to one of the strategic initiatives in the 2022-2023 Annual Work Plan. The themes by month are:

- July: Housing
- August: Innovation
- September: Transportation and Destination Stewardship
- October: Climate Change
- November: Environmental Improvement Program/Forest Health
- December: Thresholds

Several Governing Board members and staff toured the Tahoe Events Center following the August board meeting to see the construction underway.

TRPA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

BUILDING RESILIENCY: CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Every TRPA initiative includes strategies to strengthen the resilience of Tahoe's environment, communities, and economy to the emerging stresses of climate change and to improve the region's sustainability. The Climate Change Strategic Initiative harmonizes the goals of both states and local governments in the Tahoe Region while maintaining the region's reputation as a global leader in sustainability.

Climate Smart Code: TRPA intern Kamryn Kubose assisted staff with researching best practices for climate smart programs and codes across the country and completed a survey of local stakeholders in support of the Climate Change and Sustainability strategic initiative. Survey results, best practices, and next steps will be presented to the Governing Board in October.

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

- Tahoe Interagency Executive Steering Committee

Website(s):

- https://www.trpa.gov/programs/climate-resilience/
- https://sustainability.laketahoeinfo.org/

KEEP 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.

Unmet Transit Needs: TRPA is seeking feedback from transit users this October. TRPA, in its role as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), performs an annual unmet transit needs process. Pursuant to the California Transportation Development Act (TDA), the process seeks to identify any unmet transit needs and ensure those that are reasonable to meet and are met before TDA funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads. Currently, all TDA funds are allocated to transit uses.

Safety Strategy Update: Staff are beginning initial steps to update the Lake Tahoe Regional Safety Strategy, which was created in 2019 to identify opportunities to reduce the likelihood and risk of crashes on Tahoe roads. The strategy supports the Regional Transportation Plan's (RTP) safety goal: to increase the safety and security for all users of Tahoe's transportation system. The decision to update the Safety Strategy has been spurred by a new transportation funding source, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, with $5 billion in appropriated funds over the next five years. Staff are seeking to update the Safety Strategy to meet SS4A eligibility to help partner organizations in the basin apply for implementation funds and in turn, accelerate progress toward the RTP's Safety Goal. A component of the funding source is a commitment toward Vision Zero, the goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

Tahoe Regional Trails Plan: The Regional Trails Plan is the Tahoe Basin's long-term vision for a connected and accessible dirt trail network among all basin partners. TRPA is working with a steering committee of land managers and trail stewardship organizations to identify a list of regionally significant trail and trailhead projects that meet the plan goals and objectives. The plan will include a vision for trail connections, rerouting trails to more sustainable alignments, formalizing social trails, and improvements to existing trails and trailheads. The plan is anticipated to be completed in early 2023.

Tahoe Destination Stewardship: The Destination Stewardship Plan is organizing outreach with the broader community to inform strategies to address shared recreation and tourism

challenges in the Tahoe Region. Active outreach includes visitor and resident surveys and Spanish and English destination stewardship workshops in September and October. TRPA's Victoria Ortiz facilitated both Spanish-speaking workshops in September.

Representatives from Tahoe Hispanic communities provide insight on the Transportation Equity Study and Destination Stewardship Plan at two Spanish-speaking workshops in September. A huge thank you to Bill Martinez of the Family Resource Center, and Anibal Cordoba Sosa of the Sierra House, for their support.

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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-Truckee 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 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.

Coverage, Density, and Height Development Right Standards Amendments: In July, TRPA staff held a housing workshop for the Governing Board, including a request for feedback on the Tahoe Living Working Group's recommended changes to TRPA's coverage, density and height standards, which were informed by input from the Local Government and Housing Committee. The Governing Board expressed support for bold steps to address Tahoe's lack of affordable and workforce housing and directed staff to proceed with drafting code language and conducting the needed environmental analysis to move the code amendments forward. Staff anticipates bringing draft code language to the Tahoe Living Working Group in early 2023.

Tahoe Housing Catalyst Program/REAP 2.0: TRPA received input from many working group members in response to an initial July memo on the REAP 2.0 grant program of projects for Lake Tahoe. On September 6, TRPA released a memo on the draft evaluation metrics for stakeholder feedback and will request guidance from the Local Government and Housing Committee on these metrics at the September Governing Board meeting. The September 6 memo is available on the Tahoe Living Working Group webpage (see link below).

New Housing Under Construction, ADU Permits Issued: Workforce housing and deed restricted projects are moving forward throughout the region including:

- 2160 Barton Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA: 14 rental units (under construction)
- Saint Joseph Community Land Trust Riverside Avenue homes, South Lake Tahoe, CA: three deed restricted moderate-income homes (under construction)
- Brown Bear Studios, 279 Bear Street, Kings Beach, CA: 14 tourist accommodation units converting to single-room occupancy units through Homekey (also includes BMP installation and façade improvements)
- 13 accessory dwelling unit permits have been issued since October 2021: nine in Placer County and four in the City of South Lake Tahoe.

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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 and put "Housing" in the subject line.

MEASURING WHAT MATTERS: THRESHOLD & MONITORING UPDATE STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

This initiative focuses on how information is collected, analyzed, and applied to support better decisions that accelerate environmental improvement. The initiative's scope includes review of the threshold standards that establish the basin's goals and updating the performance measures the Environmental Improvement Program uses to assess effectiveness of all components of the Regional Plan.

Tahoe Science Advisory Council Recreation Monitoring and Evaluation Plan: Staff is working with the Tahoe Science Advisory Council on the development of a Sustainable Recreation Monitoring and Evaluation Plan scope of work. The plan is designed to target the needs of outdoor recreational activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin through a science-based adaptive management structure. Using existing research, input from stakeholders, the public, and working groups, the project will offer recommendations for meaningful tourism monitoring plan and indicators. The plan is set to launch later this year.

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

- Threshold Update Initiative Stakeholders Working Group
- Tahoe Science Advisory Council

Website(s):

- Tahoe Science Advisory Council: https://www.tahoesciencecouncil.org/
- Threshold Dashboard: https://thresholds.laketahoeinfo.org/

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING ITEMS OF INTEREST

Shoreline Public Safety Facilities:
TRPA staff will provide an informational presentation on the Shoreline Public Safety Facilities planning process at the October Governing Board meeting. This planning process convened a working group of first responders and land managers from around the Tahoe Basin to identify preferred locations for dedicated lake-based public safety facilities.

Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Nevada Division of Wildlife, and the USDA Forest Service are planning renovations to accommodate a public safety facility at the Zephyr Cove pier. The group is looking into funding sources for the project and expect to begin seeking a contract for design and engineering with the goal of constructing an operational public safety facility by spring 2024.

Finance and Facilities Update:
TRPA recently submitted formal budget requests to both California and Nevada to obtain funding for operations for the FY 2023/24 in California and the FY 2023/25 biennium budget in Nevada. The project to fix the leaky TRPA building roof has been completed. This project was funded from bond proceeds when the TRPA building was re-financed two years ago.