



Tahoe In Brief

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board Monthly Report

October 2022

TRPA CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

OCTOBER 2022

- October 25: Destination Stewardship North Shore Public Workshops
- October 26: TRPA Governing Board Meeting – DAY ONE*
- October 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Executive Director candidate reception
- October 27: TRPA Governing Board Meeting – DAY TWO*
- October 26: Destination Stewardship South Shore Public Workshops

NOVEMBER 2022

- November 2: TRPA Governing Board Meeting (*TENTATIVE if needed to complete Executive Director selection*)
- November 9: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- November 16: TRPA Governing Board Meeting*

DECEMBER 2022

- December 7: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- December 14: 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 and Forest Health
- December: Thresholds

TRPA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

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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.

Funding for Implementing Transportation Projects

To accelerate implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan, TRPA in its role as the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization is releasing the 2023 Regional Grant Program - Cycle 5. The program allocates funding apportioned to the region to transportation projects through a competitive process. The agency will make the Call for Projects announcement in early November 2022, which will include multiple funding sources that can be combined, when possible, to increase success and effectiveness of project

implementation. Available funding is estimated at \$14.3M for federal fiscal years 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and includes:

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) \$3M
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) \$7M (CA \$4M / NV \$3M)
- Active Transportation Program (ATP) MPO \$2.9M
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) \$1.3M (CA \$800k / NV \$500k)
- NV Transportation Alternative Program \$123k

Additionally, staff continues to work with the partner agency implementers to identify other funding opportunities to fill funding gaps and implement regionally significant projects.

US50 East Corridor Management Plan Draft Recommendations

Complete transportation planning, which incorporates improving safety, connecting trails for bike and pedestrian travel options, parking management and transit improvements all come together in the US50 East Corridor Management Plan. Public listening sessions on the draft recommendations are scheduled for later this month and early November.

US 50 East Shore Corridor Management Plan

Public Listening Tour | We Need to Hear from You!

Dates: October 27, 2022 or November 3, 2022

Website: dot.nv.gov/us50eastshore

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and the study team will be hosting two identical workshops to receive public input on the US 50 East Shore Corridor Management Plan (CMP) proposed alternatives. These alternatives are intended to address identified safety issues including high speeds, difficult turn movements, shoulder parking, and providing multimodal transportation solutions in the corridor. The study team is looking for public feedback on the proposed alternatives prior to drafting the CMP document. Following these meetings, there will be the opportunity for additional public comment on the final CMP document towards the end of the year.

We have heard from many corridor users about the safety of the highway. We have also heard fears about any changes to the corridor. These workshops are to receive your input on proposed alternatives so the study team can work to best address these safety issues in this corridor.

October 27, 10:00am-Noon Kahle Community Center Tallac Room 236 Kingsbury Grade Stateline, NV 89449	November 3, 5:00pm-7:00pm Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority Board Room (Parking garage to the rear) 169 US-50 Stateline, NV 89449
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Study Area

The Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Plan Seeks Input

During the months of October and November, the Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship planning team will seek additional input from the community and business leaders

through the form of a resident survey and four public workshops. The resident survey is open through October and can be accessed through these web links: [English](#) and [Español](#).

The community workshops will on October 25 and October 26 and are opportunities for members of the public – including residents, business owners, and local workers – to hear what the planning team has learned from their research and stakeholder consultations. Outcomes from the workshops will deepen the understanding of key issues the Destination Stewardship Plan should address and help shape a shared vision for tourism and outdoor recreation in Tahoe. The workshops will be facilitated by the plan’s consultant team: the Center for Responsible Travel and the Travel Foundation.

Workshop dates and locations with registration links:

- October 25, Incline Village, 11:30am-1:30pm
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/419183337647>
- October 25, Kings Beach, 5:30-7:30pm
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/419190017627>
- October 26, Lake Tahoe Community College, 11:30am-1:30pm
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/419192214197>

Additionally, the team will facilitate a visioning session with members of the plan’s Core Team on November 10. This is the opportunity for members of the plan’s Core Team to understand and distill what was learned from the plan’s community outreach over the summer months and begin to identify shared values of Tahoe’s tourism and recreation future and key stewardship strategies to create a more sustainable Tahoe for all. The session will be facilitated by the plan’s consultant team: the Center for Responsible Travel and the Travel Foundation.

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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.

Tahoe Housing Catalyst Program/California Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0)

On September 28 TRPA staff received input from the Local Government and Housing Committee (LGHC) on draft evaluation metrics for the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) allocation of the REAP 2.0 program. As the MPO for the Tahoe Region, TRPA is eligible to receive and distribute more than \$600,000 of funding from this program. TRPA is modifying the evaluation metrics to incorporate LGHC and public feedback and then will use the metrics to evaluate the projects or programs that could receive a portion of these funds to advance the priority actions identified by the Tahoe Living Working Group.

At the November Governing Board meeting, staff will ask the board for authorization to submit the application to the State of California for REAP 2.0 funds. Concurrently, TRPA and partners are exploring the feasibility of applying for a larger, competitive program within REAP 2.0, called the Higher Impact Transformative grant program.

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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.

RESTORATION BLUEPRINT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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.



AIS Inspection Fee Update

To ensure effective and sustainable operations of the Aquatic Invasive Species Watercraft Inspection Program, the TRPA Code allows for the collection of a fee to cover those costs that is to be reviewed and approved by the Governing Board. Inspection fees are complemented by federal and state (both CA and NV) funding. Staff is compiling this season's data and will present the proposed fee schedule for the 2023 season at the December 2022 Governing Board meeting for consideration. The new fee schedule will be effective January 1, 2023.

Information on the Watercraft Inspection Program and the current fee schedule can be found here: <https://tahoeboatinspections.com/>.

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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.

Document Scanning & Digitization Project

TRPA received a \$250,000 American Rescue Plan Act grant from the Nevada Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, recently issued a Request for Proposals for document scanning and digitization contractors, and expects to have a vendor selected by the end of November with a project start date before the end of the year. The goal of the project is to scan up to 20,000 agency records and documents through the first year of this project.

The agency has already digitized more than 15,000 paper files on its own. There are currently approximately 200,000 remaining files to scan. Additional funding for the project has been requested from California and Nevada through the regular budget processes.

Project Permitting

Following the Innovation Initiative presentation at the August 24, 2022, meeting, Governing Board members requested information about the number of recent TRPA applications and project review performance measures. This information is provided in the tables below. Through the first three quarters of 2022, TRPA has received 884 permit applications – more than submitted in all of 2021, and 10 percent higher than received during same period in the 2021, when TRPA received the highest number of applications ever recorded.

In the previous quarter, 100 percent of applications received were reviewed for completeness within 30 days of application submittal, which is the agency's stated goal. Ninety-six percent of permits were issued within 120 days of TRPA receiving a complete application. Out of the 166 applications currently in review, eleven applications have exceeded 120 days in TRPA review time, all of which are shorezone or buoy applications being reviewed under newer ordinances.

TRPA Applications by Project Type through October 14, 2022

TRPA Applications by Project Type	2020	2021	2022 YTD
Residential Projects	220	242	206
Commercial Projects	9	11	13
Recreation/Public Service Projects	30	44	43
Shorezone/Lakezone Projects	48	130	52
Grading Projects	38	37	26
Verifications and Banking	374	427	313
Transfers of Development	29	55	48
Other	97	150	183
Grand Total	845	1096	884

Completeness Review Performance

	<u>August 31, 2022</u>	<u>September 30, 2022</u>	<u>October 14, 2022</u>
Completeness Reviews Finished During Period	84	108	36
Reviewed within 30 Days of Submission	84	108	36
Over 30 Days from Submission	0	0	0
Percent Over 30 Days	0%	0%	0%
Applications Not Yet Reviewed for Completeness	39	38	46
Under 30 Days since submission	0	38	46
Over 30 Days since submission	0	0	0

Application Review Performance

	<u>August 31, 2022</u>	<u>September 30, 2022</u>	<u>October 14, 2022</u>
Issued Permits	82	113	34
Issued within 120 Days of Complete Application	78	111	34
Issued over 120 Days from Complete Application	4	2	0
Percent Over 120 Days	5%	2%	0%
Files with Issued Permits - Over 120 Days	ERSP2020-0123 (Shorezone; 204 days) ERSP2021-0918 (Rec-Public Svc; 199 days) ERSP2019-1245-01 (Shorezone; 152 days) ERSP2022-0046 (Shorezone; 209 days)	ERSP2021-1083 (Grading; 121 days) ERSP2022-0001 (Shorezone; 196 days)	

	<u>August 31, 2022</u>	<u>September 30, 2022</u>	<u>October 14, 2022</u>
Applications in Review	141	140	166
Under 120 Days in TRPA Review	133	131	155
Over 120 Days in TRPA Review	8	9	11
Percent Over 120 Days	5.7%	6.4%	6.6%
Files In Review - Over 120 Days	ERSP2021-1966 (Shore-Lakezone; 238 days) MOOR2021-1899 (Mooring Permit; 204 days) MOOR2021-1680 (Mooring Permit; 185 days) ERSP2022-0242 (Shore-Lakezone; 180 days) ERSP2022-0327 (Shore-Lakezone; 169 days) <i>ERSP2022-0001 (Shore-Lakezone, 168 Days)</i> MOOR2021-1908 (Mooring Permit; 148 days) MOOR2021-1889 (Mooring Permit; 146 days)	ERSP2021-1966 (Shore-Lakezone; 268 days) MOOR2021-1899 (Mooring Permit; 234 days) MOOR2021-1680 (Mooring Permit; 215 days) ERSP2022-0242 (Shore-Lakezone; 210 days) ERSP2022-0327 (Shore-Lakezone; 199 days) MOOR2021-1908 (Mooring Permit; 178 days) MOOR2021-1889 (Mooring Permit; 176 days) MOOR2021-1565 (Mooring Permit; 122 days)	ERSP2021-1966 (Shore-Lakezone; 282 days) MOOR2021-1899 (Mooring Permit; 248 days) MOOR2021-1680 (Mooring Permit; 229 days) ERSP2022-0242 (Shore-Lakezone; 224 days) ERSP2022-0327 (Shore-Lakezone; 213 days) MOOR2021-1908 (Mooring Permit; 192 days) MOOR2021-1889 (Mooring Permit; 190 days) MOOR2021-1600 (Mooring Permit; 151 days)

ERSP2022-1029 (Shore-
Lakezone; 122 days)

MOOR2021-1618 (Mooring
Permit; 149 days)
ERSP2022-1029 (Shore-
Lakezone; 136 days)
ERSP2022-1062 (Shore-
Lakezone; 133 days)

**Applications Requiring Additional
Information from Applicants to
Complete TRPA Review**

August 31, 2022

September 30, 2022

October 14, 2022

Additional Information	97	86	81
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For detailed information on the status of any application listed here please contact Wendy Jepson, Permitting and Compliance Department Manager, at wjepson@trpa.gov or Tiffany Good, Permitting Program Manager, at tgood@trpa.gov.

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Website(s): Not a direct website for the initiative but associated ones include:

- <https://www.laketahoeinfo.org/>

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING ITEMS OF INTEREST

TRPA Front Lobby Reopening

The front lobby of the TRPA building is expected to reopen to the public by the end of this month. The lobby will be staffed by a member of the TRPA External Affairs team as a part of the coordinated communication program on TRPA services that includes the website, publications, and outreach. The lobby has been redesigned to include additional meeting rooms and a revamped front desk. With the lobby reopening, TRPA staff and services will be available during regular office hours Monday through Friday virtually by phone or email and in-person by appointment.