



Tahoe In Brief

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board Monthly Report

May 2023

TRPA CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

MAY 2023

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

JUNE 2023

- June 2: Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Plan Launch
- June 14: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
- June 14: Local Government and Housing Committee Meeting
- June 28: TRPA Governing Board Meeting

JULY 2023

- July 12: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
- July 26: TRPA Governing Board Meeting

AUGUST 2023

- August 9: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
- August 23: TRPA Governing Board Meeting at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach, CA. (Note that a walking tour may be part of this meeting.)

Potential agenda items June to September could include:

- Washoe County Area Plan amendment
- TRPA's Transportation Equity Study
- Tahoe Living Phase 2: density, height, and coverage amendments informational hearings.
- Tahoe Valley and Tourist Core Area Plan amendments
- Climate Smart Code Update
- Climate Resilience Dashboard
- Homewood Master Plan amendment

TRPA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

(TRPA staff is reporting on these six initiatives in the existing format until the Governing Board updates priorities in June.)

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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.

TRPA Seeking Public Feedback

Staff is releasing surveys for the [Active Transportation Plan](#) and [Vision Zero Safety Strategy](#) this month. Vision Zero is seeking to hear about the public's traffic safety concerns in their community for all transportation modes. The Active Transportation Plan is looking to learn how people feel biking and walking around Tahoe, including perceived barriers. These surveys will be sent out in the Transportation E-News, posted on social media, and shared with the public at in-person outreach events this spring through summer.

Next Steps for State Route 89 Corridor

The Cascade to Meeks Trail Feasibility Study is complete and agency partners are moving on to the next phase of planning for the corridor focused on D.L. Bliss and Emerald Bay State Parks. The USDA Forest Service identified funding to conduct an in-depth environmental analyses of the trail, transit, and parking management. TRPA will continue to lead the multi-agency steering committee, public engagement, and outreach for this project.

Transportation Equity Study

The final transportation equity study policy recommendations and action items will be presented to the Governing Board at the June meeting. If endorsed, TRPA staff will work to incorporate policies into the Public Participation Plan update (expected late 2023) and the Regional Transportation Plan update (expected 2025).

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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 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.

Land Use Code Innovation to Promote Affordable and Workforce Housing: Height, Density, and Coverage Development Right Standards Amendments

The Tahoe Living Working Group provided input on proposed amendments for height, density, and land coverage for deed restricted multi-family housing at its meeting on April 21, 2023. Staff will provide a briefing on the update to the Local Government and Housing Committee at its meeting on June 14, 2023. Over the summer, staff will be conducting public outreach on the proposals and working with a code technical committee to finalize the proposal.

Regional Early Action Planning Grants (2.0)

TRPA is a finalist for the “Higher Impact Transformative” (HIT) allocation of the REAP program and will participate in an interview with the State of California on the Lake Tahoe proposal this month. If awarded, the funds will be used to advance the Tahoe Living Housing and Community Revitalization Priority Actions, and to update several of TRPA’s programs with respect to social equity, environmental sustainability, and housing choice and affordability.

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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.

Green Infrastructure Planning

TRPA released a Green Infrastructure Planning request for proposals on May 8. The request solicits all interested professionals for conceptual planning, stakeholder outreach, and preliminary design of multiple benefit stormwater green infrastructure in two South Lake Tahoe watersheds.

Watercraft Inspection Stations

Watercraft inspection stations typically open for the boating season on May 1 of each year. However, due to significant snowfall over the winter, stations are on a delayed opening schedule. Program staff have worked diligently to coordinate snow removal at station sites to ensure safe and effective operations. The Meyers station opened on May 4 and the Spooner station opened May 12. The Alpine Meadows station is planning to open before the Memorial Day weekend.

Tahoe Keys Control Methods Test

TRPA staff are coordinating with the contractors performing the Tahoe Keys monitoring tasks, as well as UV light treatments in preparation for year two of the test. The Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association is planning treatments for year two that will only include non-herbicidal methods with the goal of maintaining the knockback of weeds that was achieved during year one of the test. TRPA staff and partners will provide an update to the Governing Board at the May 2023 meeting.

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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

See tables on the next pages for permitting details.

TRPA Applications by Project Type through March 31, 2023

TRPA Applications by Project Type	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Residential Projects	242	267	83
Commercial Projects	11	18	14
Recreation/Public Service Projects	44	48	16
Environmental Improvement Projects	13	5	4
Shorezone/Lakezone Projects	130	66	5
Buoy and Mooring Projects	48	15	6
Grading Projects	37	35	11
Verifications and Banking	427	379	72
Transfers of Development	55	59	11
Other	142	233	42
Grand Total	1,149	1,125	264

Completeness Review Performance

	<u>February 28, 2023</u>	<u>March 31, 2023</u>	<u>April 30, 2023</u>
Completeness Reviews Finished During Period	82	74	66
Reviewed within 30 Days of Submission	82	74	66
Over 30 Days from Submission	0	0	0
Percent Over 30 Days	0%	0%	0%
Files with Completeness Over 30 Days	N/A	N/A	N/A
Applications Not Yet Reviewed for Completeness	32	31	46
Under 30 Days Since Submission	32	30	46
Over 30 Days Since Submission	0	1	0
Percent Over 30 Days	N/A	3%	N/A
Files with Completeness Over 30 Days	N/A	ALLOC2023-0189 (Allocation; 35 days)	N/A

Files In Review - Over 120 Days:

MOOR2021-1798 (Mooring Permit; 267 days)	MOOR2021-1820 (Mooring Permit; 289 days)	N/A
MOOR2021-1820 (Mooring Permit; 258 days)		
MOOR2021-0768 (Mooring Permit; 218 days)		
MOOR2021-1075 (Mooring Permit; 218 days)		
MOOR2022-1635 (Mooring Permit; 166 days)		
ERSP2022-1772 (Shore-Lakezone; 161 days)		
MOOR2022-1579 (Mooring Permit; 158 days)		
MOOR2022-1808 (Mooring Permit; 152 days)		
MOOR2022-1668 (Mooring Permit; 151 days)		
MOOR2021-1847 (Mooring Permit; 137 days)		
MOOR2021-1869 (Mooring Permit; 137 days)		
ERSP2022-0065 (Shore-Lakezone; 132 days)		
MOOR2022-1826 (Mooring Permit; 127 days)		
MOOR2022-1834 (Mooring Permit; 127 days)		
MOOR2022-1835 (Mooring Permit; 127 days)		

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Applications Requiring Additional Info. From Applicants for TRPA Review	104	121	118

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.

UPCOMING ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Finance Department

The Department of the Interior has approved the agency's FY2023 indirect cost rate, with no audit issues. This allows TRPA to recover indirect costs on those grants that allow it.

Governing Board Retreat



The TRPA Governing Board held a day-long retreat on April 27, 2023 at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Science building on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe. The goals of the retreat were to review progress on Regional Plan implementation, evaluate strategic priorities and upcoming projects, and continue to strengthen working relationships among board members and staff.

