# PROTECT

## Tahoe Resilience Improvement Plan & Transportation Communications Strategy

The PROTECT Plan includes a regional resiliency planning effort and communications and transportation strategy led by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). This plan focuses on strengthening the transportation system's resilience to extreme-weather events, including snow emergencies, flooding, and landslides. This is not an evacuation plan. Instead, the plan will identify risks, vulnerabilities, and long-term strategies and investments to support safer, more reliable transportation systems, including improvements to support emergency response and evacuation when needed. The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program provides federal funding for the plan.

## KEY OBJECTIVES

- Improve system resilience to natural hazards & climate impacts
- Enhance coordination across agencies & jurisdictions
- Identify critical transportation vulnerabilities
- Develop long-term resilience strategies & priority projects
- Support improved communication & coordination during emergency events

## MILESTONES & DELIVERABLES

**Stakeholder Engagement**
- Public Outreach Plan, interviews, workshops, and agency coordination

**Response Audit**
- Analysis of past emergency events
- Audit report and performance measures

**Tahoe Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP)**
- Vulnerability assessment and mapping tool
- Prioritized projects and final plan

**Communications and Transportation Strategy**
- Communications & ITS assessment informed by TSMO
- Coordination strategies and resource inventory
- Final strategy

## SCHEDULE

**Spring – Summer 2026**
Stakeholder engagement & data collection

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**Fall 2026 - Spring 2027**
Analysis & plan development

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**Mid-Late 2027**
Draft plan & strategy

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**Late 2027**
Final plan completed

ICF has extensive expertise in resilience planning, transportation systems, and emergency coordination supporting state DOTs, MPOs, & multi-jurisdictional regions.

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