

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 17, 2024

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of City of South Lake Tahoe Mobility Mitigation Funds (\$216,481.69) and Air Quality Mitigation Funds (\$183,518.31) towards construction of Bijou Park Class 1 Bicycle Trail - Greenway Connector

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the City of South Lake Tahoe’s request, subject to the conditions cited below. The request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan objectives, the TRPA Code of Ordinances, and the Governing Board’s policy guidelines for the release of mitigation funds.

Required Motion:

To approve the requested release, the Board must make the following motion:

- 1) A motion to approve the release subject to the conditions contained in this memorandum.

In order for the motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Table 1 Proposed Funding Release			
EIP #	PROJECT	Fund	Amount
03.02.02.0092	Bijou Park Class 1 Bicycle Trail - Greenway Connector	MMF	\$216,481.69
03.02.02.0092	Bijou Park Class 1 Bicycle Trail - Greenway Connector	AQ	\$183,518.31
	Total Funding Requested		\$400,000.00

Background:

The Greenway Connector will construct 0.6 miles of bicycle and pedestrian trail, linking the Al Tahoe Mobility Project Class 1 Bike Trail, with the California Tahoe Conservancy’s Greenway Trail Phase 1B. The planning and environmental review for this project is complete, and construction is scheduled for May-October, 2025. The trail will be entirely located within the City’s Bijou Park Property, and will provide cyclists and pedestrians with a safe and scenic commuter route from Johnson Boulevard to Bijou Park.

This is an EIP priority project to advance transportation thresholds. This project will further the goal of providing alternative modes of transportation instead of the motor vehicle, thereby reducing carbon emissions and Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT).

The unencumbered account balance for the Operations and Maintenance fund for the City of South Lake Tahoe, as of March 27, 2024, is \$21,092.06, and the unencumbered account balance for the Air Quality fund is \$359,101.29, which is sufficient to cover this request.

Conditions:

Staff recommends approving the release of these funds subject to the following conditions of approval:

1. The City shall only use the funds for the project cited above and as approved by TRPA.
2. TRPA reserves the right to withhold funds to ensure project priorities, goals, and objectives are consistent with those of the Environmental Improvement Program and TRPA's Regional Plan.
3. The City agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.
4. The City agrees to maintain a report detailing the use and expenditure of all funds used on the project. These records shall be made available for review and audit by TRPA within thirty (30) calendar days upon written request.
5. All mitigation funds not used as described above shall be returned to TRPA. Upon written approval from TRPA, these funds may be re-allocated to another project.
6. The City agrees to request from TRPA a final inspection no later than 30 days after completion of the project.
7. TRPA approved EIP signage shall be used on all projects to identify TRPA as a funding source and shall include the EIP logo.
8. The City agrees to update and maintain project expenditures and applicable EIP Performance Measures achieved by this project in the EIP Tracker.

Regional Plan Compliance:

The proposed release complies with the TRPA Regional Plan and Code of Ordinances.

Contact Information:

For questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Tracy Campbell at (775) 589-5257 or tcampbell@trpa.gov.

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Attachment:

- A. EIP Project Fact Sheet

Attachment A

EIP Project Fact Sheet - Bijou Park Class 1 Bicycle Trail - Greenway Connector

