



STAFF REPORT

Date: November 9, 2022

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Authorize approval for the Inflation Adjustment to TRPA Rental Car Mitigation Fee

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board adopt the attached Resolution 2022-__ (Attachment A) to adjust the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Rental Car Mitigation Fee for inflation. It will increase the rental car mitigation fee by 6.8 percent rounded to the nearest quarter dollar to \$5.75 per day per car, from the previous fee of \$5.50 per day per car. The adjustments to the rental car mitigation fee would take effect on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

Required Motion:

In order to adopt the fee increase, the Board must make the following motion, based on the staff report:

1. A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-__ (Attachment A) to increase TRPA Rental Car Mitigation Fee to by \$0.25 to \$5.75 per day per car.

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

Project Description/Background:

The Rental Car Mitigation Program was adopted by the Governing Board in 1993 to offset impacts of rental car use in the Tahoe Region and mitigate vehicle miles traveled. Each rental transaction in which the rental car is rented by, or delivered to, a person in the Tahoe region shall be assessed a mitigation fee for each day of the rental transaction. The mitigation fee is charged and collected by all rental car businesses that rent or deliver rental cars to persons in the Tahoe region. Mitigation fees are remitted to TRPA quarterly and then disbursed to the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD).

The mitigation fee shall be adjusted annually consistent with the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco Region, rounded to the nearest quarter-dollar, however the rate was last adjusted to \$5.50 in January 2009. Any adjustment to the fee shall be reviewed and approved by the TTD board and the TRPA Governing Board. TTD approved the fee increase to \$5.75 at their October meeting.

Discussion:

Staff are proposing the Governing Board increase the rental car mitigation fee to \$5.75. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the CPI for the San Francisco Region from the period of June 2021 to June 2022 was 6.8 percent, which equates to a \$0.37 increase and rounded to the nearest quarter-dollar, which is \$5.75. The TTD has estimated the fee adjustment will increase collections by \$4,755 annually. TTD currently uses funds to provide assistance to their General Fund and to support transit programs operated by the Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Association.

Contact Information:

For questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Kira Smith, at (775) 589-5236 or ksmith@trpa.gov.

Attachment:

- A. Resolution 2022-__

Attachment A

Resolution 2022-__

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2022 –

RESOLUTION OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE RENTAL CAR
MITIGATION FEE

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is responsible under the TRPA Code of Ordinances and Regional Transportation Plan to administer the Rental Car Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, the mitigation fee is intended to mitigate vehicle miles traveled and assist in the achievement and maintenance of environmental thresholds for transportation and air and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the mitigation fee will be subject to an annual adjustment each January according to the Consumer Price Index from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the San Francisco Region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, pursuant to the authority contained in Chapter 65.4 of the Code of Ordinances and Section 10.8.5 (B) of the Rules of Procedure of said Agency, that the fees to be charged and collected, for the support of transit and transportation projects by the Tahoe Transportation District, by the Agency shall be in accordance with the schedule thereof set forth in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference and shall become effective January 15, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency at its regular meeting held on November 16, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Cindy Gustafson, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board