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STAFF REPORT

Date: June 17, 2026

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of El Dorado County (MMF) Mobility Mitigation Funds ($38,000.00) to the Tahoe Transportation District for the 2026 Emerald Bay Shuttle and Parking Management Pilot Project

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve El Dorado County's request for the release of $38,000 in Mobility Mitigation Funds to the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) for implementation of the 2026 Emerald Bay Pilot Transit Project, subject to the conditions cited below.

This request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) objectives, the TRPA Code of Ordinances, and the Governing Board's policy guidelines for the release of mitigation funds.

Required Motion:
To approve the release, the Board must make the following motion:

1) A motion to approve the release subject to the conditions contained in this staff report

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

Project Description/Background:
The State Route 89 Recreation Corridor is a heavily visited recreation corridor providing access to Emerald Bay, Fallen Leaf Lake, Desolation Wilderness, and numerous recreation destinations along Tahoe's West Shore. The corridor experiences significant seasonal congestion and parking demand that adversely affect transportation efficiency, public safety, visitor experience, and environmental resources. More than one million vehicle trips occur within the corridor annually.

The proposed project supports implementation of the State Route 89 Recreation Corridor Improvements Project (EIP Project No. 03.02.01.0075), which advances recommendations identified in the State Route 89 Recreation Corridor Management Plan. The project seeks to improve access to recreation destinations while reducing congestion, vehicle miles traveled, and associated environmental impacts through transit service, parking management, and transportation demand management strategies.

El Dorado County is requesting the release of $38,000 in Mobility Mitigation Funds to TTD for implementation of the 2026 Emerald Bay Pilot Transit Project. The request is part of a broader multi-jurisdictional effort involving El Dorado County, Placer County, TTD, TRPA, the U.S. Forest Service, and other partners to provide transit alternatives to personal vehicle travel within the corridor.

The pilot project will operate during the peak recreation season from June through October 2026 and will provide enhanced transit service to Emerald Bay and surrounding recreation destinations. The project is intended to reduce reliance on personal vehicles, alleviate congestion, improve safety, and support air quality goals by reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) within the Basin.

Additional funding partners for the 2026 pilot include AB2766 ($393,000), the California Climate Action Corps Community Resilience Program (CRP) ($809,000), Placer County ($38,000), and the League to Save Lake Tahoe ($38,000). Mobility Mitigation Funds requested through this action will leverage these additional investments to support implementation of the pilot transit program.

The unencumbered Mobility Mitigation Fund account balance for El Dorado County is $45,119.53, which is sufficient to cover this request.

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

1. The County and TTD 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 County and TTD agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.

4. TTD 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 reallocated to another project.

6. The County agrees to report the applicable EIP Performance Measures achieved by this project in the EIP Tracker.

Contact Information:
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