

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 15, 2022

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of Project 3 Transit Mitigation Funds (\$20,000 plus interest) for the South Shore Transportation Management Association Microtransit Service

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the South Shore Transportation Management Association’s (SS/TMA) request for the release of Project 3 Mitigation Funds (\$20,000) plus the accumulated interest balance at the time of payout, for the Lake Link microtransit operations, subject to the conditions cited below. The request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan objectives, Chapter 65 of 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.

Background:

The South Shore Transportation Management Association is requesting the outstanding account balance from the Project 3 mitigation fund account (\$20,000 plus interest) towards operations of the Lake Link microtransit service.

Table 1 Proposed Funding Release			
EIP #	PROJECT	Fund	Amount
03.02.03.0029	Supplemental Transit Services 2025 - Operations	Project 3	\$20,000
	Total Funding Requested		\$20,000

The microtransit service will provide on-demand door-to-door transit service within a specified zone in South Lake Tahoe. The zone extends from Stateline to the Al Tahoe and Bijou neighborhoods. Service will be free-to-the-user and operate year-round from 7am-10pm. The service will begin operating July 15th, 2022.

The service has over 20 different funding partners from both public and private sector agencies. Funds from the Project 3 Mitigation Fund will be used to support service operations

Funding Sources Lake Link Microtransit Service			
	TRPA Mitigation	Other Funding Sources	Total Budget
Other Funding Sources			
League to Save Lake Tahoe		\$30,000	\$30,000
City of South Lake Tahoe		\$150,000	\$150,000
ADVANCE		\$10,000	\$10,000
El Dorado County		\$200,000	\$200,000
Lake Tahoe Visitor’s Authority		\$25,000	\$25,000
Vail (Heavenly)		\$50,000	\$50,000
South Tahoe Alliance of Resorts		\$25,000	\$25,000
Stateline Casinos		\$10,000 each	\$40,000
Edgewood Resort		\$10,000	\$10,000
Village Center (Tahoe Crescent)		\$10,000	\$10,000
Cecil’s		\$5,000	\$5,000
Shops at Heavenly Village		\$5,000	\$5,000
Lake Tahoe Community College		\$10,000	\$10,000
Ski Run Marina		\$10,000	\$10,000
Barton Hospital		\$10,000	\$10,000
SLT Tourist Improvement District		\$25,000	\$25,000
Douglas County (not secured)		\$550,000	\$550,000
EIP Mitigation Funds			
Project 3 Mitigation Fund	\$20,000		\$20,000
Total			\$1,185,000

The account balance for the Air Quality Mitigation Fund for El Dorado County as of June 10, 2022 was \$20,000. The SS/TMA would also the accumulated interest balance of the account at the time of payout.

Conditions:

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

1. The recipient 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 Transportation Plan.
3. The South Shore Transportation Management Association agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.
4. The South Shore Transportation Management Association agrees to maintain a report detailing the use and expenditures 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 South Shore Transportation Management Association agrees to report the applicable EIP Performance Measures achieved by this project.

Regional Plan Compliance:

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

Contact Information:

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