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STAFF REPORT

Date: June 17, 2026

To: TMPO Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Adoption of resolution approving the 2027 Active Transportation Program Metropolitan Planning Organization Guidelines

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution approving the 2027 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) guidelines.

Required Motion:
In order to adopt the attached Resolution 2026-__, the Board must make the following motion, based on the staff report:

1) A motion to adopt Resolution 2026-__, approving the 2027 Active Transportation Program Metropolitan Planning Organization Guidelines, as shown in Attachment A, Exhibit 1.

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

Background:
The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), in its capacity as the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO), is responsible for allocating and administering various federal and state funding programs. The Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013), and Senate Bill 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, statutes of 2017) directs additional funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the program. The Active Transportation Program is administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) as a competitive state program created to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. Pursuant to statute, MPOs with populations over 200,000, including TRPA, are responsible for overseeing a competitive project selection process for the ATP MPO Component. The TRPA apportionment target for the MPO Component is $1,260,000. TRPA is electing to issue a supplemental call for projects for the MPO Component of the Active Transportation Program to select regional projects, rather than deferring to the CTC-led selection process.

Discussion:
The ATP MPO Component provides a biennial source of formula funding to enhance and implement active transportation options identified in the Connections 2050: Regional Transportation Plan. TRPA's 2027 MPO programming capacity for the 4-year cycle covering 2027-28 through2030-2031 totals $1,260,000 for projects that increase biking and walking. TRPA staff has developed the proposed 2027

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ATP MPO guidelines to complement the CTC's ATP statewide guidelines and incorporate additional criteria that directly support TRPA's regional priorities. The MPO guidelines will utilize the statewide guideline applications and scoring rubrics, and the following regional criteria and scoring to evaluate and select projects for funding.

Lake Tahoe Regional Criteria and Scoring

1. Benefits to Community Priority Zones (CPZ) — 5 Points

In addition to the Disadvantaged Communities criteria in the Statewide Component, TRPA will award five (5) additional points to projects that will benefit a Community Priority Zone as defined in TRPA's *Connections 2050: Regional Transportation Plan*.

2. Regional Goals — 5 Points

Five (5) additional points will be awarded to projects listed in TRPA's *Connections 2050: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* that demonstrate direct advancement of at least one of the RTP's six goals through implementation. Applicants must provide appropriate reference to the RTP and a narrative demonstrating advancement of the relevant Regional Goal.

3. Consistency with Other Regional Planning Documents — 3 Points

Three (3) additional points will be awarded for projects demonstrating consistency with the TRPA Active Transportation Plan and other approved planning documents. Applicants must provide appropriate reference information confirming the project's inclusion in the TRPA 2024 Active Transportation Plan or another approved planning document.

4. Project Activity/Readiness — Lake Tahoe Info Transportation Tracker — 2 Points

Two (2) additional points will be awarded to applications demonstrating current activity and readiness by confirming that the proposed project is listed in the LT Info Transportation Tracker and providing the project number.

See Attachment A. Exhibit 1 for the complete 2027 ATP MPO Guidelines. Staff anticipates bringing the recommended ATP MPO program of projects to the TMPO Governing Board for adoption in March 2027.

Contact Information:
For questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Judy Weber, Associate Transportation Planner, at (775) 589-5203 or jweber@trpa.gov.

Contributing Public Comment:
- Written**:** Please submit comments by 3 p.m. the day before the meeting.
- Email: You may email comments to publiccomment@trpa.gov. Include meeting details and agenda item in the subject line or write "General Comment" for non-agenda items.
- You may also send by mail, fax to (775) 588-4527, or drop off in person at 128 Market Street.

Attachment:
A. TMPO Resolution 2026-
   - Exhibit 1: 2027 ATP MPO Guidelines

Attachment A
TMPO Resolution 2026-

TAHOE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TMPO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

ADOPTION OF THE 2027 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) is the designated metropolitan planning organization for the Lake Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, the TMPO is required to prepare and adopt a Transportation Improvement Program which includes federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the TMPO is responsible for allocating certain state and federal transportation funds available to the Lake Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature passed into law Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) establishing the Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Senate Bill 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, statutes of 2017) directs additional funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the ATP; and

WHEREAS, TMPO is responsible for overseeing a competitive project selection process for the ATP Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component; and

WHEREAS, TMPO has developed the 2027 ATP MPO Guidelines to complement the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) 2027 ATP Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the TMPO will conduct a supplemental call for projects for the 2027 ATP MPO Component; and

WHEREAS, the TMPO will use CTC's 2027 ATP State Guidelines and scoring rubrics, and incorporate additional regional criteria for the evaluation and selection of the supplemental applications; and

WHEREAS, the TMPO will assemble a multi-disciplinary committee to evaluate applications submitted through the supplemental call for projects and recommend projects for inclusion in the ATP MPO program of projects based on the criteria set forth in the guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts this resolution approving the 2027 ATP MPO Guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TMPO staff is hereby directed and authorized to work with the CTC, California Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration, to make whatever technical changes or corrections are needed to the format and organization of the document to obtain its approval by these agencies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

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Hayley Williamson, Chair
Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization
Governing Board

Attachment A
Exhibit 1
2027 ATP MPO Guidelines

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

2027 Active Transportation Program

MPO Component Guidelines for Cycle 8

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), as the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has developed the following 2027 Active Transportation Program (ATP) MPO Component Guidelines for Cycle 8. These guidelines complement the California Transportation Commission ATP Statewide guidelines and incorporate additional requirements that directly support TRPA's regional priorities.

I. Supplemental Call for Projects

TRPA is issuing a supplemental call for projects for the MPO Component of the Active Transportation Program. Applications not selected for funding in the Statewide Component will automatically be considered for the MPO Component unless the applicant specifically requests otherwise. Quick-Build projects will not be considered in the supplemental call.

Applicants may also choose to submit exclusively to the MPO Component but must provide a complete Statewide application and include the supplemental elements identified in these MPO Component Guidelines. All Statewide Component applicants must also submit a supplemental application that appropriately sizes the project or provides a scalability plan to adapt to TRPA's total programming capacity of $1,260,000. Included in the programming capacity is the ATP Cycle 7 loan repayment of $270,000 from Santa Barbara County Association of Governments.

Applications must demonstrate full funding of the project in the Project Programming Request form.

Additional information can be found at the California Transportation Commission 2027 ATP Application Portal for the Statewide Component: https://catc.submittable.com/submit

MPO Component Application Deadline: January 11, 2027

II. Project Scoring

Applications for the MPO Component will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary evaluation team using both the appropriate state and regional ATP scoring described below.

A. 2027 ATP Statewide Scoring

- Large Infrastructure — or — Infrastructure + Non-Infrastructure Project Application Scoring Rubric
- Medium Infrastructure — or — Infrastructure + Non-Infrastructure Project Application Scoring Rubric
- Small Infrastructure — or — Infrastructure + Non-Infrastructure Project Application Scoring Rubric
- Non-Infrastructure Project Application Scoring Rubric
- Plan Project Application Scoring Rubric

B. Lake Tahoe Regional Criteria and Scoring

1. Benefits to Community Priority Zones (CPZ) — 5 Points

In addition to the Disadvantaged Communities criteria in the Statewide Component, TRPA will award five (5) additional points to projects that will benefit a Community Priority Zone as defined in TRPA's *Connections 2050: Regional Transportation Plan*.

Applicants must submit a map of the project area in relation to TRPA's identified Community Priority Zones. CPZ map can be found here : Transportation Map. (note zones are only visible once you zoom in on map)

Community Priority Zones are defined as:

• Zero Vehicle Households	• Individuals with a disability
• Elderly (individuals 65 years and older)	• Youth (individuals under 18 years old)
• Households Below Poverty or Median Income Levels	• Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

2. Regional Goals — 5 Points

Five (5) additional points will be awarded to projects listed in TRPA's *Connections 2050: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* that demonstrate direct advancement of at least one of the RTP's six goals through implementation. Applicants must provide appropriate reference to the RTP and a narrative demonstrating advancement of the relevant Regional Goal.

Goal 1 — Safety	Increase safety and security for all users of Tahoe's transportation system.
Goal 2 — Environment	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
Goal 3 — Mobility	Enhance and sustain the connectivity and accessibility of the Tahoe transportation system, across and between modes, communities, and neighboring regions, for people and goods.
Goal 4 — Prosperity	Foster economic well-being, sustainability, and community vitality by optimizing the movement of goods and people and advancing equitable transportation solutions in centers and throughout the Tahoe Region.
Goal 5 — Resilience	Provide for the preservation and sustainability of the existing transportation system by actively identifying and pursuing new transportation funding and by performing maintenance activities that support climate resiliency, water quality, and safety.
Goal 6 — Performance	Provide a dynamic, reliable, and efficient transportation network through coordinated operations, system management, technology, and monitoring.

3. Consistency with Other Regional Planning Documents — 3 Points

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III. Contingency List

TRPA will maintain a contingency list of ATP projects ranked in order by final application score. This list will remain in effect until the adoption of the next cycle's ATP MPO Component. TRPA may amend projects into the program if funds become available or if a project is deleted in Cycle 8. The contingency list is intended to safeguard that no MPO ATP funds are lost from the region.

For questions regarding these guidelines or the MPO Component application process, please contact TRPA staff at jweber@trpa.gov.