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STAFF REPORT

Date: April 15, 2026

To: Transportation Committee

From: Transportation Staff

Subject: Approval of the Final Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency/Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Overall Work Program

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Action Requested:
Staff recommends that the Transportation Committee recommend approval of the Final Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 (FY27) Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) /Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) Transportation Planning Overall Work Program (OWP) to the TMPO Governing Board.

Tahoe Transportation Commission Recommendation:
On April 1, 2026, the Tahoe Transportation Commission (TTC) conducted a public hearing, provided comments on the Final Draft FY27 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)/ Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) Transportation Planning Overall Work Program (OWP), and recommended approval to the TMPO Governing Board.

Required Motions:
To adopt FY 2027 TMPO Overall Work Program, the Board must make the following motion(s), based on the staff summary: 1) A motion to adopt the attached resolution approving the Final Draft FY 2027 TMPO Overall Work Program. (Attachment B). For the motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Background:
Federal regulations (Title 23, Sec. 450.314) require each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to prepare an annual program of work that identifies transportation planning priorities to be carried out by the MPO during the 2025 fiscal year (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027). The detailed description of the transportation planning activities in the OWP serves as the budget and direction for the expenditure of various Federal and State transportation planning funds. The primary revenue sources for OWP planning and administration are provided by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. These funds are awarded to TRPA, acting as the designated MPO to fulfill core planning activities required by Title 23 Section 450 of the US Code of Federal Regulations. The OWP also forms the basis for the inclusion of transportation planning functions into the overall TRPA annual work program and budget.

Highlights of the coming year include:
- Tahoe Transit Study

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- Transportation System Management and Operations Plan
- Transportation Resiliency Improvement Plan and Communications Strategy
- Tahoe travel survey of residents and visitors

A summary of the FY27 OWP, briefly describing the individual work elements and overall budget, is in Attachment A.

Discussion:
A minimum 30-day public comment period is required for the Draft FY27 OWP. The public comment period began on March 2, 2026, and closed on April 1, 2026. Comments on the draft document were requested by and heard at the TTC public hearing on April 1, 2026. All comments received have been considered and incorporated into the Final Draft FY27 OWP. The Final Draft FY27 OWP will be presented to the Transportation Committee of the TMPO Governing Board for recommendation of approval at the April 22, 2026, meeting. The Final Draft FY27 OWP is available on the TRPA Transportation Program web page at http://www.trpa.gov/transportation/ and under Work Program near the bottom of the home page.

Contact Information:
If you have any questions or comments regarding this item, please contact Michelle Glickert, at mglickert@trpa.gov or 775-589-5204. Written comments received by 4 p.m. the day before a scheduled public meeting may, as appropriate, be distributed to TRPA Staff, decision makers, and posted in advance of the meeting. Later submissions may be retained as part of the meeting record and may be posted or made available after the meeting as appropriate. Please note that not all submissions will necessarily be distributed to the Governing Board or posted to TRPA's website. Materials that are not related to a meeting agenda item, are voluminous, or raise legal concerns regarding online posting (for example, third-party copyright issues) may instead be referenced on TRPA's website rather than reposted in full, retained as part of the meeting record, and made available for public inspection or otherwise handled consistent with applicable law and TRPA procedures. Comments may be submitted by email (publiccomment@trpa.gov), mail, fax, or by in-person drop off.

Attachment:
A. Executive Summary Final Draft TMPO FY27 Transportation Planning Overall Work Program
B. TMPO Adopting Resolution 2026-
   Exhibit 1: Final Draft TMPO FY27 Transportation Planning Overall Work Program

Attachment A
Executive Summary Final Draft TMPO FY27 Transportation Planning Overall Work Program

Lake Tahoe Transportation Planning
Final Draft TMPO Overall Work Program - FY 2026/27

April 2026
OWP Executive Summary

Introduction
The Overall Work Program (OWP) defines the continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated regional transportation planning process for the Lake Tahoe Basin. It establishes transportation, air quality, and other regional planning objectives, along with associated funding, for Fiscal Year 2025/26. The OWP also serves as a management tool for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), serving as the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO), through the identification of work elements containing tasks and products to be provided during the year, including Federal and State-mandated transportation planning requirements and other regional transportation planning activities.

Work Elements
The OWP is organized by *functional areas* and **work elements (WE),** combining similar activities and products in one place. Below is a list of the work elements with a brief description of each and budgets, which include staff time and direct costs for contracts and purchases:

Outreach and Administration

WE 101 – Overall Work Program Administration - $143,281
This work element includes administrative activities to support the Lake Tahoe transportation program, including budgets, work program development and tracking, and professional staff development. Staff time is 90% of the WE budget.

WE 102 – Transportation Development Act - $117,835
The Transportation Development Act (TDA) is a major source of regional transit operating funds from California. This work element outlines the administration and management of the TDA funding for the Lake Tahoe Region, including the annual Unmet Transit Needs Report and a triennial audit of the TDA administration. Staff time is 62% of the WE budget.

WE 103 – Public Outreach and Coordination - $326,892
Public outreach and collaboration with partners are key to TRPA's success. This work element includes activities to support a transparent, educational, and effective regional transportation planning process as the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization. The element also includes specific public outreach and agency collaboration efforts for future priorities in FY 26, updating the Technology Plan and Resilience Planning, TRPA Transportation Committee and Tahoe Transportation Commission support, and tribal government consultation. Staff time is 82% of the WE budget.

Regional Intermodal Planning

WE 104.1 – Regional Transportation Plan Maintenance & Coordination - $251,542
This sub-work element includes a variety of transportation planning activities that focus on the implementation and maintenance of the 2025 RTP/SCS. Working with the Tahoe Transportation

Implementation Collaborative and the TRPA Transportation Committee, as the steering Committee for the RTP/SCS via regular check-ins are included. Staff time is 86% of the WE budget.

WE 104.2 – Complete Streets, Modal Planning and Programs - $465,979

This work element covers a variety of transportation planning activities, with the execution of programs such as transportation demand management, complete streets, and corridor planning. Additionally, a large focus on transit planning includes support for south shore operations and updates to the Placer County Truckee Tahoe Area Regional Transportation Short Range Transit Plan. Staff will also continue leading a larger regional Tahoe Transit Study incorporating transit governance, a Comprehensive Operational Analysis, and an optimized transit funding model that aligns with the RTP transit goals and policies. Staff time is 70% of the WE budget.

WE 105 – Transportation Data Management and Forecasting - $357,670

This work element includes regional transportation data collection and modeling efforts to support the transportation data needs of staff, partners, and the public**.** One of the major tasks of this element will be completing an analysis of visitors and residents' travel, full and part-time, to gain better insights into travel patterns, home occupancy, and recreation use. These activities are coordinated by the TRPA Science and Data Team. Staff time is 44% of the WE budget.

Tracking and Financial Management

WE 106 – Project Tracking and Financial Management - $348,547

This work element supports the financial management activities related to federal and state-funded transportation projects in the Region. Tracking of new federal funding sources and support to local implementation partners. This element includes the required administration of transportation funding allocated by the TMPO, the maintenance of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and updates and maintenance of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Staff time is 100% of the WE budget.

Regional Coordination

WE 107 – Performance-Based Planning - $79,817

This work element supports the continual development of TMPO's performance-based planning framework that directly supports monitoring the performance of the RTP/SCS Strategy and new goals and policies of the Regional Plan. It includes implementing recommendations from the 2026 Transportation Sustainable Communities Performance Report and integration with TMPO's performance management system, including the development, tracking, and reporting on TRPA, State, and Federal transportation performance measures. Staff time is 100% of the WE budget.

WE 108 – Sustainable Communities Planning *Staff time is not included in this work element.*

WE 108.8 $189,428

This sub-work element highlights evaluations of transportation technology to optimize mobility and reliability to help address congestion and visitation. This evaluation will guide the development of a Draft Technology System Management and Operations Recommendations report.

WE 108.9 $189,428

The activities in this sub-work element include the development of a sampling plan and questionnaire to implement a visitor travel survey. This will assist in implementing the Connections 2050 Regional

Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy by providing data and analysis to better understand Lake Tahoe's unique visitor travel behavior that will inform transportation programs and projects.

WE 108.10 **$185,248**

This sub-work element complements the visitor travel survey with a focus on Tahoe households and commuters. A final report will be prepared summarizing the methodology and key findings that will be incorporated into the travel demand model.

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Attachment B
TMPO Adopting Resolution 2026-

TAHOE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TMPO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

ADOPTION OF THE TMPO 2027 TRANSPORTATION OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) has been designated by the Governors of California and Nevada for the preparation of transportation plans and programs under Title 23, CFR 450;

WHEREAS, each MPO is required to adopt an Overall Work Program (OWP), also referred to as the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), describing the planning priorities facing the Region and the planning activities anticipated for the Region over the next year;

WHEREAS, staff have prepared an OWP that describes the anticipated revenues and expenditures and planning activities and products for transportation and air quality planning purposes over the next year;

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, Caltrans, and the Nevada Department of Transportation have reviewed and commented upon a draft version of the 2027 OWP;

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Transportation Commission has conducted public meetings at which the Draft 2027 OWP was an officially noticed item that was discussed and was recommended for approval;

WHEREAS, staff is requesting that the TMPO Governing Board adopt a final draft 2027 OWP for submittal to state and federal agencies for approval, and authorize staff to take actions necessary for this approval; and

WHEREAS, the TMPO certifies that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of the federal statutes listed on the MPO Planning Process Certification and Federal Transit Administration certifications included in the 2027 OWP document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the 2027 Tahoe Basin Transportation Overall Work Program, appended hereto as Exhibit 1.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization at its regular meeting held on April 22, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

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Haley Williamson, Chair
Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization
Governing Board

Attachment B
Exhibit 1
Final Draft TMPO FY27 Transportation Planning Overall Work Program