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STAFF REPORT

Date: September 16, 2026

To: TRPA Transportation Committee

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Transportation Funding Briefing

Summary and Staff Recommendation:
TRPA staff will present an update on transportation funding initiatives underway to enhance investment in priority transportation projects identified in the Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan. Staff will also present a tracking framework designed to promote transparency and guide future committee engagement. The discussion is intended to provide visibility into partner funding initiatives and identify opportunities for TRPA engagement as those efforts advance.

This is an informational item, and no action is requested.

Background:
The Transportation Committee identified increasing overall transportation funding and improving the long-term sustainability of funding sources as priorities and asked staff to provide regular updates on the status of funding initiatives. TRPA developed a tracking template (Attachment A) to monitor funding efforts across the federal, state, local, and private sectors and provide regular updates to the Committee. Staff proposes to update the tracking template regularly and review progress with the Committee to promote transparency, identify emerging funding opportunities, and determine where TRPA engagement could support ongoing efforts. Staff seeks the Committee's feedback on the content of the tracking template and the appropriate frequency for future updates.

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Attachments:
A. Lake Tahoe Transportation Funding Initiatives Memo

Attachment A
Lake Tahoe Transportation Funding Initiatives Memo

Lake Tahoe Transportation Related Funding Initiatives

Status Summary — Active Local, State, Federal, Regional & Private Efforts

Local

Initiative	Status	Responsible Party	Opportunities
City of South Lake Tahoe / El Dorado – Measure G	In Place: Passed in 2026, 30-year property tax extension funding bike trail maintenance and winter clearing; added a 2% annual inflation adjustment to the current flat rate beginning in 2031	City of South Lake Tahoe; El Dorado County	Support the leveraging of Measure G funds with state and federal sources
City of South Lake Tahoe – Transit Operations Funding	Exploring: Dedicate Belemy Ct. Parking Garage revenue to transit/transportation funding. Current 3-year microtransit contract with TTD is funded by parking garage revenue.	City of South Lake Tahoe	Encourage the dedication of parking garage revenue beyond current 3-year microtransit contract;
Douglas County – TOT for Transit	Proposed: establish a dedicated transit line item within the Tahoe Douglas Transportation District TOT-funded Capital Improvement Program.	Douglas County; Tahoe Douglas Transportation District (TDTD)	TBD – 2026 CIP in development
Placer County – TOT Distribution	Ongoing: TOT revenue distributed by the County and North Tahoe Community Alliance (NTCA).	Placer County; North Tahoe Community Alliance	TBD-Monitor transportation projects selected for funding
Washoe County – TOT Retention	Proposed: Washoe County looking at redistribution of lodging tax revenue and an additional per room night surcharge for transit within the Basin via a Bill Draft Request (BDR) through NV legislative oversight process. BDR Request Approved 8/20/2026	Washoe County; Nevada Legislature	Support during 84th Nevada Legislative Session
Douglas County Parking Management – Zephyr Cove	In place: At Warrior Way, with possible expansion to other locations.	Douglas County	Monitor and explore integration with Park Tahoe brand
Douglas County Stormwater District	In progress: Public outreach underway. Funding may be used for roadway WQ	Douglas County	Consider interaction with TRPA BMP regulations
El Dorado County – Measure S	In Place: 2025 renewal approved, 4% TOT rate dedicated to roadway operations and maintenance.	El Dorado County	None – complete

State

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CA Transportation Funding Formula Modernization	In progress: TRPA testified before Senate Subcommittee 4 on a formula budget request (submitted by Sen. Laird and Assemblymember/Sen. Hadwick, 2025); working with Sen. Hadwick's office on 2026 reintroduction.	TRPA	TBD – confirm legislative advocacy needs

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CA Transportation Funding - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)	Ongoing: 26-27 CA budget includes: $230 million for SB 125 transit funding. $198 million for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).	TRPA; TTD; Locals	Support funding for SB125, LCTOP and other Tier 3 programs; Support grant applications for GGRF programs.
Nevada Environmental Improvement Program Bonds	Ongoing/in progress: Bill Draft Request (BDR) adopted for sale of next bonds and extending existing authorization another 10 years	DCNR; NV Legislature	Track status of BDR in next NV Legislative Session
NV Sand Harbor Parking Reservation System	In place. Master Plan funding request to legislature	NV State Parks	Monitor implementation for best practices & data
Nevada – Sand Harbor Master Plan Funding	In Progress: BDR Adopted	NV Legislature	Track status of BDR in next NV Legislative Session

Federal

Initiative	Status	Responsible Party	Opportunities
Transportation Bill Reauthorization	In Progress: advocating for increased formula funding (STBG, etc.) and increased Planning (PL) funding for the Tahoe MPO.	TRPA; Congressional delegation	Educate Congressional Delegation and committee staffs
Congressional Directed Spending Coordination	Ongoing: identifying priority projects and building support from Caltrans and NDOT ahead of submission to the Congressional delegation. Process occurs each March.	TRPA; Locals; State DOTs	Confirm/Submit priority project nominations. Support submissions with letters of support.
Santini-Burton Modernization Act (S.3695, 119th Congress)	In Progress: May include funding for recreation sites/access, including transportation improvements. TRPA testified in support on 2/12/2026.	TRPA led; Congress action	Educate Congressional Delegation and committee staff

Regional

Initiative	Status	Responsible Party	Opportunities
Roadway Pricing- Zonal/ Cordon	In Progress: Caltrans statewide roadway pricing study; TRPA is on the stakeholder working group promoting rural applicability.	Caltrans (TRPA directly participating)	evaluate rural road pricing applications in the study, including zonal/cordon pricing
Park Tahoe Program Basin-wide	In Progress: Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) evaluating a single parking management system with tech-driven, demand-based pricing.	Tahoe Transportation District (TTD)	TBD

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NV SB 426 – Parking Enforcement and Revenue Authority	In Place: Allows TTD to collect parking revenue and enforce no parking zones on the NV side within NDOT right-of-way.	Tahoe Transportation District (TTD); Nevada Legislature	Legislation in place; monitor and support implementation, including parking enforcement
USFS Parking Fee Increase	Proposed: 2027 parking fee increase; as proposed, revenue would not be directed to transit.	U.S. Forest Service (USFS)	TBD – potential advocacy for transit reinvestment
Placer County Paid Parking Program	Pilot underway: Kings Beach pilot; County looking to expand into Tahoe City.	Placer County	Monitor and facilitate linkage with Park Tahoe
Increase Competitive Grant Awards (Basin-wide)	Ongoing: TRPA building local agency capacity to improve competitive grant success — TTIC peer exchange, grant debriefs, technical support (writing, mapping, data), funding plan development, and securing local match.	TRPA (with local agency partners)	Participate in TTIC peer exchange; request technical support; share local match needs
Regional Transit Funding Model	In development: Improve the transparency of transit funding and enhance local match potential for federal and state transit funds	TRPA (with TTD and local partners)	TRPA leading Tahoe Transit Study and funding model development

Private

Initiative	Status	Responsible Party	Support Opportunity
North Tahoe TBID Renewal	In place. Placer County extended the TBID in 2026 for a 10-year term. North Tahoe Community Alliance runs competitive process for funding. Strong support for transportation projects.	North Tahoe Community Alliance (Placer County)	TBD-Monitor projects selected for funding
NV North Tahoe Business Improvement District (BID)	In development: state legislation in the works.	Visit North Tahoe; State legislature	TBD – monitor legislative progress
Emerald Bay Shuttle Sponsorships	Ongoing: Establish multiyear private sponsorship to leverage other funding	Tahoe Transportation District (TTD)	TBD
Private Vanpool Sponsorships	Ongoing: Establish multiyear private partner sponsorship of employee vanpools on the North and South shores.	TNT-TMA; SS/TMA; Multiple private partners	TBD – identify additional sponsors