

From: [Pamela Tsigdinos](#)
To: [Marja Ambler](#)
Subject: Item VI – A. Tahoe Transportation District Temporary Use Permit Extension
Date: Monday, June 26, 2023 11:53:11 AM

Dear Marja,

Please share my input with the respective governing board members and include in the public comment for Item VI - A. Tahoe Transportation District Temporary User Permit Extension at Wed.'s 6/28 TRPA meeting.

Best, Pamela

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I ask you **not** to approve TTD's Special Use Permit extension request for East Shore Express. This service -- from the start -- has consistently presented problems to the community.

TTD's submitted traffic analysis omits several critical impacts on the community. It has never reflected the reality of the many negative ways that visitor vehicle traffic or parking directed to the OES impacts the surrounding neighborhoods and residents.

Furthermore, please take into account the worse than normal vehicle gridlock in and around Incline Village this year caused by construction projects that back up traffic worse than usual.

It makes no sense to direct MORE vehicles into our already congested roadways, particularly since Incline Village relies on two-lane roads for any needed evacuation. We've already had one fire that threatened the East Shore and Incline Village this month, and with all the vegetation growth due to our epic winter, there's more wildfire fuel than ever.

For public safety's sake, please find an alternative location for the ESE shuttle outside of the Incline Village. Ski Mt. Rose parking lot would be an excellent location--not only this summer but in the summers to come.

Thank you.

Pamela M. Tsigdinos  
Incline Village Resident

**DATE:** June 27, 2023

**TO:** TRPA Governing Board

**FROM:** Helen Neff, Incline Village resident

**RE:** Tahoe Transportation District/Washoe County School District Temporary Use 771 Southwood Blvd. and 915 Northwood Blvd.; Incline Village, Washoe County, Nevada Approval of Six-Month Extension

Rather than simply approving a six-month extension for the TTD East Shore Express, please take into consideration the following reality for the summer of 2023:

- This past winter caused many transportation issues including the necessary repair of potholes, accelerated fading of crosswalks and other road markings and a delay in starting road construction projects.
- Road construction has created gridlock in Incline Village and Crystal Bay.
  - SR 28 to Sand Harbor is affected by the Effluent Pipeline Project.
  - SR 28 to King's Beach is affected by NDOT projects and private home construction. Both result in frequent road closures or one-way traffic.
  - SR 28 through Incline Village is affected by NDOT ITS conduit and concrete work.
  - SR431 to Reno is affected by paving and other improvements.
- Due to all this construction, we have not had our crosswalks re-painted or our roads striped within Incline Village resulting in unsafe roads for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.
- Those of us that live in Incline Village and Crystal Bay are held hostage during the week. Thus, many of us run our errands, including trips to Reno or Carson City, on weekends when construction is suspended. This puts more cars on the road during peak tourist traffic days.
- Numerous news reports, including on Reno Channel 2 News and the SF Chronicle, quote Tahoe Regional State Park Manager **Allen Wooldridge** saying he's facing seasonal staffing shortages to a magnitude that he's never seen. "I've been at Sand Harbor for eight years now, and this is definitely the first year where we've been sounding the alarm bells that something needs to be done."
  - Woolridge goes on to say he's "short 25% of the usual staffing levels. For guests, it'll result in longer wait times to enter the park, in a line that often stretches down Highway 28."
  - If the shortage continues further into the summer, he may have to schedule park closures.
- Why are we sending more people to Sand Harbor when they are short staffed and facing park closures?
- Why is the Tahoe Transportation District accepting \$85,000 from The Nevada State Parks for funding the East Shore Express when those state funds could be used to increase seasonal staff wages and/or benefits to a level that will attract employees?
- Staffing shortages at Sand Harbor result in accumulated trash and substandard cleaning of the beach and restroom facilities. This is detrimental to the environment and damages the lake that TRPA was created to protect.

Based on this, a six-month extension for the East Shore Express this summer should not be approved.