APPENDIX A: GOALS AND POLICIES

Regional goals and policies establish the organizing framework for transportation planning at Lake Tahoe. They represent stakeholder feedback and public input, as well as input from previous plans, such as the 2016 Active Transportation Plan, the 2016 Tahoe-Truckee Plug-In Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, and the 2015 Intelligent Transportation Systems Strategic Plan.



Environment

Goal: Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Connectivity

Goal: Enhance and sustain the connectivity and accessibility of the Tahoe transportation system, across and between modes, communities, and neighboring regions, for people and goods.



Safety

Goal: Increase safety and security for all users of Tahoe's transportation system.



Operations and Congestion Management

Goal: Provide an efficient transportation network through coordinated operations, system management, technology, monitoring, and targeted investments.



Economic Vitality and Quality of Life

Goal: Support the economic vitality of the Tahoe Region to enable a diverse workforce, sustainable environment, and quality experience for both residents and visitors.



System Preservation

Goal: Provide for the preservation of the existing transportation system through maintenance activities that support climate resiliency, water quality, and safety.

Table 4: Regional Transportation Plan Policies

Goal	Policy Number	Policy Text	Focus Area
		Goal 1: Environment	
Environment	Policy 1.1	Support mixed-use, transit-oriented development, and community revitalization projects that encourages walking, bicycling, and easy access to existing and planned transit stops.	Community
Environment	Policy 1.2	Leverage transportation projects to achieve and maintain environmental thresholds through integration with the Environmental Improvement Program.	Community
Environment	Policy 1.3	Implement greenhouse gas reduction strategies in alignment with federal, state, tribal, and regional requirements and goals.	Community
Environment	Policy 1.4	Develop and implement project impact analysis, mitigation strategies and fee programs to reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled and auto trips.	Community
Environment	Policy 1.5	Prioritize projects and programs that enhance non-automobile travel modes.	Community
Environment	Policy 1.6	Facilitate and promote the use of zero emission vehicle (ZEV) freight, heavy-duty, transit, fleet, and passenger vehicles through implementation of the Tahoe-Truckee Plug-in Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, education, incentives, funding, and permit streamlining.	Technology

Goal	Policy Number	Policy Text	Focus Area
Environment	Policy 1.7	Collaborate with all jurisdictions and employers in the Basin to develop, maintain, and implement programs to reduce employee vehicle trips.	Community
Environment	Policy 1.8	Coordinate with the City of South Lake Tahoe to update and maintain an Airport Master Plan and limit aviation facilities within the Tahoe Region to existing facilities.	Transit
Environment	Policy 1.9	Traffic calming and noise reduction strategies, to achieve noise standards and Community Noise Equivalent Levels, should be included when planning transportation improvements.	Community
Environment	Policy 1.10	Develop and implement a cooperative continuous, and comprehensive Congestion Management Process to adaptively manage congestion within the region's multi-modal transportation system, with a focus on peak traffic period and Basin entry/exit routes.	Technology
		Goal 2: Connectivity	
Connectivity	Policy 2.1	Coordinate with federal, state, tribal, and local governments, transportation management associations, and private sector partners to fund and operate reliable transportation alternatives.	Transit
Connectivity	Policy 2.2	Provide frequent transit service to recreational areas, including trailheads and shoreline access points.	Transit
Connectivity	Policy 2.3	Collaborate with regional and inter-regional partners to establish efficient transportation connections within the Trans-Sierra Region including to and from Tahoe and surrounding communities.	Transit

Goal	Policy Number	Policy Text	Focus Area
Connectivity	Policy 2.4	Collaborate with nearby communities that share transportation to and from the Tahoe Basin, including but not limited to; the Town of Truckee, the Placer County Resort Triangle, Sacramento, Bay Area, Reno, and the Carson/Minden valley.	Community
Connectivity	Policy 2.5	Improve the existing transit system for the user making it frequent, fun, and free in targeted locations.	Transit
Connectivity	Policy 2.6	Use the best available technology to implement waterborne transportation systems that coordinates with other travel options consistent with the Shoreline Plan Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy.	Transit
Connectivity	Policy 2.7	Provide specialized and subsidized public transportation services and programs for individuals with disabilities that is consistent with Coordinated Human Services Transportation plans.	Transit
Connectivity	Policy 2.8	Ensure all transportation projects, programs, and policies meet the transportation needs and minimize negative impacts for all communities, particularly disadvantaged communities and people with special needs.	Community
Connectivity	Policy 2.9	Ensure that pedestrian and bicycle facilities are Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and Universally Accessible.	Community
Connectivity	Policy 2.10	Ensure all transit is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, Universally Accessible, and consistent with Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plans.	Community

Goal	Policy Number	Policy Text	Focus Area
Connectivity	Policy 2.11	Develop standards and guidelines for incorporating multimodal amenities in new development or redevelopment, as part of all plans, including but not limited to local area plans.	Transit
Connectivity	Policy 2.12	Implement the Safe Routes to School program.	Trails
Connectivity	Policy 2.13	Coordinate public and private transit service, where feasible, to reduce costs of service and avoid service duplication.	Transit
Connectivity	Policy 2.14	Support, where feasible, the implementation of on-demand, dynamically routed transit shuttles.	Transit
Connectivity	Policy 2.15	Develop and maintain an Active Transportation Plan as part of the Regional Transportation Plan. Include policies, a project list of existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities, strategies, and programs for implementation of the Active Transportation Plan.	Trails
Connectivity	Policy 2.16	Incorporate programs and policies of the Active Transportation Plan into regional and local land use plans and regulatory processes.	Trails
Connectivity	Policy 2.17	Construct, upgrade, and maintain pedestrian and bicycle facilities consistent with the Active Transportation Plan.	Trails
Connectivity	Policy 2.18	Accommodate the needs of all categories of travelers by designing and operating roads for safe, comfortable, and efficient travel for roadway users of all ages and abilities, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial vehicles, and emergency vehicles.	Community

Goal	Policy Number	Policy Text	Focus Area
Connectivity	Policy 2.19	Support parking management programs that incentivize non-auto modes and discourage private auto-mobile use at peak times in peak locations, alleviate circulating vehicle trips associated with parking availability.	Community
Connectivity	Policy 2.20	Coordinate and maintain parking maximums and shared parking standards that support goals and policies of the Regional Plan.	Community
Connectivity	Policy 2.21	Paid parking revenues should benefit infrastructure and services for transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists within the areas that funds are generated.	Community
Connectivity	Policy 2.22	Coordinate and include in area plans, intermodal transportation facilities ("Mobility Hubs") that serve major activity centers and connect transit, pedestrian, bicycle facilities, and car/ride share, and provide park and ride facilities, where appropriate in and outside of the basin.	Community
Connectivity	Policy 2.23	In roadway improvements, construct, upgrade, and maintain active transportation and transit facilities along major travel routes. In constrained locations, all design options should be considered, including but not limited to restriping, roadway realignment, signalization, and purchase of right of way.	Community
Connectivity	Policy 2.24	Encourage partners to develop and implement plans coordinating wayfinding and signage to build awareness of alternative transportation opportunities including transit, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities.	Community

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		Goal 3: Safety	
Safety	Policy 3.1	Coordinate the collection and analysis of safety data, identify areas of concern, and propose safety-related improvements and user awareness that support state and federal safety programs and performance measures.	Technology
Safety	Policy 3.2	Use proven safety design countermeasures for safety hotspots when designing new or modifying existing travel corridors consistent with the Lake Tahoe Region Safety Strategy.	Community
Safety	Policy 3.3	Coordinate safety awareness programs.	Community
Safety	Policy 3.4	Support emergency preparedness and response planning, including the development of regional evacuation plans, and consider climate resiliency measures.	Community
Safety	Policy 3.5	Encourage appropriate agencies to use traffic incident management performance measures.	Community
Safety	Policy 3.6	Design projects to maximize visibility at vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian conflict points. Consider increased safety signage, site distance, and other design features, as appropriate.	Trails
		Goal 4: Operations & Congestion Management	
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.1	Prioritize regional and local investments that fulfill TRPA objectives in transit, active transportation, transportation demand management, and other programs which support identified TRPA transportation performance outcomes.	Community

Goal	Policy Number	Policy Text	Focus Area
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.2	Enable growth of shared and on-demand shared ride mobility services (i.e., ride-, car-, and bike-sharing, e-hailing, etc.).	Community
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.3	Work to ensure that new transportation services and technologies utilize zero emission vehicle technology as feasible.	Community
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.4	Coordinate policies across multiple partners that support the safe use of electric assisted, low-speed devices on paths and trails to serve travel needs in Tahoe.	Trails
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.5	Identify opportunities to implement comprehensive transportation solutions that include technology, safety, and other supporting elements when developing infrastructure projects.	Technology
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.6	Collaborate with jurisdictions and state departments of transportation to adaptively manage roadways for peak travel periods.	Technology
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.7	Promote awareness of travel options through outreach, education, and advertising, particularly in local schools.	Community
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.8	Invest resources in marketing and outreach campaigns to promote the use of non-auto travel options.	Transit

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Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.9	Implement programs and policies of the Tahoe Basin Intelligent Transportation Systems Strategic Plan to support needed infrastructure to achieve regional transportation goals.	Technology
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.10	Support the use of emerging technologies, such as the development and use of mobile device applications to navigate the active transportation network and facilitate ridesharing, efficient parking, transit use, and transportation network companies.	Technology
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.11	Level of service (LOS) criteria for the region's highway system and signalized intersections during peak periods shall be: "C" on rural recreational/scenic roads; "D" on rural developed area roads; "D" on urban developed area roads; "D" for signalized intersections. Level of Service "E" may be acceptable during peak periods in urban areas, but not to exceed four hours per day. These vehicle LOS standards may be exceeded when provisions for multi-modal amenities and/or services (such as transit, bicycling, and walking facilities) are adequate to provide mobility for users at a level that is proportional to the project-generated traffic in relation to overall traffic conditions on affected roadways.	Community
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.12	Prohibit the construction of roadways to freeway design standards in the Tahoe Region and establish Tahoe specific traffic design volume for project development and analysis.	Community
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.13	Require the development of traffic management plans for major temporary seasonal activities, including streetscape flexibility within urban centers, and the coordination of simultaneously occurring events.	Community

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Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.14	Expand and build capacity in Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) in the Tahoe Region to develop public-private partnerships that support transportation.	Community
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.15	Establish a uniform method of data collection and forecasting for resident and visitor travel behavior and demographics.	Technology
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.16	Maintain monitoring programs for all modes to assess the effectiveness of the long-term implementation of local and regional mobility strategies on a publicly accessible reporting platform (e.g., www.laketahoeinfo.org website).	Technology
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.17	Establish regional and inter-regional cooperation and cost-sharing to obtain a uniform method of transportation data collection and sharing.	Technology
Operations & Congestion Management	Policy 4.18	Design roadway corridors, including driveways, intersections, and scenic turnouts, to minimize impacts to regional traffic flow, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities by using shared access points where feasible.	Community
_		Goal 5: Economic Vitality & Quality of Life	
Economic Vitality & Quality of Life	Policy 5.1	Encourage community revitalization and transit-oriented development projects that comprehensively support regional and local transportation, housing, land use, environment, and other goals.	Community

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<i>Economic Vitality & Quality of Life</i>	Policy 5.2	Ensure access to public transit is compatible with the neighborhood in identified Priority Communities.	Transit
Economic Vitality & Quality of Life	Policy 5.3	Encourage collaboration between public lands managers, departments of transportation, transit providers, and other regional partners to support sustainable recreation and multi-modal access to recreation sites.	Community
Economic Vitality & Quality of Life	Policy 5.4	Collaborate with local, state, tribal, regional, federal, and private partners to develop a regional revenue source to fund Lake Tahoe transportation investments.	Community
<i>Economic Vitality & Quality of Life</i>	Policy 5.5	Collaborate with federal, bi-state, and tribal partners to establish efficient rail, air, and bus transportation connections to Tahoe within the Trans-Sierra Region, including to and from Tahoe and surrounding metropolitan areas.	Transit
		Goal 6: System Preservation	
System Preservation	Policy 6.1	Preserve the condition of sidewalks and bicycle facilities and maintain, where feasible, for year-round use.	Trails
System Preservation	Policy 6.2	Improve winter transit access by providing shelters, cleared sidewalks and paths around stops, winter accessible bike racks, and warm shelters at mobility hubs and major transit stops.	Transit

Goal	Policy Number	Policy Text	Focus Area
System Preservation	Policy 6.3	Maintain and preserve pavement condition to a level that supports the safety of the traveling public and protects water quality.	Community
System Preservation	Policy 6.4	Make "dig once" the basin-wide standard, requiring public and private roadway projects to accommodate the installation of conduit to support community needs (e.g.: broadband fiber optic).	Technology
System Preservation	Policy 6.5	Consider the increased vulnerability and risk to transportation infrastructure from climate change, such as increased flooding, drought, and wildfire risk, when designing new infrastructure and repairing or maintaining existing infrastructure.	Community
System Preservation	Policy 6.6	Advance transportation planning through public participation and collaboration.	Community