

Transportation: A Bi-State Commitment to Improving Lake Tahoe



Lake Tahoe's awe-inspiring environment has attracted visitors from across the globe for generations. Its proximity to major metropolitan areas in Northern California and Nevada make it a popular destination for millions of people getting outdoors into nature. The Tahoe Basin is also a beloved home to tens of thousands of residents and the sacred ancestral lands of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. Today, providing a world class transportation system for residents and visitors is a priority for leaders in California and Nevada. Our states recognize that the health of the lake, local communities, and economy are at risk from outdated transportation infrastructure.

Since 2017, the Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency have convened a Bi-State Consultation on Transportation for Lake Tahoe. The Bi-State working group brings together public and private sector partners to catalyze needed transportation investment in the Tahoe Region.

The Lake Tahoe Transportation Action Plan is a product of this Bi-State Consultation and reflects the collaboration across local, state, and federal agencies. It prioritizes the most important transportation projects and establishes a funding framework to make these projects a reality.

Transportation investments are being secured through a '7-7-7' funding framework in which each sector of the partnership—local/regional governments and business, state agencies, and federal government— works to allocate additional investments of \$7 million per year. These investments include congressionally designated funds, state supported grant applications, local jurisdiction funding, and private investment from local businesses.

Recent accomplishments include:

- \$2 million in congressionally designated funding for state Route 28 corridor implementation.
- Approximately \$700,000 in new federal annual support for transit operations.
- Nevada passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (2021) to support transportation solutions at Lake Tahoe.
- California joint funding application with Placer County.
- Public-private partnerships to launch micro-transit service on both the North and South Shores.

We are committed to continuing to build momentum for critical transportation improvements at Lake Tahoe. This shared effort will help us protect and maintain this world-renowned place for residents and visitors alike.

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