

# US 50 / South Shore Community Revitalization Project

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### **Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS/EIS) and Proposed Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination**

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## General Information about this Document

### What's in this document:

The Federal Highway Administration, California Division (FHWA-CA), FHWA Nevada Division (FHWA-NV), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Tahoe Transportation District, and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency have jointly prepared this Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS/EIS), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the US 50/South Shore Community Revitalization Project located in the City of South Lake Tahoe, California and Stateline, Nevada. FHWA-CA is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Tahoe Transportation District is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is the lead agency pursuant to the TRPA Compact, Lake Tahoe Regional Plan, and Code of Ordinances. The document tells you why the project is being proposed, what alternatives we have considered for the project, how the existing environment could be affected by the project, the potential impacts of each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.

### What you should do:

- ▲ Please read the document.
- ▲ Copies of the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS are available for review at the following locations.

Tahoe Transportation District 128 Market Street, Suite 3F Stateline, NV 89449	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency 128 Market Street Stateline, NV
South Lake Tahoe Public Library 1000 Rufus Allen Boulevard South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	Zephyr Cove Library 338 Warrior Way Zephyr Cove, NV 89448
- ▲ The document may be downloaded at the following websites: [www.trpa.org/get-involved/major-projects/](http://www.trpa.org/get-involved/major-projects/) and [www.tahoetransportation.org/us50](http://www.tahoetransportation.org/us50).
- ▲ We'd like to hear what you think. Please attend the public hearings and/or send your written comments to TTD or FHWA by the deadline. Oral comments on the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS may be provided at a series of public hearings as listed below. Additional hearings or informational meetings, if scheduled, will be posted on TTD's website.
  - **June 9, 2017:** TTD Board of Directors Meeting, TRPA Board Rooms, 128 Market Street, Stateline, Nevada.
  - **June 14, 2017:** TRPA Advisory Planning Committee Meeting, TRPA Board Rooms, 128 Market Street, Stateline, Nevada.
  - **June 28, 2017:** TRPA Governing Board Meeting, TRPA Board Rooms, 128 Market Street, Stateline, Nevada.
- ▲ Send comments via postal mail to either of the following:

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- ▲ Send comments via email to: [info@tahoetransportation.org](mailto:info@tahoetransportation.org) or [Scott.McHenry@dot.gov](mailto:Scott.McHenry@dot.gov)
- ▲ Be sure to send comments by the deadline: July 7, 2017

### What happens next:

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, FHWA-CA, TTD, and TRPA, may: (1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, (2) do additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is obtained, Caltrans could design and construct all or part of the project.



Realign US 50 in the Stateline casino corridor area (postmile 79.00 to postmile 80.44) and convert the existing US 50 roadway, between a location southwest of Pioneer Trail in the City of South Lake Tahoe, California and Lake Parkway in Stateline, Nevada, into a two-lane local street (one travel lane in each direction).

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Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, California Public Resources Code (Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(C) and 49 USC 303

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**Abstract**

The purpose of the proposed project is to address existing transportation deficiencies and projected transportation requirements along the US 50 corridor between Pioneer Trail and SR 207, to alleviate cut-through traffic in local neighborhoods in the City of South Lake Tahoe, and to support community revitalization goals in the California/Nevada state line area while minimizing environmental impacts. The build alternatives would potentially result in the short-term and/or long-term adverse effects related to: traffic noise and community character and cohesion. Comments on the public draft EIR/EIS/EIS are due by July 7, 2017 and should be sent to Russ Nygaard at PO Box 499, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448 (or email at [info@tahoetransportation.org](mailto:info@tahoetransportation.org)) or to Scott McHenry at 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100, Sacramento, CA 95814 (or email at [Scott.McHenry@dot.gov](mailto:Scott.McHenry@dot.gov)).

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