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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 15, 2020
To: TRPA Governing Board
From: TRPA Staff
Subject: Release of Draft State Route 89 Recreation Corridor Management Plan

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff will provide an overview on the draft State Route 89 Recreation Corridor Management Plan to be released for public review and comment. Staff seeks Governing Board input on the proposed travel framework, corridor projects, management strategies, and implementation steps. This is an informational item only; no action is necessary.

Project Description/Background:

State Route (SR) 89, a two-lane mountain roadway, is the only access route to many of Lake Tahoe's west-side recreation areas and residential neighborhoods. Emerald Bay, one of California's 36 National Natural Landmark sites, is one of Lake Tahoe's most popular and photographed locations. Almost 12 miles of undeveloped shoreline offer beach access to sites such as Meeks Bay, Sugar Pine Point State Park, Baldwin Beach, Camp Richardson, and Pope Beach. Seven trailheads provide day hike access to waterfalls and alpine lakes as well as backcountry and wilderness access for overnight recreation opportunities.

The SR 89 Recreation Corridor Management Plan boundaries are from West Way just outside the City of South Lake Tahoe and extend to the county line at Tahoma. However, neighboring areas of influence will also be investigated for potential improvements that may assist in improving traffic flow, multi-modal access, and visitor experience.

Plan goals include improved safety, expanded travel choices, enhanced visitor experience, improved use of technology, protection of the environment, and promotion of economic vitality. The strategies, projects, and management changes recommended in the Corridor Plan will help to achieve these goals.

The SR 89 Recreation Corridor Management Plan kicked-off in March 2018. Project Team member organizations include: California Highway Patrol, California Lands Management, California State Parks, Camp Richardson Resort, Caltrans, Cal Fire, El Dorado County, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, Lake Valley Fire Protection District, Fallen Leaf Fire Protection District, Meeks Bay Fire Protection District, Tahoe Fund, Washoe Tribe, Federal Highway Administration California Division, TRPA, TTD, and USFS.

The Project Team: reviews existing plans and projects; determines data needs including review of consultant analysis; brainstorms projects and program solutions to identify needs; undertakes

agreements for implementation, operations, and maintenance; poses issues for higher-level issue assistance; reviews final planning documents.

Travel Options Analysis:

To create project and plan recommendations, the Project Team has developed a travel options analysis. This analysis looked at four alternatives for the project as well as target mode share splits for each. Alternatives range from current conditions to a car free future. The analysis for each alternative calculates the number of people that would need to be moved by transit, bike, and auto along with capital and operational costs.

The results of this analysis were used to develop a preferred framework for the corridor. The framework includes potential projects, management strategies, and policy changes needed to achieve corridor goals. The preferred framework, at full buildout, would see a potential reduction of 37,000 cars in the corridor every month during the summer. This would be accomplished by increasing transit availability, expanding bike paths, and using technology to manage parking.

Draft Corridor Plan:

The staff presentation will highlight key aspects of the draft corridor plan and recommendations including projects, management strategies, and implementation steps. The draft plan will be available for public review and comment for 30 days until September 13. During this period TRPA and partners will host a stakeholder workshop, public webinar, and presentations to any interested groups or businesses. The final SR 89 Corridor Plan is anticipated to be brought back to the Governing Board for potential adoption in September.

Additionally, TRPA and the US Forest Service have released an RFP to complete a feasibility study of the remaining Tahoe Trail along the West Shore. The feasibility study would focus on the Tahoe Trail and related infrastructure such as parking, transit stops, and water quality improvements. This study is anticipated to be complete in 2022.

Connection to the Regional Transportation Plan:

The projects and strategies identified in the Corridor Plan will be incorporated into the ongoing Regional Transportation Plan update, setting the state for implementation of transportation and recreation projects in the corridor.

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