

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 5, 2012

To: TRPA Governing Board acting as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, and adopting Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in accordance with CEQA, and approval of resolution adopting the Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Requested Action: Certification of the Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Final Environmental Impact Report and Adoption of CEQA Findings; and Adoption of Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). All votes require four Board members from each state to pass.

Motion 1: A motion to approve TRPA (RTPA) Resolution 2012-23, certifying the Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Final Environmental Impact Report and adopting CEQA Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Consideration, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (as described in Exhibit A.)

Motion 2: A motion to approve TRPA (RTPA) Resolution 2012-24, adopting Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy in accordance with California Government Code Section 65080 and all other applicable federal and state regulations (Exhibit B.)

Background: The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, acting as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency in California is required to adopt an updated Regional

Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years to satisfy state transportation planning requirements in California (CA Government Code §65080).

The Draft RTP/SCS and associated draft environmental review document was released for public comment on April 25, 2012. The comment period for the EIR for the RTP closed on June 28, 2012. The Final Draft RTP/SCS and Final EIR were presented at public hearings on October 24, 25, and November 14, and 15, 2012.

The RTP/SCS contains a regional transportation vision centered on supporting sustainable communities through improvements to walkability, transit and completion of the bicycle trail network, and supporting more efficient operations of our existing roadways. In addition to transportation policies that are identical to those in the TRPA Regional Plan Update, the RTP/SCS also contains a financial strategy and implementation blueprint to support environmental and mobility goals.

The RTP/SCS satisfies the requirements of multiple regional transportation authorities and requires approval from the three authorities (TRPA, RTPA, and TMPO) via separate actions. The approval of the RTP/SCS by the RTPA will initiate the transmittal of the approved document to Caltrans for acceptance.

The Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Final Environmental Impact Report and Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy are available for download at: <http://tahoempower.org/Mobility2035/>. Both documents can also be found on the available flash drive (and are listed in the December 12, 2012 Regional Plan Update Staff Summary as Digital Enclosures E & F), which contains the entire suite of TRPA Regional Plan documents up for consideration.

Approval Actions:

The specific actions are the 1) Certification of Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Final Environmental Impact Report; adoption of the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in accordance with CEQA; and 2) Approval of the TMPO resolution adopting Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Contact Information:

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Exhibits:

- A. TRPA (RTPA) Resolution Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy and associated CEQA findings.
- B. TRPA (RTPA) Resolution to adopt Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Enclosures (Digital) (as referenced on the RPU December 12, 2012 staff summary):

- E. Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement
- F. Mobility 2035: Lake Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy