

# **Appendix A**

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## **Notice of Preparation**

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This notice is being issued jointly by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) in preparation of a joint TRPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

**To:** California State Clearinghouse  
Responsible Agencies  
Trustee Agencies  
Other Interested Public Agencies  
Interested Parties and Organizations  
Affected Property Owners (within 300 feet of the project boundary)

**Subject:** **Notice of Preparation of a TRPA Draft EIS and CEQA Draft EIR for the State Route (SR) 89 /Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project**

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**Project Title:** State Route (SR) 89 /Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project

**Project Location:** The project site is located within the immediate vicinity of Truckee River Bridge # 19-0033 (locally known as the "Fanny Bridge") in Tahoe City, Placer County, California.

**Project Overview:** The SR 89 /Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project would include construction of a new bridge over the Truckee River, repair or replacement of Fanny Bridge, and various other improvements to address the following project objectives:

- ▲ Improve connectivity, reliability, travel times and operations of public transportation modal concepts, including increased mobility and safety of bicycles and pedestrians;
- ▲ Relieve existing congestion on SR 89 and improve vehicle mobility for commerce needs and a better resident and visitor experience;
- ▲ Improve traffic safety, traffic operations, and emergency access on SR 89 and SR 28, which includes the river crossing (Fanny Bridge) and associated intersections;

- ▲ Improve highway freight mobility and commerce needs;
- ▲ Improve the river crossing's structural integrity (Fanny Bridge) and resolve safety and community concerns about the cultural values related to the historic Fanny Bridge;
- ▲ Make public transportation more effective with better connectivity, reliability, and travel times;
- ▲ Provide two viable emergency evacuation routes from the Lake Tahoe West Shore communities; and
- ▲ Reduce vehicle emissions and improve stormwater treatment.

Four action alternatives and a no-action alternative will be evaluated in the EIS/EIR. TRPA and TTD are initiating preparation of an EIS/EIR for the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project. This document is an EIS prepared by TRPA pursuant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, Code of Ordinances, and Rules of Procedure and an EIR prepared by TTD pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.). It is anticipated that an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) delegation authority from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)) pursuant to NEPA (42 U.S. Code 4321 – 4347), the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations Implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500 – 1508), FHWA Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR 771), and the Caltrans Standard Environmental Reference. This notice meets the TRPA and CEQA noticing requirements for a Notice of Preparation (NOP). Public notice of scoping is not required for an EA.

A brief description of the alternatives likely to be evaluated in the EIS/EIR and a summary of the probable environmental effects of the proposed project are available for review on the TRPA website at: [www.trpa.org](http://www.trpa.org), and on the TTD website at: [www.tahoetransportation.org](http://www.tahoetransportation.org).

**Public Scoping:** The purpose of this NOP is to solicit views of interested persons, organizations, and agencies as they relate to the scope and content of the information to be included and analyzed in the EIS/EIR. Agencies should comment on the elements of the environmental information that are relevant to their legal authority and statutory responsibilities in connection with the project.

The designated public scoping period will extend for 60 calendar days beginning on December 2, 2011 and concluding on January 30, 2012. Comments would be most helpful if received within this 60-day scoping period. Please send your comments and contact information to Alfred Knotts, TTD Project Manager, by mail, fax, or email to the address shown above. Comment letters should include the name of a contact person at your agency or organization. Additional information on the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project may be obtained at [www.tahoetransportation.org](http://www.tahoetransportation.org).

Three public scoping meetings will be held to provide the opportunity to learn more about the SR 89 /Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project and to receive comments from the public and other interested parties and agencies regarding the issues that should be addressed in the EIS/EIR. The scoping meetings will be held as follows:

Thursday, December 8, 2011  
Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

North Tahoe Regional Advisory  
Council (NTRAC)  
Tahoe City Public Utility District  
- Board Room  
221 Fairway Drive  
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Friday, December 9, 2011  
Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Tahoe Transportation District  
Granlibakken Conference  
Center  
725 Granlibakken Rd.  
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Wednesday, January 11, 2012  
Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

TRPA Advisory Planning  
Commission (APC)  
Tahoe Regional Planning  
Agency - Board Room  
128 Market Street  
Stateline, NV 89449

The TRPA APC and TTD meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. while the NTRAC meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.; however, the scoping agenda item for the proposed project is not time certain. Please refer to the agendas posted at [www.trpa.org](http://www.trpa.org), [www.tahoetransportation.org](http://www.tahoetransportation.org), and [www.placer.ca.gov](http://www.placer.ca.gov) within one week of the meetings for updated information.

If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Alfred Knotts at TTD by mail, fax, or email at the address shown above.