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To the TRPA Governing Board:

We are property owners on Main Street, Kings Beach. We are writing about the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project (KBCCIP). We understand you are our public officials charged with the responsibility to make the decision on the future of Kings Beach. **We support the Placer County Department of Public Works and the Community Preferred Choice for three lanes with the traffic managed by roundabouts, now called the PREFERRED HYBRID ALTERNATIVE.**

Now the time has come for you, the "deciders", to lead us forward. The decision made in this process will revitalize Kings Beach and contribute to the economic well being of the entire North Shore. It will move us forward to seek a new prosperity for our businesses, for our residents and for our visitors.

The KBCCIP has three goals:

- **Improve Water Quality**
- **Improve Pedestrian and Bicyclist mobility**
- **And Improve the Aesthetics of the Commercial Core**

The realization of those goals is desperately needed in Kings Beach. In Kings Beach we have learned that we have a significant opportunity to reduce the amount of fine sediment particles that threaten Lake clarity. **If we reduce the width of the road, there will be a need for less sand in the winter months. This would then reduce the amount of sand that enters the lake as "re-entrained fugitive dust in the immediate project vicinity."** (Draft EIS, pg. 3.1-23). It should also be noted that the reducing the speed of the vehicles through Kings Beach (an obvious safety by-product of the three lane alternatives) will also reduce the amount of the same roadway dust because **"lower amount of re-entrained roadway dust are associated with lower speeds."** (Draft EIS, pg. 3.1-23). **It is the width of the road, not the number of vehicles that impair Lake clarity.**

For property owners, for business owners, for residents and for visitors, Lake clarity is crucial to our success as a community.

In the short span of 1.1 miles, our current four lane configuration with no sidewalks and no defined bike lanes have proven fatal too many times in the past few years. In the last 10 years there have been almost 300 accidents, resulting in 2 deaths and 122 injuries and a total of 210 vehicles damaged. And those are just the collisions reported.

We have seen far too many people injured and killed in Kings Beach trying to cross four lanes of fast-moving traffic. Frequently when pedestrians use our crosswalks, one lane stops, only to have a vehicle in the next lane continue on, narrowly missing the pedestrian. Close calls are frequent; and we believe the preferred alternative will greatly improve the situation.

The three lane alternatives manage our automobile traffic with roundabouts. Over the decade long process, and in our neighboring community of Truckee, we have learned that roundabouts decrease the opportunities for life threatening contact between pedestrians and vehicles, and between competing vehicles, making pedestrian crossing safer. We are lucky in

Kings Beach to enjoy a relatively level environment and we need to enhance the opportunity for our residents and visitors to combine exercise and utility with safe bike lanes.

We have learned that crosswalks do not have to be located at intersections. They can be installed mid-block; locations where pedestrians naturally tend to cross. **The preferred alternative will significantly improve safety for all pedestrians and become a model for a handicapped accessible and handicapped friendly community.**

A side benefit of the preferred alternative will be noise levels that are closer to the required environmental thresholds. Cars traveling at slower speeds make less noise, making a friendlier neighborhood and a nicer downtown environment.

For property owners, for business owners, for residents and for visitors, public safety must be a top priority.

The third goal of the KBCCIP is to improve the aesthetics of Kings Beach. Your decision will help us revitalize our community. During recent community meetings on "Liveable, Walkable Communities" we learned the current trend of commercial redevelopment is to de-emphasize the "strip center-parking in front" model creating "complete streets". Now visitors and residents prefer a community where one can park and walk to several destinations all within a short distance. We only have to look to the improvements at Northstar and Squaw Valley to see those developments have created vibrant walkable communities with lively and sustainable economies. Kings Beach deserves the same opportunity.

Kings Beach has enticed the interest of several developers. Some of these developers are signatories on this letter, some are local, some are from other parts of Placer County and some from farther away. But they all share a desire to see Kings Beach a showcase for Lake Tahoe. We must honor their commitment to our community with a newly revitalized Kings Beach. **We can't afford to wait, the time is now, the future of Kings Beach hangs in the balance.**

Sales tax revenues and sales in general have declined in Kings Beach for years, and we believe this decline can be attributed to our current 4 lane highway. Kings Beach has not kept up with the redevelopment occurring at Squaw Valley, Northstar, Tahoe City, or Truckee. All of these towns/destinations have improved their pedestrian experiences. All have seen an improvement in their infrastructure, business mix, business climate, and bottom lines. In other words, Kings Beach is losing to these other communities because of the existing amenities

For property owners, for business owners, for residents and for visitors, the community aesthetics and economic revitalization of Kings Beach is long overdue.

Time is of the essence. This project has been ongoing for over 10 years. The County and the other regulatory agencies have listened every step of the way and have incorporated ideas that came from our community. **Over and over again, a majority of Kings Beach residents and businesses have expressed a clear preference for the current recommendation by Placer County Department of Public Works (Placer DPW).** Placer DPW has made their recommendation of a 3 lane hybrid alternative after years of public comment, community engagement, and listening. **They, along with the community are the experts.**

The outreach and community input for the Kings Beach Core Improvement Project has been unprecedented. The enclosed timeline illustrates the financial and human resource commitments to the process, completed community planning meetings and the public outreach meetings surrounding the project from inception through the planned certification of the EIR and on to Project Design.

- Placer County should be commended for its commitment to the project and the community. Many residents and business owners are thankful for the opportunity to have participated.
- The Sierra Business Council Workshops of May 2007 were attended by over 600 local residents, seasonal residents and visitors to Lake Tahoe. A clear preference for the three lane alternatives was the outcome and should be adopted by the partners.
- The NTBA adopted the Main Street program as a methodology to revitalize the commercial core. The NTBA/Main Street program facilitated many of the public meetings. Staff, committee members and board members have attended numerous public outreach and planning meetings.
- Hundreds of meetings and thousands of volunteer hours have been invested in the planning process over the last seven years.
- TRPA sponsored and managed the Placed Based Planning process that was the largest public outreach effort in Basin history. Consistently, Kings Beach received overwhelming feedback confirming the need for revitalization.

The process has been open, transparent, informed, interactive and inclusive.

All stakeholders (Cal Trans, Federal Highways, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, Placer County, the TPRA, the California Tahoe Conservancy, the NTPUD, the TNTTMA, the NLTRA, the NTBA, the NTFPD, the Kings Beach Citizens Action Committee and dozens of interested non-governmental organizations and hundreds citizens and seasonal residents and visitors) should be proud of the participation and cooperation of the parties to reach a consensus on the project. **The “deciders” should be confident in the process and confirm the results of that process with an appropriate decision.**

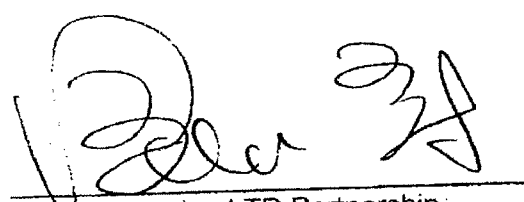
We cannot prevent change, and we cannot afford to ignore its inevitability. ***We implore you to support the preferred alternative***, as recommended by Placer County DPW, the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission and the Kings Beach Community

Sincerely,

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Jeanne Mcnamara

From: Jill Miller
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2008 10:12 AM
To: Jeanne Mcnamara
Subject: FW: 3 vs. 4 lanes of State Rte 28 in Kings Beach

Regards,

Jill Miller

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

775) 588 - 4547 Ext. 271

From: Kathleen Uskert [mailto:kathleenuskert@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 6:30 PM
To: Jill Miller
Subject: 3 vs. 4 lanes of State Rte 28 in Kings Beach

My name is Kathleen Uskert and I live in Tahoe Vista, CA. I will be out of town on the day of the meeting concerning State Rte 28 through Kings Beach. I would like to go on record in support of **four** lanes through town.

I believe there will be too much traffic in the residential areas with drivers trying to avoid the main street. This will be dangerous for those that live and walk through those neighborhoods. AND, I firmly believe that the issue of pedestrian traffic is not being dealt with correctly.

I believe stop lights will give pedestrians and drivers more equitable treatment. Groups of pedestrians will cross at once, rather than trickling across the street uncontrolled. Traffic will be stopped for indeterminable lengths of time while pedestrians cross if there are no traffic lights. This seems like an unacceptable option to me, as it will lead to more backup of cars, not less, and frustrate drivers. This will not be a positive outcome.

Please vote for the four lane option through Kings Beach. Thank you.

Kathleen Uskert

Dennis Oliver

From: Robert Cathey [bobcat@kingsbeachrentals.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2008 9:49 AM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, I totally support a three lane alternative and reject a four lane option.

The character, safety and livability of Kings Beach needs to be improved and preserved with wider side walks and SLOWER traffic. Racing through a passing lane in our business district should not be an option.

We should be putting our highest efforts toward safe pedestrian and bicycle paths, and reducing the speed of cross town traffic.

I support the League to Save Lake Tahoe in their opinion that a three lane option is better for Water Quality, Air Quality, Scenic Beauty and Construction Schedule.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration,
- Robert Cathey

Robert Cathey
1319 Jester Court
Kings Beach, CA 96143

Dennis Oliver

From: Elizabeth Mangini [bethmangini@excite.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 3:11 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, As a homeowner in the North Lake Tahoe area (Carnelian Bay) I support the three-lane proposal for Kings Beach that is supported by the League to Save Lake Tahoe. Please take the League's careful arguments into consideration in order to find the best balance between recreation and conservation.

Elizabeth Mangini
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San Francisco, CA 94121

Dennis Oliver

From: Janice Boyd [theboyds@gbis.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 3:33 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, I am definitely in support of the plan to make the highway through Kings Beach a two lane (with center turn lane) and proposed roundabouts. I think it will help slow traffic down through that area, since so many people tend to drive faster than the speed limit of 30 mph. It will also add to the quaintness of the area and possibly promote more foot traffic.

Sincerely,

Janice Boyd

Janice Boyd
850 Montana Drive
Reno, NV 89503

Dennis Oliver

From: chuck daggs [daggs@wellsfargo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 2:56 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, i support the proposed three -lane roadway for its water and air quality benefits.

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Dennis Oliver

From: Rob Morrison [robwmorrison@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 2:25 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, Here is one more vote FOR the proposed changes and increased pedestrian walkways.

Rob Morrison
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Tahoe City, CA 96145

Dennis Oliver

From: David Moss [davemoss23@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 2:27 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, I support the plan that is endorsed by the League To Save Lake Tahoe. Please, let's aggressively preserve the beauty of Tahoe by reducing the effects of traffic through Kings Beach.

Thank you,

Dave Moss

David Moss
2905 Santa Claus Dr.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Dennis Oliver

From: Sandra Reeves [snjreeves@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 2:49 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, Please support the proposed three-lane roadway for Kings Beach with its water and air quality benefits. Three lanes will reduce dependence on cars by providing safe roadways for walkers and cyclists. Let's create a walkable community center in Kings Beach!

Thank you!

Sandra Reeves
275 Robie Dr.
Auburn, CA 95603

Dennis Oliver

From: Chris Adams [cadams@cbre.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 11:52 AM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, I am writing to express my support for the proposed three lane hybrid road solution for Kings Beach.

very truly yours,

Chris Adams

Chris Adams
6340 Pinehaven Road
Oakland, CA 94611

Dennis Oliver

From: Lynette Kuzmich [mattlynnette@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 1:54 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, As a former resident and regular visitor I urge you to procede with caution concerning development on and around Lake Tahoe.

Lynette Kuzmich
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To: Review Committee

From: W.E. Paton

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Re: 530-546-4404

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• Comments:

As a Kings Beach property owner, I am responding to the notice of the Public meeting for proposals to improve downtown roadway configurations. I strongly support Alternative #3 as being the most logical & overall practical choice - i.e.; NO roundabouts, etc. Suggest sidewalks could be reduced by 1 foot to be added to lanes if needed.

Alternative 3. Consists of four-lane cross-section and on-street parking along both sides of SR 28, with traffic signals at SR 267, Bear Street, and Coon Street. Left turn lanes would be provided on SR 28 at SR 267, Bear Street, Fox Street, Coon Street, and Chipmunk Street. A 1.5-meter (4.9-foot) bicycle lane and a sidewalk with a minimum 1.7-meter (5.6-foot) width would be provided in both directions.

Walter Paton

Dennis Oliver

From: Robert Ferguson [bobfdds@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 8:14 AM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members,
Leave it as it is!! 3 lanes will cause traffic backups like you have never seen.
It will greatly add to the confusion of getting into the businesses and getting thru the
commercial area. So many use KB to get to Incline, you should be considering 6 lanes to
avoid the back up and air pollution !!

Robert Ferguson
Bristol Circle
Kings Beach, CA 96143

Dennis Oliver

From: Carrie Johanson [cfjohanson@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2008 5:11 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, I support the environmentally superior three lane "hybrid" alternative.

Carrie Johanson
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Holladay, UT 84117

Dennis Oliver

From: Kent S. Burningham [ksburningham@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2008 12:51 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, Please contribute to the long term health of beautiful Lake Tahoe by adopting the hybrid, three-lane traffic development plan for the Kings Beach Commercial Core.

Road run off is a killer for lake clarity.

In coming years fewer visitors and residents will be using motorized vehicles for routine neighborhood errands. Bicycles and foot travel will be more important.

If you pave more lanes, the cars will come. I am sure that you do not want to create a congested mess of a parking lot, like Route 50 in downtown South Lake Tahoe. Kings Beach should be place that persons will visit to stay, not a doormat on which to drive to get to somewhere else.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kent S. Burningham

PS: My family of fourteen spends two weeks in the Tahoe Basin each summer. We rely on your wise stewardship to maintain it as a worthy destination for our grand and great-grand children.

Kent S. Burningham
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Dennis Oliver

From: Carolyn Pretzer [cepsc@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2008 9:38 AM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, The time has come to endorse and move forward with the "Community Preferred Hybrid Alternative" three lane plan for hwy 28 in Kings Beach. As a retired Tahoe Vista resident who walks to Kings Beach to volunteer year-round, I would rather there were 2 lanes all along the highway (as appropriately there are around most of the lake)! Science is showing that vehicles on the roads are a detriment to lake clarity. Highway 28 is very close to the lake in Kings Beach making the water/storm drainage aspects of this project very important. The lake is the reason we are here. NOT TO MAKE MONEY. Please join the majority of residents and the scientists (knowing you can never please all) and accept the proposal brought forth by the Placer Co. planning department for the KKCCIP 3-lane Alternative Hybrid Plan. THANK YOU

Carolyn Pretzer
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Tahoe Vista, CA 96148

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Dennis Oliver

From: Barbara McBroom [tbmcbroom@cpmcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2008 8:39 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, As a regular year-round visitor to Kings Beach over the last 30 years, I support the 3-lane roadway option. It appears to present the advantage for water and air quality as well as aesthetics.

Barbara McBroom
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Stockton, CA 95203

Dennis Oliver

From: Kim Vail [vail@ntfire.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2008 3:15 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, I am in support of roundabouts, wider sidewalks and three lanes through the core of Kings Beach. Having lived in Davis, a roundabout ridden community, I know how well this system can work for both vehicles and bikes. The plan is also esthetically pleasing and may provide the face lift that Kings Beach needs to be re-vitalized.

Thanks for listening to my comments,
Kim Vail

Kim Vail
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Kings Beach, CA 96143-0508

Dennis Oliver

From: Val Kelly [valnbuff@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2008 7:34 AM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, I support the three lane suggestion to improve safety and slow traffic.

Val Kelly
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Truckee, CA 96160

Dennis Oliver

From: Megan and Jack Chillemi [megan@chillemi.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 5:39 PM
To: Dennis Oliver
Subject: Kings Beach Commercial Core comments

Dear Supervisors and Governing Board members, The three-lane hybrid alternative will benefit our Kings Beach community in many ways, as well as protect our greatest resource -- Lake Tahoe. Please support the majority of Kings Beach residents in passing this proposal and putting us "on the road" for a better and more prosperous Kings Beach.

Sincerely,
Megan and Jack Chillemi

Have paid property taxes on the North Shore since 1969; Married in Incline Village August, 1968; feel very privileged to be full-time residents here since our retirement

Megan and Jack Chillemi
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