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General Information About This Document

The Federal Highway Administration, California Division (FHWA-CA), FHWA Nevada Division (FHWA-NV), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Tahoe Transportation District (TTD), and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) have jointly prepared this Final 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). TTD is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). TRPA is the lead agency pursuant to the TRPA Compact, Lake Tahoe Regional Plan, and Code of Ordinances.

This Final EIR/EIS/EIS has been prepared in the condensed format according to the guidance provided by the FHWA Technical Advisory, T 6640.8A. This condensed format approach avoids repetition of material from the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS by incorporating that draft environmental document by reference. This condensed format parallels the organization of the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS. Each major chapter of this Final EIR/EIS/EIS briefly summarizes the important information contained in the corresponding section of the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS and discusses any changes that originated either from responses to comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS or modifications initiated by TTD, TRPA, or FHWA staff that occurred after circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS/EIS for public review.

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. The Draft EIR/EIS/EIS was circulated to the public for 75 days between April 24, 2017 and July 7, 2017. Comments received during this period are included in Appendix O of this Final EIR/EIS/EIS. Additional copies of this document and the related technical studies are available for review at the following locations.

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The document may be downloaded at the following website links: www.trpa.org/document/projects-plans/ and www.tahoetransportation.org/us50.

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Realign US 50 in the Stateline tourist core 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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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.

¹ FHWA is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with both the California and Nevada divisions working in cooperation with Caltrans and NDOT.
² Caltrans is a responsible agency under CEQA.