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**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDED FOR
SR 89/FANNY BRIDGE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

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(Tahoe City Calif., Oct. 3, 2016) – The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) is pleased to announce on behalf of its agency partners that Martin Brothers Construction has been awarded the construction contract in the amount of \$30.1 million for the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization and Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail Projects. Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) is the lead agency for construction, which is scheduled to begin fall 2016 and be completed summer 2018.

In 2015, environmental documents for the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project were certified, and a preferred alternative was selected. Over several years, the TTD worked collaboratively with Tahoe City residents, agencies and organizations along with business and property owners/managers receiving extensive input to help create a final project design.

“We are glad to be moving forward with the selection of Martin Brothers to construct a project that will truly enhance the Tahoe City community. The TTD is extremely grateful for the time and commitment agency partners and the Tahoe City community spent to produce a final project design that the community can be proud of,” said Carl Hasty, district manager of the Tahoe Transportation District. “Caltrans, Placer County, Tahoe City Public Utility District, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, US Forest Service, and CFLHD all deserve a lot of credit for coming together to craft a project design that addresses the needs of the local community, agency management objectives, and regional environmental goals.”

Project benefits include the improvement of pedestrian and cyclist safety in and around what is now called the Tahoe City “Wye”, where SR 89 meets SR 28; the replacement of the aging 88 year-old

Fanny Bridge to have the same rail design as the old bridge; an upgrade to the existing 40 plus year-old sewer pipe line from Tahoe City to Truckee, the implementation of new sidewalks, street lamps and aesthetic treatments, and the inclusion of an additional egress and ingress from Tahoe City's West Shore with the construction of a new bridge over the Truckee River, east of the existing Caltrans Yard on SR 89 heading into Tahoe City from Truckee.

“When dealing with an emergency, every minute counts to save a life or property. Having more than one means to access and egress an area is much more preferable than a single source,” said North Tahoe Fire Chief, Mike Schwartz. “With just the one existing highway crossing for years over the Truckee River on Fanny Bridge, emergency access to the West Shore has long been a Fire District concern.”

The SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project represents a critical contribution to the region's future by adding an additional egress/ingress to and from Tahoe City's west shore; alleviating traffic congestion aiding in having public transit run on schedule; improving pedestrian and cyclists' safety making people feel comfortable to park their cars and walk; implementing environmental improvements, and contributing to the city's overall economic vitality and safety.

Once the project is completed, the stretch of road starting on the north side of Fanny Bridge extending to the new roundabout on West Lake Boulevard will become a Placer County maintained road. As a local road, the 25 mph speed zone will be suitable for walking, biking, jogging and simply relaxing. Another benefit to a local road is that it can be closed for various events such as street fairs, farmers' markets and performing arts.

Long-term environmental benefits include a reduction in air pollution from idling vehicles due to traffic back-ups, primarily along West Lake Boulevard traveling north toward Tahoe City. One of the project's main goals is to alleviate traffic back-ups. In addition, the project area will experience less sediment run-off from upgraded storm water treatment included in project plans.

“We know that 70 percent of the particulates impacting Lake Tahoe's water clarity originate from the existing transportation system and land development. This project will aid in getting people out of their cars to recreate in safe areas and to ease traffic back-ups,” added Hasty.

The contract award includes **Placer County's Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail Project**, which works together with the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project to connect pedestrian and bicycle trails. The trail project proposes to construct 2.2 miles of new shared-use trail along the north shore of Lake Tahoe near State Route 28 between Dollar Hill and Tahoe Vista. The project will include a shared-use trail, a bridge over Dollar Creek, a marked pedestrian crossing at SR 28 and Dollar Drive, and a neighborhood connector at County Club Drive. The Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail runs from the Dollar Hill area northeast to Fulton Crescent Drive.

“With these improved trail systems from both projects, we plan to see more people getting out of their cars and walking or biking. The area in and around the Tahoe City Wye will be much safer with the improvements being made by both projects,” noted Hasty.

When the SR89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project was selected into the Federal Lands Access Program, the Project Delivery Team, comprised of representatives from the TTD, Placer County, CFLHD, Caltrans, United States Forest Service, the Tahoe City Public Utility District and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, worked to keep project costs within available funding, while enhancing the scope and reducing environmental impacts. The project includes a

number of federal Every Day Counts Initiative improvements related to road improvement design and landscaping.

Both the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project and Placer County's Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project, the two largest town center capital road improvement projects in the Tahoe Basin to date, represent a commitment to environmental stewardship, beautification, transportation and pedestrian/cyclist safety.

Martin Brothers Construction (MBC) with offices in both Sacramento and San Diego was founded in 1996 by Tranquilino and Felipe Martin in Elk Grove, Calif. Martin Brothers is an 8(a) and DBE certified contractor that serves many major commercial, industrial and residential developments as well as local, private, county, state and federal contracting agencies. The company performs a broad spectrum of project types (civil, vertical, utilities), always staying true to its company vision of pride, quality and a commitment to excellence.

The Tahoe Transportation District has been the lead agency for the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project for seven years, and it will continue to see it through to completion.

For the latest project updates visit www.FannyBridge.org, or contact Margaret Skillicorn at suggestions@FannyBridge.org, 530.550.7578.

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The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) is responsible for the implementation and management of transportation projects and programs in the Tahoe Basin. The organization has facilitated many area safety infrastructure projects, including bicycle paths, roadway improvements, pedestrian thoroughfares, water quality and water shed improvements and public transit solutions.

The TTD Board is comprised of a representative from Washoe, Douglas, and Carson City counties in Nevada and El Dorado and Placer Counties in California; a representative from the City of South Lake Tahoe; a representative from the South Shore Transportation Management Association; a representative from Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Association; an At-Large member, and Ex Officio members from Nevada and California Departments of Transportation.