

SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project

Fourth in a Series of “Know the Answers to the Most Commonly Asked Questions”

The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD), responsible for the implementation and management of transportation projects and programs in the Tahoe Basin, strives to continuously give accurate and up to date information to the Tahoe City/North Lake Tahoe Communities about the proposed State Route 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project.

The primary needs for the proposed project relate to the current traffic congestion and unacceptable multi-modal safety and travel conditions at and around the Fanny Bridge and SR 89/28 “Wye” intersection.

The project intends to improve the safety of vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist mobility at the Tahoe City “Wye”; increase emergency access and egress; resolve structural integrity of 86-year-old Fanny Bridge; assist in alleviating traffic back-ups and create a vibrant commercial area.

In August 2011, March 2012 and January 2014, the TTD published in local newspapers its first, second and third in a series of Commonly Asked Questions documents. Here is the fourth in the series.

Who are the lead agencies for the project?

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead federal agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) is the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Caltrans and Placer County are responsible agencies under CEQA and are required to take discretionary action to approve the Project, and the United States Forest Service (USFS) is a Federal Cooperating Agency under NEPA; the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is the responsible agency for TRPA Project Approval.

We understand that the project will be primarily funded by the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). What will be the role of the Central Federal Lands Highway Division/FHWA?

Tahoe Transportation District signed an agreement with CFLHD to receive FLAP funding. The agreement acknowledges that the CFLHD joins the project’s Project Delivery Team and brings considerable engineering experience and expertise to the PDT to further enhance the Project design to develop the safest, most cost-effective project for community review. They will also be responsible for delivering the construction of the project once approved.

Are there still six alternatives being reviewed?

Yes. There are six alternatives currently being reviewed with the inclusion of options along with no action/no build alternative. Alternatives are online at www.tahoetransportation.org.

How can I review the Economic Analysis and/or any other documents?

The economic analysis along with other project documents (i.e. Statement of Need and Purpose, Project Study Report) are located online at www.tahoetransportation.org.

If I don’t read the local papers, attend public meetings or use email, how can I stay correctly informed about the project?

Anytime, the public can contact Community Outreach Specialist, Margaret Skillicorn, at suggestions@fannybridge.org; office: 530.550.7578 or mobile: 775.846.2381.

The TTD website archives important project documents (i.e. economic analysis, project alternatives).

Is there an updated project timeline?

Yes. This is the most recent project timeline as of October 2014:

November 2013

Finalized Economic Analysis

Fall/Winter 2013-14

Held Community Review Committee meetings

December 2014

Environmental document to be published for public review

February 2015

Project Approval Hearings scheduled for lead agencies

February 2015

Environmental Document to be certified

Should a preferred alternative be selected and approved, then:

October 2015

Complete design

January 2016

Bid project for construction

May 2016

Begin Construction



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