

Incline Gateway

2012 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



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Concept: Residents of Incline Village

Construction: Nevada Department of Transportation

In-Basin Facilitation: Tahoe Transportation District

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It took a village to envision the Incline Gateway at the intersection of State Routes 28 (Tahoe Blvd.) and 431 (Mt. Rose Hwy.). Brainchild of area residents, the roundabout promotes safety, helps protect Lake Tahoe's water clarity and air quality, and celebrates local public art.

Community Concept

Incline Villagers identified the intersection's problems at a 2007 community visioning meeting. Initially, a roundabout was one of the proposed concepts. Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) Outreach Specialist, Lee Weber-Koch and members of the residents' Incline Gateway Committee met with local associations to share ideas and gather feedback. After analysis, including research on successful implementations, the roundabout design was selected as the preferred solution.

Public and Private Partnership

With the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) facilitating and the Incline Gateway Committee advocating, the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) responded to the community's needs, becoming the managing partner for design and construction.

In addition to NDOT and the TTD, government agencies partnering in the \$2.4 million project included the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Incline Village General Improvement District and Washoe County.

The Incline Gateway Committee, with TTD Outreach support, spearheaded the aesthetic component. Artists were invited to submit ideas for the roundabout center. At Outreach workshops, residents selected a wildlife theme and renowned sculptor June Towill Brown, who donated her time to the project. Local residents have also donated over \$100,000 for the artwork's materials, maintenance and insurance to a project fund administered by the Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation.

Goals and Benefits

The main goals of the Incline Gateway were to reduce the frequency and severity of traffic accidents and prevent congestion and side-street traffic overflow. Both will minimize the number of idling vehicles and resulting emissions and noise pollution. Smoother traffic flow will also help lessen roadway deterioration and erosion/runoff, protecting the lake's clarity. Two erosion control projects were completed in conjunction with the roundabout.

As an added benefit, the art installation, featuring life-size bronze wildlife sculptures, provides an aesthetically appealing Incline Village-Crystal Bay entrance to the Basin.

In-Basin Facilitator

In 1968, California and Nevada legislators drafted an agreement for sharing Lake Tahoe resources and responsibilities. This unique Compact, ratified by the U.S. Congress and approved by the President, included establishing the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD).

The TTD is tasked with facilitating/developing multi-modal Tahoe Basin transit, which lowers the percentage of transportation system-related particulates – 70% – that impact lake clarity. With the cooperation of local residents, the District promotes safe, environmentally positive solutions like the Incline Gateway.