



Tahoe Transportation DISTRICT

SIX NEW BUS SHELTERS INSTALLED ALONG HIGHWAY 50 IN LAKE TAHOE

California transit shelter project – phase 2 complete; 14 shelters constructed since 2010 with plans for more

Oct. 30, 2013 (*South Lake Tahoe, Calif.*) – Tahoe Transportation District, operator of South Shore Transit System, recently installed six new bus shelters along Highway 50 through South Tahoe providing bike racks, bear-safe trash cans, seating, and weather protection for riders. The new shelters complete Phase 2 of the California Transit Shelter Project.

The structures are located on Highway 50 in front of the South Tahoe Middle School, Visitors Center, El Dorado County Library, El Dorado Center, corner of Ski Run and Highway 50, and adjacent to El Dorado Beach/Lakeview Commons.

“This is part of the overall Lake Tahoe Basin transportation strategy to reduce dependency on the private automobile through integration of mass transit with walking, hiking and biking trails,” said Carl Hasty, district manager of the Tahoe Transportation District. “We are making great progress installing shelters as funding becomes available and saw an ideal opportunity to complement the recently completed Caltrans Water Quality Project this summer.”

Additional structures along Pioneer Trail are scheduled for installation prior to the winter season. The sites selected consist of existing stop locations recently enhanced as part of the City of South Lake Tahoe’s completed Pioneer Trail Pedestrian Improvement Project. Future locations will be dependent on available right of way, ridership demand, and in coordination with planned and future public and private construction projects.

Two of the new shelters are constructed of pre-fabricated aluminum frames and glass that match existing shelters on the South Shore while the remaining four are a new design and constructed of redwood timber and glass.

“We have always sought to develop a shelter design that is more reflective of Tahoe’s alpine setting while taking into account safety, visibility, aesthetics, maintenance, site constraints, and costs associated with construction and maintenance,” said Alfred Knotts, project manager. “We also included the installation of bike racks at these

locations given many commuters bike to stops to only find the racks on the bus full.”

Each is wired for future installation of real-time passenger information technology to alert riders of the estimated arrival of the next bus. The structures were designed by TTD staff and Wood Rodgers, while construction was completed by Thomas Haen Company, of South Lake Tahoe. The total construction cost of the six units was approximately \$212,000 including materials, labor, site work and installation.

Since assuming overall management of South Lake Tahoe transit in 2010, Tahoe Transportation District has increased ridership and fare box revenue while realizing efficiencies through adjusted hours of operation and revised routes to meet rider needs.

One of TTD’s primary goals is to reduce emissions and runoff into the Lake. A recent study showed that 70 percent of the pollutants impacting Lake Tahoe’s clarity come from transportation system and developed area run-off. TTD is a bi-state organization responsible for the implementation and management of transportation and transit projects and programs in the Tahoe Basin area.

For information about Tahoe Transportation District and various projects, visit www.TahoeTransportation.org or call 775-589-5500.

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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 watershed improvements and public transit solutions.