



Tahoe Transportation DISTRICT

NEVADA STATE ROUTE 28 PROJECTS ADDED TO SHORT LIST FOR \$25 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING

*Tahoe Transportation District leads unprecedented 13 agency collaboration
in highlighting corridor needs and vision for solutions*

Oct. 24, 2013 (Incline Village, NV) – The Tahoe Transportation District recently received notification that proposed projects along Lake Tahoe's East Shore state Route 28 recreational corridor are finalists for funding by the Federal Lands Access Program. FLAP could award \$25 million, with a direct match by state and local funds, to the projects represented in the SR 28 Corridor Management Plan and the decision will be announced in December.

The combined \$50 million would allow multiple projects to be developed at the same time, addressing safety, environmental and recreational access challenges of this section of the federally designated "state Route 28 Scenic Byway." The CMP's proposed actions include an expanded East Shore Express transit service, emergency/slow vehicle pullouts, new viewpoints, and relocation of shoulder-parking to off-highway areas, all connected by 11 miles of biking/walking paths.

The new path, branded as "America's Most Beautiful Bikeway," will be separated from the highway. The plan also proposes combining excavation for an eight-mile section of the bikeway and an Incline Village General Improvement District effluent export pipeline, which will benefit both the project and the local community.

FLAP recognizes state and local efforts to improve transportation facilities near federal lands. The program supports public roads, transit systems and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators.

The FLAP application originated with one of the TTD's partners in this groundbreaking joint effort, the Nevada Department of Transportation. Other partners include the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Forest Service, Nevada Division of State Parks, State of Nevada Division of State Lands, Carson City Regional Transportation Commission, Nevada Highway Patrol, County of Douglas, County of Washoe, IVGID and Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

Carl Hasty, TTD district manager, commented, "A safer, pedestrian-friendly SR 28 corridor with transportation

choices can only be achieved by agencies working together. This is also the beginning of a new era in regional transportation planning and implementation, reinforcing the themes of economic revitalization and connectivity from the recent Lake Tahoe Summit."

In a related announcement, the TTD is acquiring funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program for one of the SR 28 projects, the new Hidden Beach Overlook (Rocky Point) parking area. TAP, a Federal Highway Administration program, is administered by NDOT.

The TTD continues to involve the communities in the SR 28 corridor projects' plans and progress. Public input is currently being solicited with a brief questionnaire at www.Americasmostbeautifuldrive.org.

For details pertaining to the Tahoe Transportation District and its current projects, visit www.TahoeTransportation.org or call 775-589-5500. Comments and contact information can also be directed to Derek Kirkland, Project Manager, at dkirkland@tahoetransportation.org or 775.589.5504.

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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.