



TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT'S SR89/FANNY BRIDGE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT MAKES SHORT LIST FOR FUNDING THROUGH FLAP GRANT

Aug. 1, 2013 (*Tahoe City, Calif.*) – Tahoe Transportation District recently received confirmation that it has one of a few select projects throughout California to make the short list for funding from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). If awarded, the multi-million dollar grant would support the construction of TTD's SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project and will be granted in October 2013 (<http://www.tahoetransportation.org>).

Tahoe Transportation District, a bi-state organization responsible for the implementation and management of transportation projects and programs in the Tahoe Basin, will continue to coordinate with local, state, and federal partners to secure remaining funds for the project.

The FLAP Grant awards financing to projects that improve transportation facilities located within, provides access to, or is adjacent to Federal lands. The program supports State and local efforts related to public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators.

“We’re very pleased to see the recognition and interest this project has received as it is a prime example of what the funding program is trying to accomplish,” said Carl Hasty, district manager, Tahoe Transportation District. “While this Project is still in the environmental analysis phase, we’re constantly researching and applying for additional funding resources to deliver high value projects that enhance our communities and the Lake Tahoe environment. Our program is a collaborative effort between private partners and public agencies.”

The SR89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project plans to reconstruct the historic 84 year-old structurally deficient Fanny Bridge. The project will also aid in alleviating present and future travel back-ups in and around the “Wye,” Tahoe City’s main artery for visitors to travel in and out of town, and to access various National Forests and State Parks along with private businesses including the world class ski and summer resorts, which Lake Tahoe is known for. Specifically, the project area includes State Route 89 into Tahoe City from the West Shore, the Truckee River Bridge and associated intersections and along State Route 89 entering into Tahoe City from Truckee and SR 28 from Kings Beach.

Other project goals include improving pedestrian, cyclist and driver safety; making public transportation more effective with long-term strategic connectivity, reliability and travel times; providing two viable emergency evacuation routes from the West Shore; and lessening environmental impacts by reducing vehicle emissions and improving storm water treatment.

“This grant gives us the opportunity to complete another project in the Tahoe Basin sooner than later, as many plans including this one have been discussed for years but weren’t completed due to lack of funding,” said Hasty. “The Incline round-about was completed last year in partnership with Nevada Department of Transportation, and we continue to receive positive public feedback about safety improvements, aesthetics, and traffic flow. We look forward to continuing that momentum into Tahoe City.”

Currently, the SR89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project is under environmental review, which involves collecting field data necessary to develop required environmental and technical studies. An estimated completion date for drafts of the Technical Environmental and Engineering Studies is fall 2013 with release of a draft environmental document in winter 2015. A preferred alternative has not been selected.

TTD is also working on a focused economic study with an estimated completion date of fall 2013. Depending on funding, construction could begin in 2016.

Other projects that TTD has completed or is currently guiding to provide region-wide connectivity throughout the Tahoe Basin include:

- The **East Shore Express**, a two-year pilot Park and Ride bus service from Incline Village to Sand Harbor Beach State Recreation Area, generated 12,155 rides between June 15 and Labor Day weekend summer 2012. TTD also partnered with the United States Forest Service, Nevada Division of State Parks, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Highway Patrol and Washoe County School District on the project.
- The **Incline Gateway**, the Tahoe Basin’s first roundabout at Mount Rose Highway where State Route 28 meets State Route 431, was officially completed and dedicated Oct. 17, 2012. The public/private partnership included cooperative efforts with the Nevada Department of Transportation, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Washoe County, Incline Village General Improvement District, Q&D Construction, and the Incline Gateway Committee, the public art organization that commissioned local artist June Towill Brown to create bronze replicas of native wildlife.
- The first mile of the **Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway Project** was completed in October 2012 extending from Kahle Drive to Elks Point Road at Stateline, NV, providing access to Nevada Beach. The next phase, from Elks Point Road to Round Hill Pines Beach, is scheduled for completion in October 2014. The Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway is a proposed 30+ mile segment along the east shore of the proposed America’s Most Beautiful Bikeway envisioned to circle the 72 miles of Lake Tahoe’s shoreline.

For details on Tahoe Transportation District and its current projects, visit www.TahoeTransportation.org or call (775) 589-5500.

For more detailed information on the SR89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project (i.e. the project alternatives, statement of needs and purpose, most frequently asked questions) visit Tahoe Transportation District: www.tahoetransportation.org. Specific questions, inquiries and suggestions can be emailed to Margaret Skillicorn, Community Outreach Specialist, at suggestions@fannybridge.org, or call 775.846.2381.

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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.