



## Tahoe Transportation DISTRICT

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### SR 89/FANNY BRIDGE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT APPROVED BY PLACER COUNTY BOARD

*Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Board vote remains for final approval of new bridge in Tahoe City*

**May 19, 2015 (TAHOE CITY, Calif.)** – The Placer County Board of Supervisors today approved the Tahoe Transportation District’s SR89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project ([www.TahoeTransportation.org](http://www.TahoeTransportation.org)), voting 4 -1 for action that would construct a new bridge and realign connecting roadways in Tahoe City.

Pending approval Wednesday, May 27 by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board – the remaining vote needed for implementation, the project would resolve long-term structural and safety issues for the 87-year-old bridge at the Northwest corner of Lake Tahoe.

A similar size to the existing structure, the new two-lane bridge would span the Truckee River with a realignment of state Route 89 and addition of a two-lane road east of the existing Caltrans yard to West Lake Boulevard. This alternative would include three roundabouts that would form a triangle – one at the “Wye” (intersection of state Route 89 and state Route 28) and one at either end of the new alignment.

The project was originally identified in 1992 in the TRPA’s Air Quality plan and adopted in its 1994 community plan, and included within the 1997 Environmental Improvement program.

The Placer County vote comes after four years of extensive public outreach by the Tahoe Transportation District among residents, businesses and agencies to gather opinions, ideas and concerns. The approval represents thorough vetting at more than 50 public, business and fraternal meetings and presentations.

“We’re almost there with a project that will address traffic, safety, environmental and aesthetic issues,” said Carl Hasty, district manager of the Tahoe Transportation District. “Substantial input and support from the public has helped guide this process and we look forward to completing a project that will benefit the entire community and Lake Tahoe.”

“I was most focused on the safety improvements that this project provides for residents and visitors on the west shore of Lake Tahoe,” said 5th District Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery. “This significantly improves access for emergency response and will provide an additional evacuation option for people who may need to get out quickly in the event of a fire or other catastrophe.”

The Advisory Planning Commission for TRPA also voted in April to recommend certification of the environmental analysis document with the preferred alternative that was approved by TTD Board and Placer County.

The existing section of SR 89 between Fanny Bridge and the eastern roundabout would be relinquished by the state to Placer County and redesigned as a local “complete street,” allowing through traffic to serve multiple travel modes: motor vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, transit. Design features including landscaped areas, raised landscaped median, on-street parking, sidewalks, street lighting, benches, etc.: would likely be installed within this section of roadway. As a locally controlled street with a contemporary, complete-street design, it could be temporarily closed for community events. The preferred alternative also allows for TTD staff to pursue further design of the roundabout in consultation with adjacent property owners.

Other community enhancements as the result of project implementation include two emergency egress and ingress points for west shore residents and the North Tahoe Fire District; enhanced motorized and non-motorized mobility, reduced traffic congestion, existing pedestrian and traffic safety issues, and revitalization efforts in Tahoe City. Addressing seasonal traffic congestion and pedestrian safety has been a major concern of TTD, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Caltrans, and Placer County, as well as residents and visitors.

In October 2013, the Tahoe Transportation District was awarded \$25.5 million in funds from the Federal Lands Access Program for the state Route 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project, Meeks Bay Bike Path and the Dollar Creek Shared Use Path.

Project participants include TTD, TRPA, Federal Highway Administration - Central Federal Lands Highway Division, Caltrans, Placer County, Tahoe City Public Utility District, Lahontan, Regional Water Quality Control Board, United States Forest Service/Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, California State Parks, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency.

For additional information, visit [www.FannyBridge.org](http://www.FannyBridge.org) or email Margaret Skillicorn, Community Outreach Specialist, at [suggestions@fannybridge.org](mailto:suggestions@fannybridge.org), or call (530) 550-7578.

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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 water shed improvements and public transit solutions.