



## **SR 89/FANNY BRIDGE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT RELEASED**

*Environmental Document available for public review and comment through Feb. 17*

**Dec. 22, 2014** (*STATELINE, Nev.*) – The Tahoe Transportation District, Federal Highway Administration, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency released the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project joint Environmental Documents on Friday, Dec. 19 for public comment including detailed reports on the six alternatives being evaluated. The public has 60 days to offer input on the Environment Impact Report, Environmental Statement, and Environmental Assessment at [www.TahoeTransportation.org](http://www.TahoeTransportation.org).

The primary needs for the proposed project relate to the current traffic congestion and unacceptable safety and travel conditions at and around the Truckee River Bridge (i.e., Fanny Bridge) and state Route 89/28 “Wye” intersection. The project intends to increase emergency access and egress to the West Shore, improve the safety of vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist mobility at Tahoe City, address the long-term structural integrity of 86-year-old Fanny Bridge through its rehabilitation or replacement, assist in alleviating traffic back-ups and create a vibrant and walkable commercial area.

Six project “action/build” alternatives are proposed, with four including repair/replacement of the existing bridge and a new bridge over the Truckee River.

Two others would maintain the current alignment of state Route 89, while modifying the “Wye” intersection. There is also a no-build option.

Community members, business and property owners, as well as visitors to the area can submit comments on the document until Feb. 17, 2015 at 5 p.m. Each public comment will be addressed and/or considered when determining the preferred project alternative that best meets the purpose and needs, overall goals and objectives. Hard copies of the joint Draft EIR/EIS/EA are available at Tahoe Regional Planning Agency offices in Stateline, Nev., TTD’s office (adjacent to TRPA), Tahoe City Public Utility District, Tahoe City Public Library, and online at [www.TahoeTransportation.org](http://www.TahoeTransportation.org) and [www.TRPA.org](http://www.TRPA.org). (California State Clearinghouse #2011122013, TRPA Project File # EIPC2014-0017).

Oral comments can be made at the following “Public Hearings”:

- January 14, 2015 – TRPA Advisory Planning Commission

- January 23, 2015 – TTD Board of Directors
- January 28, 2015 – TRPA Governing Board

For specific locations, please visit: [FannyBridge.org](http://FannyBridge.org).

- Email: [suggestions@fannybridge.org](mailto:suggestions@fannybridge.org)
- Mailing Address: PO BOX 499 Zephyr Cove, NV 89448
- Call: (775) 589-5500

Since January 2011, the TTD has prepared and hosted over 25 public meetings, has met individually with numerous community members, business and property owners and interested constituents to receive feedback and address concerns. In addition, TTD has run informational ads in local newspapers and responded via email and phone to all public inquiries. TTD has also distributed project notices and updates to various local organizations to assist with informing the community via Facebook and newsletters (i.e., NLTRA, TCDA) an independent economic study was conducted and can be viewed at [FannyBridge.org](http://FannyBridge.org).

The Federal Highway Administration is the lead federal agency for the National Environmental Policy Act; Tahoe Transportation District is the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act; Caltrans and Placer County are responsible agencies under California Environmental Quality Act and are required to take discretionary action to approve the Project, and the United States Forest Service is a Federal Cooperating Agency under National Environmental Policy Act; the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is the responsible agency for TRPA Project Approval.

Following circulation of the Environmental Document and review of all public comments, the lead agencies will consider the project for approval. If approved, the design is scheduled to be completed in September 2015. Upon completion of final design the project would go to bid for construction, which is tentatively scheduled for May 2016.

Tahoe Transportation District is responsible for the management and implementation of transportation projects and programs in the Tahoe Basin. For more information on the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project and the January 29 Public Workshop at Granlibakken Resort from 5-7 p.m., visit: [www.FannyBridge.org](http://www.FannyBridge.org). Specific questions, inquiries and suggestions can be emailed to Margaret Skillicorn, Community Outreach Specialist, at [suggestions@fannybridge.org](mailto: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.