INCLINE VILLAGE TO SAND HARBOR BIKE PATH CLOSE TO REALITY

Tahoe Fund Seeks Donors to Help Secure Public Grants for New Trail

July 2, 2014 (South Lake Tahoe, Calif.) – The dream of a dedicated bike path along the eastern shore of Lake Tahoe moved one step closer to reality with a vote by the Tahoe Fund board of directors to launch a new campaign to raise $750,000 for the trail. The private money raised by the Tahoe Fund would help the Tahoe Transportation District secure $12.5 million in public funding for the new bike path from Incline Village south to Sand Harbor on the lake’s northeast corner.

“It’s hard to imagine a more incredible experience than walking, biking or strolling those three miles along the lake,” said Tahoe Fund chairman Tim Cashman. “This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together to ensure this project becomes reality.”

The Incline Village to Sand Harbor bike path will provide an opportunity for the community to explore the natural beauty of the eastern shore of Tahoe that until now was safely accessible only by car. The path would provide an exceptional recreational amenity, while significantly improving safety along the State Route 28 corridor. With a 10-foot wide path, it will meet the American Disability Act standards to ensure it is accessible for everyone to ride, walk or stroll.

“This is another example of how crucial public/private partnerships are for projects that improve the quality of life throughout the area,” said Carl Hasty, district manager of Tahoe Transportation District. “We appreciate Tahoe Fund inspiring the private community to support the trail – and look forward to working with individuals throughout the region to make this bike path an example for future transportation efforts.”

The new path will be separated from the highway. It will begin at the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and State Route 28, expanding the current Lakeshore bike path to Sand Harbor State Park, providing access to Hidden Beach, Memorial Point and other scenic vistas. It is a major component of the Lake Tahoe Bikeway that will one day circumnavigate the lake.

The Tahoe Fund has identified a series of naming opportunities along the trail, including scenic vista points, rock walls, benches and bridges. In addition, the trail-head will feature a donor wall that recognizes all contributions of $100 or more to the project. To learn more about project support and involvement, please contact Amy Berry at aberry@tahoefund.org, (775) 338-1668 or visit www.tahoefund.org
For details on Tahoe Transportation District and its current projects, visit http://www.TahoeTransportation.org or call (775) 589-5500.

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**Tahoe Transportation District**

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.

**About the Tahoe Fund**

Founded in 2010, the Tahoe Fund is a nonprofit dedicated to raising money for projects that will improve lake clarity, enhance recreation and inspire environmental stewardship in the Lake Tahoe Basin. In addition to the Tahoe Beaches App, the organization has funded two high priority watershed restoration projects, the Blackwood Creek/Eagle Rock Trail restoration on the West Shore and the Incline/3rd Creek Restoration on the North Shore; segments of the Tahoe Bikeway in Tahoe City, the West Shore and South Lake Tahoe; environmental and recreational improvements at Sand Harbor State Park, Van-Sickle Bi-State Park and Washoe Meadows State Park; and the UC Davis “State of the Lake” report. The Tahoe Fund seeks donations of any size to help sustain the organization and the extraordinary natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin.