



TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT APPOINTS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR US 50 PLAN

Feb. 08, 2013 (*Stateline, Nev.*) – The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) named Mark Rayback with Wood Rodgers, a leading engineering, architectural and planning firm, as the Project Engineer for the US 50/South Shore Revitalization Project www.TahoeTransportation.org. Rayback’s current responsibilities on the project will expand to include presentations to community and services groups, local businesses and City Council with informational updates, facts and next steps.

“As US 50 (aka Loop Road) moves forward having a person of Mark’s extensive experience guiding transportation projects will keep our audiences well informed on all aspects of the project – community, business and technical,” said Carl Hasty, District Manager for TTD.

Alfred Knotts, Project Manager for US 50, will continue to oversee the Project Delivery Team, comprised of local, state, and federal partners as well as technical experts. The PDT meets regularly to guide the development of the project and reviews feasible alternatives, environmental impacts, transportation standards and estimated costs.

With both California and Nevada legislatures currently in session, program funding for transportation projects is an important and timely component. Hasty will seek program funding and consensus on the myriad of transportation projects throughout the Tahoe Basin.

Rayback, a former Caltrans Chief of Staff headquartered in Sacramento, has initiated and successfully implemented several high profile and complex projects in the private sector. His project experience includes transportation engineering, environmental compliance, information technology, public outreach and management. He has also assisted TTD with a study for the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), for water quality standards.

The US 50/South Shore Revitalization project is a possible realignment of Highway 50 between Lake Parkway in Nevada and Pioneer Trail in California. A reclassification from federal highway to local street status would provide for local area control and development of a local

“main street.” Various alternatives are currently being vetted through the public process for the Environmental Impact Study (EIS). A decision will be made after the completion of the EIS.

Lake-Wide Transportation Project Updates

The Tahoe Transportation District is currently guiding multiple projects providing lake wide connectivity throughout the Tahoe Basin to improve safety, mobility and lake clarity while reducing traffic congestion.

The East Shore Express, a 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 last summer. 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 SR 431, was officially dedicated October 17, 2012. The public/private partnership has included cooperative efforts with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), 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 animals.

The first mile of America's Most Beautiful Bikeway - South Demonstration Project was completed in the October 2012. The 3.2-mile route between Stateline and Round Hill is part of an eventual 30+ mile segment of the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway along the east shore.

SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project is exploring alternatives to enhance the Tahoe City community while preserving a piece of its history and easing extreme traffic congestion.

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

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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