



LAKE TAHOE SCENIC BYWAY RECOGNIZED WITH INTERNATIONAL TRAILS AWARD

Advancing Trails Awards honors State Route 28 shared-use path on Lake Tahoe's east shore

May 20, 2019 (*STATELINE, Nev.*) – The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) has been honored with the [Trail Partnership Award](#) to recognize the joint effort of 14 agencies and nonprofits working to construct the Nevada State Route 28 Shared-Use Path demonstration project along Lake Tahoe's east shore. TTD was recognized alongside the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Tahoe Fund, and the Nevada Division of State Parks by American Trails at the 2019 International Trails Symposium [Advancing Trails Awards Program](#), which honors the contributions of leaders working for the betterment of trails both nationally and internationally.

The SR 28 Shared-Use Path represents a collaborative multi-year, multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency and nonprofit effort to construct a premier paved shared-use path along the two-lane Nevada State Route 28 Scenic Byway Corridor. The path, which will ultimately circumnavigate Lake Tahoe's entire perimeter, takes a holistic approach to addressing challenging conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, providing a safe alternative to driving and sustainable access for all users to enjoy this popular corridor. Along with enhanced recreational access and multi-modal options, TTD is working with agency partners to address environmental concerns, such as soil erosion impacts on Lake Tahoe's water clarity.

“This project illustrates what can be achieved with partnerships that cross boundaries and jurisdictions,” said Carl Hasty, district manager, Tahoe Transportation District. “No single entity can provide all the solutions. It takes collaboration to meet the demand for sustainable recreational access to Lake Tahoe and an integrated approach to transportation choices like transit, walking, and biking to reduce traffic and enhance the visitor experience.”

Led by TTD, the SR 28 Shared-Use Path project began with the construction of a three-mile paved shared-use path from Incline Village to Sand Harbor, which is expected to be completed in early July 2019. The next segment, estimated to be constructed over the next five years, comprises an eight-mile stretch connecting Sand Harbor State Park to Spooner Summit and US Highway 50. Ultimately, the project will be part of a premier multi-use trail circling Lake Tahoe to connect communities, parks, overlooks, beaches, and businesses.

In addition to providing a shared-use path for safer multi-modal access, a collaborative multi-agency approach has enabled the project team to uncover additional benefits, such as opportunities for expanded off-highway parking, transit upgrades, emergency access improvements, a boat inspection station, and co-location of utilities, such as power lines, fiber-optic cable, and effluent pipeline replacement. Such improvements are critical to protecting the region's air and water quality because more than [70 percent](#) of the pollutants impacting Lake Tahoe's clarity come from the transportation system and built environment.

TTD has been the lead agency on the SR 28 Shared-Use Path project, in cooperation with Nevada Department of Transportation (construction lead for first three miles), Carson City, Douglas County, the Federal Highway Administration, Incline Village General Improvement District, Nevada Department of Public Safety-Highway Patrol, Nevada Division of State Lands, Nevada Division of State Parks, Tahoe Fund, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, U.S. Forest Service-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Washoe County (maintenance lead for first three miles), and Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. For more information, visit TahoeTransportation.org/sr28.

TTD has delivered numerous infrastructure projects and services, such as multi-use bicycle paths, roadway improvements, and water quality projects, including more than \$160 million in funding through capital projects, transit operations, legislative work, and brokering efforts. Projects include:

Transportation projects completed or in progress

- US 50/South Shore Community Revitalization Project
- State Route 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project
- Sugar Pine Point to Meeks Bay Shared-Use Path
- The Incline Gateway State Route 28 Roundabout at State Route 431
- North and South Shore Demonstration Shared-Use Path Projects for the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Trail
- Numerous transit system shelter improvements

Completed transportation implementation plans

- State Route 28 Corridor Management Plan
- Trans-Sierra Transportation Plan
- Linking Tahoe-Lake Tahoe Basin Transit Master Plan
- Linking Tahoe-Corridor Connection Plan
- Linking Tahoe-Short Range Transit Plan

The Advancing Trails Awards are presented every two years by [American Trails](#), a national nonprofit organization to advance the development of diverse, high-quality trails and greenways. This year's awards were presented at the International Trails Symposium and Training Institute, which was held in Syracuse, New York from April 29 to May 1, 2019.

For a complete list of all 2019 Advancing Trails Awards winners, please visit:

<https://www.americantrails.org/communications/awards/2019-advancing-trails-awards>.

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About Tahoe Transportation District

The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) is a bi-state agency responsible for the management and implementation of safe, environmentally sound, multi-modal transportation projects and programs in the Lake Tahoe Region, including transit operations. TTD leads multi-jurisdictional infrastructure projects to make travel safer, improve access to recreation, and reduce traffic congestion and private car use. TTD focuses on transit's pivotal role in improving air and water quality because more than 70 percent of the pollutants impacting Lake Tahoe's clarity come from transportation system and built environment run-off. TTD has delivered numerous projects to help reduce environmental impacts and address the high demand residents and visitors place on the region's transportation infrastructure, including transit solutions, roadway and safety enhancements, water quality improvements, and pedestrian/cyclist paths. For more information, please visit TahoeTransportation.org.

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