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**RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY PLANNED FOR NEW TRUCKEE
RIVER BRIDGE AND STATE ROUTE 89 REALIGNMENT
IN TAHOE CITY**

*The Public is Invited on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 10 a.m. To Celebrate on the New
Truckee River Bridge and State Route 89 Realignment – Key Components of the
SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project*

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December 11, 2019 (Tahoe City, Calif.) – Project Delivery Team representatives for the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project are holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the State Route 89 realignment, which includes the new Truckee River Bridge located in Tahoe City, Calif. The ceremony will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 16 along the realignment, which will be closed to vehicular traffic for the event. Attendee parking will be located at the Tahoe City Transit Center along West Lake Blvd. The public should plan to arrive by 9:45 a.m. to park and walk to the ceremony location.

“The completion of this project phase brings us all the more closer to fulfilling a significant transportation improvement for one of Tahoe's main gateways. The entire project is a major improvement for travel safety, enhanced pedestrian, bike, transit access, and environmental quality,” said Carl Hasty, district manager, Tahoe Transportation District. “This project is another example of what can be achieved with multi-agency collaboration and extensive public engagement.”

Since 2011 TTD has administered a public outreach campaign focused on collaboratively working with Tahoe City residents, local agencies/organizations along with business and property owners/managers to receive public input to help create a final project design. Efforts also included the project being awarded funding from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) in 2013. In 2015, environmental documents were certified, and a preferred project alternative was selected.

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Led by Federal Highway Administration, Office of Federal Lands Highway, Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD), the project incorporates safety improvements for all modes of transportation and includes a new ¼ mile long segment of State Route 89 with a new 153-foot bridge crossing over the Truckee River. Roundabouts were constructed on the south end of the realignment next to the Tahoe City Transit Center and another roundabout on the north end near the Caltrans Maintenance Station, allowing an additional entry/exit route for Lake Tahoe's west shore. Improvements are consistent with the project goals identified in Tahoe City Community Plans including constructing two ingresses and egresses to and from Lake Tahoe's west shore which offer additional safety routes crossing the Truckee River along with enhancing pedestrian and cyclist safety and connectivity.

The project is funded through the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) and local agency match funding. In addition to a new state route alignment, the project includes water-quality improvements, paved shared-use bike paths, rockery walls, signing, striping, lighting, new sewer and gas lines, Tahoe City "gateway" signs, and landscaping with new trees and pollinator-friendly plants.

"I am delighted to be a part of this celebration," said District 5 Placer County Supervisor Cindy Gustafson. "The realignment of State Route 89 will greatly contribute to our region's larger efforts to alleviate traffic and reduce congestion in and around the basin. When you look at the investment that we've made in Tahoe City and throughout the entire region, it is clear that we've made progress. This project shows how regional solutions and investing in our local partnerships will help the county continue to address the region's transportation needs."

The Project Delivery Team is comprised of representatives from the Tahoe Transportation District, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Federal Lands, Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFHLD), Placer County, Caltrans, United States Forest Service, the Tahoe City Public Utility District and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Please plan to join the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project Ribbon-Cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. in Tahoe City. As noted above, arrive and park by 9:45 a.m. at the Tahoe City Transit Center. Please email any questions to suggestions@FannyBridge.org.

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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.