



## **Community/Business Review Committee**

### **SR89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project**

#### **Community Review Committee Review and Purpose**

In September 2013 the TTD Board of Directors appointed a Community/Business Review Committee (CRC) to provide a community peer reviews to assist the project team and TTD. In addition, the TTD educated the CRC about the timeline and decision making for the project. The CRC was informed that the CRC is not a decision-making body.

#### **Community Review Committee Process**

The SR89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project CRC was comprised of a wide range of residents, business/property owners and stakeholders. Nineteen people participated. Another eleven were asked to be a part of the committee. Project Outreach Specialist, Margaret Skillicorn, worked with TTD to identify and select representatives to serve as CRC members, review meeting summaries and co-facilitate the final meeting. CRC members were asked to attend five formal meetings, including an initial orientation meeting that was held on September 25, 2013.

#### **Community Review Committee Objectives**

Committee members provided important community context of the project through facilitated discussions about project alternatives, objectives, potential impacts, gateway features, community design elements, streetscape concepts, and other opportunities to improve traffic, safety, and access in the community.

Other objectives of the CRC included:

- Inform the Environmental Process
- Inform the Draft Economic Analysis Report
- Inform the Community Impact Assessment
- Inform other studies which will help to fit the project within the context of the surrounding community
- Provide input on bridge (potential new bridge and Fanny Bridge) design elements

#### **Objectives of each of the CRC meetings included**

*CRC Orientation Meeting objectives:*

- Explain Community Review Committee purpose, process, and objectives
- Provide an overview of the SR 89 / Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization project

- Mark Rayback, Wood Rodgers Project Engineer, provided an overview of the project's history in the Tahoe City Community Plan, its purpose including challenges the project will address, and project goals.
- Receive initial feedback and answer questions from CRC members.

*CRC Meeting #1 objectives:*

- Review Community Review Committee purpose, process, and objectives
- Introduce the project purpose and need statement, including level of service standards
- Discuss challenges and opportunities related to each alternative

*CRC Meeting #2 objectives:*

- Review Community Review Committee purpose, process, and objectives
- Present draft economic analysis report and receive feedback from the CRC (Presented by David Zehnder, EPS)

*CRC Meeting #3 objectives:*

- Review the purpose and need for the project
- Discuss Caltrans bridge evaluation criteria and designation
- Present traffic simulations
- Preview landscape renderings

*CRC Meeting #4 objectives:*

- Review / address feedback received from previous CRC meeting
- Explain the difference between a Fanny Bridge rehab compared to a full replacement
- View renderings and street landscape visual of what the "Y" area could potentially look like
- Discuss opportunities and/or challenges with each alternative, allowing the group to choose the alternative(s) to discuss
- Hear from each committee member his/her top-level comments, compliments, concerns regarding the project.

**Considerations received from CRC members regarding opportunities at the "Y" and potential new roundabouts.**

Gateways/Roundabouts:

*Top Categories Identified:*

- Implement good signage
- Create a town gateway with public art, a historical element - something that is unique to North Lake Tahoe/Tahoe City
- Enhance bike and pedestrian access
- Add pedestrian crossings and connection

*Specific Issues to Address:*

- Create most logical and safe pedestrian/bike crossings and connections
- Create signage that is unique to the feel of the area and easily understood, noting gas stations, downtown corridor, food and lodging, recreation areas

- Include community in the decision making process for the creation of a gateway in the roundabout
- Limit the amount of concrete (i.e. don't have "massive" roundabout/s)

#### Corridor / The "Y":

##### *Top Categories Identified:*

- Enhancements for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Alleviate congestion
- Create two egresses and ingresses for emergencies (i.e. fires)
- Create public spaces that can be used for community events
- Parking opportunities
- Add lighting, benches, flowers and other amenities to make the corridor inviting

##### *Specific Issues to Address:*

- Create more opportunities for pedestrians to cross the street
- Accommodate bicyclists with more/better bike paths
- Add parking –where and how to blend in to the area
- Create a uniquely North Lake Tahoe theme throughout the corridor

#### Fanny Bridge and potential new bridge:

##### *Top Category Identified and Area for Future Discussion:*

- Bridge design – CRC members expressed a desire to involve the community in the design of the bridge(s)
- Use of natural looking building materials, least amount of concrete, low profile; have the bridge(s) look like the Gatekeeper's Museum area theme
- Bridge(s) made wide enough for pedestrian use

#### **Conclusion/Next Steps**

The CRC concluded that further discussions, consideration, and planning will need to occur within the community to maximize the benefits of the project and ensure it fits within the community.

- CRC requests another meeting to discuss and evaluate proposed bike, pedestrian, and landscape options.
- CRC requests seeing how the changes to the bridge(s) are implemented through Design Charrettes
- CRC would like more residents, business/property owners involved
- CRC would like to hear from what residents/business owners in Truckee feel about the 267 bypass (will be included in the Economic Analysis)
- CRC wants to be reminded that the Draft Environmental Document will be out for formal public comment this summer. There will be opportunity to provide written comment and formal testimony to the TTD Board meetings and to the Placer County Board of Supervisors
- Majority of the CRC Members want Fanny Bridge to remain open