

Appendix H:

Endorsements and Letters of Support



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Mr. Carl Hasty
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Mr. Derek Morse
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Gentlemen:

At our regularly scheduled meeting of June 20, 2019, the Board of Directors of the Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce voted to formally endorse the "One Tahoe" transportation funding initiative.

Over the years, Tahoe Chamber representatives have been actively engaged in helping to shape the regional transportation plans of the Tahoe Transportation District and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. We recognize there are limits to the amount of federal and state dollars Tahoe can secure and that funding from both of these sources is on a downward trajectory. To the extent federal and state funds are still available, the required "local match" is now significantly higher. Accordingly, we are keenly aware that the development of one or more regional sources of funding specific to the Tahoe region is essential to help implement the projects and programs identified in Tahoe's adopted transportation plans.

We are further aware that TRPA is set to embark on the process of updating its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Without a dedicated local/regional source of funding, the list of projects identified that can be funded will be shorter than ever before.

When it comes to funding, all decisions are challenging. However, we support the One Tahoe process as to the path forward to decision-making.

Thank you for the District's leadership in spearheading the "One Tahoe" initiative.

Sincerely,

John Packer
Board Chair



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November 25, 2019

Carl Hasty, Manager
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Dear Mr. Hasty

Please accept this correspondence at the formal endorsement of the "One Tahoe" transportation funding initiative on behalf of the Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors.

Over the years, our organization has been actively interested in helping to shape the regional transportation plans of the Tahoe Transportation District and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. We recognize there are limits to the amount of federal and state dollars Tahoe can secure and that funding from both of these sources is on a downward trajectory. To the extent federal and state funds are still available, the required "local match" is now significantly higher. Accordingly, we are keenly aware that the development of one or more sources of funding specific to the Tahoe region is essential to help implement the projects and programs identified in Tahoe's adopted transportation plans.

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When it comes to funding, all decisions are challenging. Therefore, we support the One Tahoe process as the path forward for solving Lake Tahoe's urgent transportation problems.

Thank you for the District's leadership in spearheading the "One Tahoe" initiative.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (775) 329-6116.

Sincerely,

Craig Madole, CEO

Cc: Derek Morse

From: Carl Hasty <chasty@tahoetransportation.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Derek Morse
Subject: Fwd: FHWA Support

FYI, I plan to share this tomorrow. Or at least paraphrase it.

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From: **Novak, Greg (FHWA)** <Greg.Novak@dot.gov>
Date: Thu, Jan 30, 2020 at 10:45 AM
Subject: FHWA Support
To: chasty tahoetransportation.org <chasty@tahoetransportation.org>

Carl – I may have to stay here tomorrow. After watching and reviewing the material Derek has presented, I agree that the TTD Board should consider moving ahead with the recommended alternatives. Lake Tahoe does not have a sufficient revenue stream to take on the list of planned transportation projects, and is always competing with other MPO and State priorities. Normal Federal-aid apportionments are small, with TRPA, USFS and TTD looking for discretionary funding from all sources, including SNPLMA and FLAP. Coordination with NDOT and Caltrans is excellent, and will continue to be, as such projects as the US 50 Loop Road and the SR 28 Shared Use Path move ahead. Future federal funding is difficult to predict, but I have not seen any firm proposals that would increase the overall program size. Expansion seems to be heading towards more public private partnerships, with your involvement in our recent Value Capture peer exchange very appropriate. Moving ahead with any self-help effort should aid in future grant program competitions. The work you have done to-date does show serious concern for addressing the shortfall. The next step is a local decision, and I know it will be an informed one.

Greg Novak, M.E., P.E.

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North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



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Michael S. Schwartz, Fire Chief

Carl Hasty, Manager
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Dear Mr. Hasty

North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts have embraced the importance of collaboration of transit agencies and initiatives. As a result our District's formally endorse the "One Tahoe" transportation funding initiative.

Over the years, our Districts have been actively engaged in regional transportation and public safety discussions helping to shape planning efforts of the Tahoe Transportation District and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. This is motivated by the need to ensure transit helps our emergency service delivery and does not hinder it. The importance of emergency vehicle access, sound evacuation procedures, and overall land planning can be crucial in our mission.

We recognize there are limits to the amount of federal and state dollars Tahoe can secure and a collaborative approach to programs, projects, and services is necessary to meet the visitation demand and to assure the public safety of our communities. Funding sources are on a downward trajectory and to the extent federal and state funds are still available, the required "local match" is beyond that of regional resources available. Accordingly, we are keenly aware that the development funding specific to the Tahoe region is essential to help implement the projects and programs identified in Tahoe's adopted transportation plans.

We are further aware that TRPA, the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is currently embarking on the process of updating its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Without a dedicated local/regional source of funding, the list of projects that can be funded will be shorter than ever before.

After watching and reviewing the materials that the Tahoe Transportation District have presented, we agree that the TTD Board should consider moving ahead with the recommended alternatives. TTD is a collaborative partner with strong relationships and a shared vision in the basin, and will continue to be an advocate to protect the resources of Lake Tahoe and implement solutions that protect the safety of our communities and visitors alike.

When it comes to funding, all decisions are challenging. Therefore, we support the One Tahoe process as the path forward for solving Lake Tahoe's urgent transportation problems.

Thank you for the District's leadership in spearheading the "One Tahoe" initiative.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Schwartz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Schwartz, Fire Chief

Carl Hasty, Manager
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Dear Mr. Hasty

I write to express my support for the ONE TAHOE transportation funding initiative. The basin is being ravaged by our virtually sole reliance on motor vehicles to travel. The resulting congestion, pollution, and unsafe conditions for both drivers and pedestrians are ruining the Tahoe that we all love. To reverse this, we must make significant investments that create an integrate basin wide transportation system that provides realistic alternatives to the automobile for some of our trips.

Clearly the burdens of funding our transportation system must be shared equitably by both those who live in the basin and the millions of visitors that we welcome to share Lake Tahoe each year. The ONE TAHOE proposal to levy transportation user fees seems a reasonable and equitable solution.

The Tahoe Transportation District Board should move quickly to establish these fees so that we can preserve this special place for now and generations to come. This is urgent and kicking this can down the road is simply unacceptable. Please act now.

Sincerely,

