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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018

DATE: November 14, 2018
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Assistant County Manager
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THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager
SUBJECT: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Comprehensive Transportation Coordination and Corridor Planning for the Lake Tahoe Bi-State Region and authorize the County Manager to execute the document. (Commission District 1.)

SUMMARY

Washoe County has been requested to participate with the states of California and Nevada, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Tahoe Transportation District, Placer County, El Dorado County, Washoe County, Douglas County, City of South Lake Tahoe, Tahoe City Public Utility District, North Tahoe Public Utility District, and United States Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, to establish a planning and coordination process to effectuate corridor planning and general coordination in the Lake Tahoe Region

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership.

PREVIOUS ACTION

There are no previous actions associated with this staff report.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to address three key concepts for transportation needs that have been identified in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

- **Address visitor travel impacts** – The parties recognize and acknowledge the need to address growing pressures from increased visitation travel to and throughout the Lake Tahoe Region. Increasing growth in Northern California and Nevada are impacting mobility, experience, and environmental values of the Lake Tahoe area. Recreation travel is a focus of this multi-agency coordination agreement to improve mobility and recreation access, and resource management.
- **Coordinate across jurisdictions on planning and implementation** – The parties endorse a coordinated planning and implementation process that involves the active participation of multiple partners to establish policy alignment and delivery

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of comprehensive projects and corridor-scale improvements. The Linking Tahoe: Corridor Connection Plan establishes a tiered planning framework to develop specific corridor management plans that provide efficient project implementation at an individual corridor level. The parties will incorporate corridor or sub-corridor level planning within their respective processes to maximize regional alignment and efficient project delivery that can often cross jurisdictions.

- **Agreement of the Parties** – The parties agree to coordinate, as needed, with multi-agencies to address the complex transportation and recreation management needs in the Lake Tahoe Region. The parties agree to work cooperatively and resolve conflicts needed to endorse and/or approve appropriate corridor management plans, safety plans, and joint policy approaches to cooperatively achieve implementation targets. The parties agree to acknowledge and jointly address policy incongruences and inconsistencies, and barriers to implementation including, but not limited to, roadway and trail design characteristics, right-of-way easements, recreation management, resource protection and maintenance.

Washoe County will be an implementation partner and is being asked through this MOU to participate in the development of corridor management plans and delivering identified improvements as applicable by being responsible for designing, building, and maintaining transportation and recreation facilities identified in our planning documents. Since Washoe County already performs these functions through our planning and development process, we will work on the coordination with other entities in the basin.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to Washoe County.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Comprehensive Transportation Coordination and Corridor Planning for the Lake Tahoe Bi-State Region and authorize the County Manager to execute the document.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Comprehensive Transportation Coordination and Corridor Planning for the Lake Tahoe Bi-State Region and authorize the County Manager to execute the document."