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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** April 27, 2021

**DATE:** April 12, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve Amendment #4 to Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project [Parks-WC-1] for Phase 4 of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project between Washoe County and Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) to authorize the use of remaining WC-1 Funds in the amount of [\$285,000] and prior disbursement of [\$41,136.67] for expenses associated with the purchase, planning, design and development of the old Incline Elementary School at 771 Southwood Blvd, Incline Village, Nevada; and to extend the end term from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and authorize Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to execute the Amendment #4 and all appropriate Tahoe Transportation District related agreements and documents. (Commission District 1.)

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### SUMMARY

Amendment #4 provides for a six-month extension of the agreement, extending the end term from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Amendment #4 also authorizes the use of remaining WC-1 Funds, not to exceed \$326,136.67 (\$285,000 in remaining funds and \$41,136.67 from prior disbursement) for expenses associated with the purchase, planning, design, and development of the old Incline Elementary School at 771 Southwood Blvd, Incline Village, Nevada for a mobility hub and other potential compatible community amenities. Most of the project funded by the agreement is completed. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the project elements have taken longer than expected. This amendment will allow Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) to piggyback planned overflow parking with road improvements to SR28 scheduled for the summer as well as signage. It will also allow for the acquisition of the old Incline Elementary School by TTD and provide a period for public input on potential amenities at the site. The funding source for the agreement is Parks WC-1 bonds.

When complete, the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project will consist of a paved path from Crystal Bay (north shore at state line) to Stateline, Nevada (south shore) along the Nevada State Route 28 corridor and Highway 50. Washoe County agreed to be “responsible for overall coordination” of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path project in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Washoe and Douglas Counties and Carson City, approved in 2004.

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) is responsible for construction implementation. Washoe County is not a party to the construction contracts for Phase Four.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On June 23, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Amendment #3 to the Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project extending the end term date from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

On June 25, 2019, the Board approved Amendment #2 to the Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project extending the end term date from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

On May 21, 2019, the Board approved the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2020-2024.

On August 8, 2017, the Board approved Amendment #1 to Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project [Parks-Cw-1 \$400,000] for Phase 4 of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project between Washoe County and Tahoe Transportation District.

On March 24, 2015, the Board approved an Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bond-Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project [WC-1 in an amount not to exceed \$1 million] for Phase 4 of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project between Washoe County and Tahoe Transportation District effective March 24, 2015 through June 30, 2019; authorized the Community Services Department Director to execute the Agreement and all appropriate Tahoe Transportation District related agreements and documents; and, directed the Comptroller's Office to make all necessary budget adjustments.

On November 12, 2014, The Board accepted a grant in the amount of \$1.1 million from the Nevada Division of State Lands, Conservation and Resource Protection (SQ-1) Program and approved an agreement between Washoe County and Tahoe Transportation District for the implementation of Phase 4 of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project.

On November 12, 2014, The Board approved "Federal Lands Access Program Project Memorandum of Agreement" leveraging \$12.5 million in Federal Lands Access Program funds for the design and construction of improvements in the SR 28 corridor including the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway (known as the Lake Tahoe Bike Path).

On June 24, 2014, The Board approved the extension (to June 30, 2019) of the Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County, Carson City, Douglas County, Nevada State Lands, Nevada State Parks, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Tahoe Transportation District, USDA Forest Service-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, and Incline Village General Improvement District for the implementation of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project.

On June 26, 2012, the Board accepted an amendment to the Phase 2 & 3 State Question 1 grant, which increased the grant award by \$375,885.

On February 8, 2011, the Board acknowledged receipt of an update report on the status of the Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Project (Lake Tahoe Bike Path), and provided comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the South Demonstration Project.

On August 28, 2007, the Board accepted a State Question 1 grant in the amount of \$1,252,516 to complete Phase 2 & 3 for environmental and engineering studies and to begin construction of the south demonstration area.

On December 12, 2006, the Board accepted a State Question 1 grant in the amount of \$146,956 for Phase-1 planning efforts.

On December 12, 2006, the Board approved an Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County, Carson City and Douglas County that made Washoe County responsible for the overall coordination of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path project.

On August 23, 2005, the Board approved a Resolution of Support for Question-1 grant applications.

On April 27, 2004, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Washoe and Douglas Counties and Carson City.

### **BACKGROUND**

TTD is the lead agency for implementation of Phase Four development. Nevada Revised Statutes 277.100 allows public agencies to contract with one another for the purpose of performing a variety of government services.

Washoe County has a current agreement (approved on March 24, 2015, expiring June 30, 2021), with Tahoe Transportation District for the implementation of Phase 4 of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project. Amendment #1 to Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project provided an additional \$400,000 to the existing \$1 million commitment for Phase 4 of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project. The funding source for the amendment and original contract is Parks WC-1 bonds and is for the North Demonstration Project, located in Washoe County and includes final design, engineering and construction of 3- miles of paved path from Incline Village to Sand Harbor along SR-28, and three new parking lots, totaling 90-100 off-highway spaces.

TTD has been awarded \$1.056 million from Title 49 of the US Code Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities fund program through the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) with concurrence of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for acquisition and another \$1.2 million for demolition and asbestos abatement awaiting formal award letter. The old elementary school site in Incline Village has been vacant for more than fifteen years. It has been used by TTD in agreement with the Washoe County School District as a seasonal transit hub for the East Shore Transit Service provided to the public seeking access to Sand Harbor, and now the East Shore Trail, for the last nine years. The seasonal service to Sand Harbor has been but a start of the vision to serve the entire SR28 corridor to Spooner Summit when the East Shore Trail is extended, and additional parking improvement are constructed. In addition, TTD's long-range transit plan (Linking Tahoe: Lake Tahoe Basin Transit Master Plan) highlights the need for a mobility hub in Incline Village. Loss of the school site would leave a seasonal service without an alternative. The site is 6.41 acres in size, with 187,000 square feet of TRPA confirmed coverage. It is located adjacent to an apartment complex and commercial center. The size, location and coverage provide an opportunity to support other potential compatible community amenities and needs. The combination of transit, trails and off-highway parking that has been made available through an Interlocal Agreement with nine

local and federal agencies and the agreement between Tahoe Transportation District and Washoe County a component of a comprehensive plan to meet the demand on Tahoe.

Parks WC-1 funds leverage over \$1.4 million in State Question 1 (SQ-1) funding as well as approximately \$12.5 million in Federal Lands Access Program funds (not passed through Washoe County) to complete construction of this phase of the intermodal trail. When complete, the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project will consist of a paved path from Crystal Bay (north shore at state line) to Stateline, Nevada (south shore) along the Nevada State Route 28 corridor and Highway 50.

Washoe County Community Services Department staff continues to attend meetings with the Tri-Counties Working Group, Lake Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, USDA Forest Service, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada State Parks, Nevada State Lands, Tahoe Transportation District, and interested parties to determine the best methods to implement the project. An Interlocal Agreement is in effect that allows the agencies to share resources, funding, consultant oversight, environmental review, participation in Working Group meetings, and perform a variety of public outreach tasks.

In the November 2000 election, voters approved WC-1, authorizing the sale of bonds for the purpose of acquiring, improving and equipping parks, trails and open space. The Board approved a specific project list on April 25, 2000, which included the Incline-Sand Harbor Bike Path, (aka the Lake Tahoe Bike Path, the North Demonstration Project or the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway Project). Nine public agencies are working in cooperation to complete this ambitious project, including funding requirements, design, construction and maintenance of the bikeway.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Lake Tahoe Bike Path project is an approved project and the FY21 Parks Capital Projects Fund (404) has sufficient budget authority in WC-1 Lake Tahoe Bike Phase 4 (PK905122), Payments to Other Agencies (710400).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve Amendment #4 to Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project [Parks-WC-1] for Phase 4 of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project between Washoe County and Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) to authorize the use of remaining WC-1 Funds in the amount of [\$285,000] and prior disbursement of [\$41,136.67] for expenses associated with the purchase, planning, design and development of the old Incline Elementary School at 771 Southwood Blvd, Incline Village, Nevada; and to extend the end term from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and authorize Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to execute the Amendment #4 and all appropriate Tahoe Transportation District related agreements and documents.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve Amendment #4 to Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project [Parks-WC-1] for Phase 4 of the Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project between Washoe County and Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) to authorize the use of remaining WC-1 Funds in the amount of [\$285,000] and prior disbursement of [\$41,136.67] for expenses associated with the purchase, planning, design and development of the old Incline Elementary School at 771 Southwood Blvd, Incline Village, Nevada; and to extend the end term from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and authorize Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to execute the Amendment #4 and all appropriate Tahoe Transportation District related agreements and documents."