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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025**

**DATE:** January 13, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve an MOU that creates a framework for a cooperative effort to support common goals and interests in planning, design, and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System (Bikeway) and associated facilities as identified in the 2019 Assembly Bill 84, Section 2.9. (AB84) and Chapter 480 of the 2019 Statutes of Nevada. This partnership will be known as the Tahoe East Shore Working Group (WG). The WG will serve to ensure coordinated planning, specifically directed towards the regional, interconnected, recreational shared-use Bikeway and associated facilities at Lake Tahoe. Community Services. (Commission District 1.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

Recommended for approval is an MOU that creates a framework for a cooperative effort to support common goals and interests in planning, design, and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System (Bikeway) and associated facilities as identified in the 2019 Assembly Bill 84, Section 2.9. (AB84) and Chapter 480 of the 2019 Statutes of Nevada. This partnership will be known as the Tahoe East Shore Working Group (WG). The WG will serve to ensure coordinated planning, specifically directed towards the regional, interconnected, recreational shared-use Bikeway and associated facilities at Lake Tahoe.

This MOU will support the interest of Washoe County and regional partners in the extension of the Tahoe East Shore Trail from Sand Harbor to Spooner Summit. This next phase will expand the Highway 28 safety improvements, shared-use path, parking, transit stops, emergency pullouts, visitor amenities, and other environmental improvements. The portions within Washoe County include the Central Corridor - Sand Harbor to Thunderbird Cove trail and a portion of the Central Corridor Project including Chimney Beach parking and trail.

The Parties to the MOU, as well as local landowners and operating agencies, such as the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Nevada Division of State Parks (NDSP),

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and the U.S. Forest Service-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (USFS). The WG will oversee the design and development of the Bikeway and related infrastructure. The WG will aid in securing funding from grants and other sources for design, construction, and maintenance of the Bikeway. The WG will work toward providing public information to enhance awareness of trail etiquette, off-highway parking availability, public transit, active transportation, and recreation stewardship. When possible, common messages will be shared or linked between the members of the WG. The members of the WG will maintain their mission as land managers by sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. All participating agencies and organizations recognize it is in their mutual interest to cooperate and coordinate to the fullest in their responsibilities to manage outdoor public recreation and provide alternative modes of transportation, such as the Bikeway.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:**

Fiscal Sustainability: Efficient delivery of regional services.

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

**On October 10, 2023**, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Third Addendum to SR 28 Corridor Operations and Maintenance Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County, Tahoe Transportation District (TTD), Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Division of State Parks (NDSP), Nevada Division of State Lands, Nevada Department of Public Safety-Highway Patrol, Incline Village General Improvement District, Carson City Parks & Recreation Department, Douglas County Parks & Recreation Department and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, to identify additional responsibilities of agency partners Washoe County, TTD, and the NDSP regarding parking revenues collected by TTD and the parking management program operated by TTD pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement.”

**On October 11, 2021**, the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) and the Nevada Division of State Parks executed the Second Addendum to SR 28 Corridor Operations and Maintenance Interlocal Agreement to clarify the authority of TTD to pay NDSP for their operations and maintenance responsibilities described in the agreement or additional annual tasks as agreed to in writing by TTD and NDSP.

**On January 26, 2021**, the Board approved the first addendum to the SR 28 Corridor Operations and Maintenance Interlocal Agreement. The Corridor Management Team (CMT) identified additional responsibilities of agency partners Washoe County and Tahoe Transportation District (TTD). TTD will be installing, operating, maintaining, and collecting revenue from a parking management program which includes the collection of parking fees from users of the expanded parking area near Ponderosa Ranch Road. Revenues collected will fund routine operations and maintenance and capital infrastructure maintenance. Washoe County is allowed to provide expanded services for portable restroom and trash service beyond the May 15 - October 1 timeframe if budget is available and local weather permits.

**On August 25, 2015**, the Board approved a SR 28 Corridor Operations and Maintenance Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County, Tahoe Transportation District, Nevada

Department of Transportation, Nevada Division of State Parks, Nevada Division of State Lands, Nevada Department of Public Safety-Highway Patrol, Incline Village General Improvement District, Carson City Parks & Recreation Department, Douglas County Parks & Recreation Department and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

**On November 12, 2014**, the Board approved a 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.

**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 Phases 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 Tri-Counties Memorandum of Understanding between Washoe County, Douglas County and Carson City.

## **BACKGROUND**

This MOU is intended to form a framework for a cooperative effort that supports common goals and interests in planning, design, and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System (Bikeway) and associated facilities as identified in the 2019 Assembly Bill 84, Section 2.9. (AB84) and Chapter 480 of the 2019 Statutes of Nevada. This partnership will be known as the Tahoe East Shore Working Group (WG). The WG will serve to ensure coordinated planning, specifically directed towards the regional, interconnected, recreational shared-use Bikeway and associated facilities at Lake Tahoe.

AB 84 legislation states under Section 2. 9: “An amount of \$5,000,000 must be allocated to the State’s Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for grants to Douglas County, Washoe County or Carson City and municipalities located within those counties that qualify for grants pursuant to the regulations adopted by the Director of the State

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources pursuant to this subsection to enhance and develop the Lake Tahoe Path System. Money awarded pursuant to this subsection must be used to acquire land for the path system or develop the path system. The Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall adopt such regulations as the Director determines are necessary to make the grants described in this subsection. The regulations adopted by the Director must state whether, and to what degree, applicants for grants must match any money awarded.”

The projects within Washoe County include the North Trailhead parking improvements, the Central Corridor- Sand Harbor to Thunderbird Cove trail and a portion of the Central Corridor Project including Chimney Beach parking and trail. A portion of the Central Corridor Project- Secret Harbor parking & trail is within Carson City.

The thirteen (13) project partners within the SR 28 corridor are currently working on the roles and responsibilities for the future operation and maintenance (O&M) of these facilities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve an MOU that creates a framework for a cooperative effort to support common goals and interests in planning, design, and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System (Bikeway) and associated facilities as identified in the 2019 Assembly Bill 84, Section 2.9. (AB84) and Chapter 480 of the 2019 Statutes of Nevada. This partnership will be known as the Tahoe East Shore Working Group (WG). The WG will serve to ensure coordinated planning, specifically directed towards the regional, interconnected, recreational shared-use Bikeway and associated facilities at Lake Tahoe.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve an MOU that creates a framework for a cooperative effort to support common goals and interests in planning, design, and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System (Bikeway) and associated facilities as identified in the 2019 Assembly Bill 84, Section 2.9. (AB84) and Chapter 480 of the 2019 Statutes of Nevada. This partnership will be known as the Tahoe East Shore Working Group (WG). The WG will serve to ensure coordinated planning, specifically directed towards the regional, interconnected, recreational shared-use Bikeway and associated facilities at Lake Tahoe.”