

TRUCKEE-NORTH TAHOE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors and Steering Committee
August 5, 2021
Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS

Dan Wilkins called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM via teleconference. A quorum was established.

Board members present

Dan Wilkins, Town of Truckee
Will Garner, Placer County
Dave Paulson, West Shore
Jenna Prescott, Donner Summit
John Bergmann, Kings Beach/Tahoe Vista
Gordon Shaw, Tahoe Basin At Large
Hilda Vazquez, Northstar California/Highway 267
Heather Bacon, Resort Triangle At Large Seat 2
Patrick Fraser, Squaw Valley/Highway 89
Andy Chapman, Incline Village/Crystal Bay

Board members absent

Tahoe City/West Shore – vacant
Kevin Smith, Resort Triangle At Large Seat 1
Mike Woodman, Nevada County Transportation Commission (Rotating RTPA Seat)

Others participating included Executive Director Christine Maley-Grubl, Program Manager Sara Monson, Consultant Steve Teshara, Colin Fredrickson, Joy Doyle, Jan Zabriskie, Stephen Murray, Kira Smith, David Melko, Lindsay Romack, Robin Van Valkenburgh, Carl Hasty, Gavin Feiger, Michelle Glickert, and Peter Kraatz.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments on items not on today's agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of August 5, 2021 Agenda

It was moved by Bergmann and seconded by Fraser to approve today's agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the July 8, 2021 Minutes

It was moved by Bergmann and seconded by Fraser to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021 Board meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Bills July 2021

It was moved by Shaw and seconded by Chapman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Presentation: Caltrans Active Transportation Plan for District 3: Colin Fredrickson, Caltrans, D3 CAT Project Lead

Fredrickson presented details of the plan. The goal is to consider data and formulate recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian needs on or near state highways. This plan is part of the implementation of the 2017 Toward an Active California plan.

Fredrickson described what and how data will be collected that will inform the summary report, which should be completed by the end of 2021. Public outreach strategies include a survey the public can complete using a QR Code or at catplan.org. Frederickson answered questions about what other agencies are cooperating and outreach.

2. Commute Tahoe Program Forum with TRPA, Placer County and South Shore TMA: Kira Smith, TRPA and Christine Maley-Grubl, TNT/TMA

Smith updated the group on the status of Commute Tahoe. Participating employers of various sizes from around the lake have been asked to complete a survey by August 31. The information provided will be analyzed so a baseline on commuters can be determined. The data will lead to code updates. Smith said the Commute Tahoe Program Forum will be scheduled for October 7. Maley-Grubl described the proposed logistics for the forum, where employers will consider the data collected and alternatives for commuters will be discussed.

Wilkins asked if Truckee is included. Smith said that although Truckee is outside of TRPA's purview, Truckee employers have been encouraged to participate. That said, they would not be subject to requirements TRPA may institute. Discussion followed about what those requirements may be and how this effort connects to the Regional Transportation Plan.

3. Development of Transportation Sustainable Revenue Proposal and TTD Updates: Carl Hasty, District Manager, TTD

Hasty reported a consultant team from Regional Government Services (RGS) is working with the TTD and TRPA boards to conduct interviews and consider strategies for developing consensus around one or more regional transportation funding mechanisms. He is hoping to have revised workplan and timeline in place by the end of the year. The consultants will continue to meet with the Tahoe Transportation Implementation Committee on a regular basis. Teshara added he sees RGS as a strong team that clearly understands the mission and is serious about getting through the process to reach a good solution that includes the entire Resort Triangle. A brief discussion followed as the work and outreach of the consultants to stakeholders was clarified.

4. Strategic Plan Update: Christine Maley-Grubl, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

Maley-Grubl thanked all who participated in the Board retreat. The resulting draft Three-Year Strategic Plan was included in today's meeting packet. There are some areas to be completed, such as goals. The Executive Committee will make a recommendation for Board consideration at the September meeting.

Discussion followed regarding how the Plan will be used as a guideline for TNT/TMA moving forward. Maley-Grubl will put the draft in GoogleDocs so Board members wanting to add comments can.

5. TNT/TMA Tahoe City/West Shore Open Board Seat Update: Christine Maley-Grubl, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

Maley-Grubl said the deadline for applications has been extended to August 26. She has reached out to local organizations and agencies to solicit candidates.

6. TNT/TMA 30-year Anniversary preparation: Christine Maley-Grubl, Executive Director, TNT/TMA

Maley-Grubl suggested hosting a 30-year celebration of TNT/TMA this fall. Discussion followed about award categories, logistics, and possible locations for the party to take place in either the Fall or next Spring.

REPORTS

1. North Lake Tahoe Express, Google Transit, Other – Sara Monson, TNT/TMA Program Manager
Monson presented the NLTE ridership report in the meeting packet, noting substantial increases over the past month and highest ridership to-date during the month of July versus previous years. During the review of the report, the great job the operator is doing was noted. They are being very flexible and accommodating the increase in demand.

2. Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) Board Representative Update - Andy Chapman, TNT/TMA Board of Directors

Chapman reported the TTD Board received a presentation about the Transportation Sustainable Revenue proposal and ways to address the legislation needed for both states to participate. The Board completed the third of four strategic planning sessions. A Deputy District Manager position was approved at yesterday's meeting. There was a brief conversation as TTD's sources of staff funding was clarified.

3. Eastern Placer County Capital Investment Committee (CAP) Board Representative Update - Gordon Shaw, TNT/TMA Board of Directors

Shaw reported the CAP Committee discussed options to address allocations of TOT funds, given implementation of the North Lake Tahoe TBID. TBID dollars will be used for some item that were previously funded by TOT, such as the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association. TOT dollars "freed up" and strategies for allocating those dollars are being considered.

**4. Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART)
- Will Garner, Placer County DPW, Transit Division**

Garner presented the ridership report, which included comparisons to 2020 and 2019. He clarified the numbers and how they relate to fare-box revenues.

TART Connect is carrying more passengers per hour than ever seen on regular TART routes. The average is about 3 passengers per hour. Tahoe City routes are seeing about 4.8, King Beach numbers are 6.2, and Incline is 8.8. During the few weeks the service has been in operation over 22,000 passengers have used it overall and 11,200 in Placer County zones specifically. The contractor has been great to work with and the app-driven reservation system is working. Overall, the pilot on-demand program is working very well. Chapman agreed, saying the Crystal Bay/Incline Village component has been enormously successful. The pilot program is scheduled to end on September 6. Romack noted the Board of Supervisors approved a similar winter pilot program that will include connections to Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, and Northstar. Carnelian Bay and Tahoe Vista will also be included.

Garner reported an RFP was released to find contract drivers, but no proposals were received. He will now attempt to negotiate with other entities to find TART drivers.

- Dan Wilkins, Town of Truckee, Transit Division

Wilkins said the Town is in the process of hiring for Kelly Beede's position. Hopefully a new employee will be on board in September. Beede is retiring but has offered to help with the transition.

5. Planning & Consulting - Steve Teshara, TMA Management & Planning Consultant

Teshara announced the virtual Tahoe Summit, scheduled for August 19. People can sign up to watch the livestream through the Tahoe Fund website.

Teshara's written report was in the meeting packets. He is watching the proposed federal legislation related to infrastructure spending.

AREA REPORTS

1. Board Member Reports

Fraser updated the group on the Base-to-Base Gondola. The concrete for the tower footings have been poured in Alpine Meadows and some work has begun on the Squaw side.

2. Other Area Reports

No additional reports were given.

3. Board Chairman's Report

No additional report was given.

4. Executive Director's Report

Maley-Grubl's written report was in today's meeting packet.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

- TNT/TMA Strategic Plan, Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Reserve Policy
- Analysis of micro-transit pilot program (maybe October)
- Truckee Transit Center update
- Truckee River Access and Trail update
- Washoe County Commissioner update as relates to Tahoe transit
- Washoe RTC Mt. Rose shuttle report

NEXT TMA BOARD MEETING: Thursday, September 2, 2021 – Confirm Hybrid meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman

Recording Secretary

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