

TRUCKEE-NORTH TAHOE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2024

INTRODUCTIONS

Andy Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM. A quorum was established.

Board members present

Dan Wilkins, Town of Truckee
Andy Chapman, Travel North Tahoe Nevada
Alexis Hill, Washoe County
Zoe Najim, Tahoe City/West Shore
Patrick Fraser, Palisades Tahoe/Highway 89
Tom Jacobson, Resort Triangle At Large
Joy Doyle, Resort Triangle At Large
Rebecca Taber, Placer County
Gordon Shaw, Tahoe Basin At Large
John Bergmann, Kings Beach/Tahoe Vista
Jenna Prescott, Donner Summit
Matt Click, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (Rotating RTPA Seat)
Stacey Justesen, Truckee Tahoe Airport District

Board members absent

Dave Paulson, West Shore
Hilda Vazquez, Northstar California/Highway 267

Others participating included Executive Director Sara Van Siclén, Program Director Julia Tohlen, Consultant Steve Teshara, Donnie McBath, Kena Sannar, Carolyn Pretzer, Scott Miklos, Jan Zabriskie, Brian Hitchcock, Jaime Wright, Genevieve Evans, Rebecca Cremeen, Adam Wilson, Joanne Kilburn, Sgt. Bryan Yops, Denise Davis, Katya Christian, Alfred Knotts, Lindsay Romack, and Ryan Decker. There may have been others who did not identify themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the February 1, 2024 Agenda

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

2. Approval of the January 4, 2024 Minutes

It was moved by Taber and seconded by Fraser to approve the January minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the December 2023 Bills

It was moved by Shaw and seconded by Jacobsen to approve payment of the December 2023 invoices as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Truckee North Tahoe Regional Commuter Transportation Plan Request for Proposals

Van Siclén explained that as a condition of receiving TBID dollars for the Vanpool program, TNT TMA was asked to do a survey to assess commuter needs that can be used to develop an overall plan. Van Siclén

budgeted \$75,000 from the grant for a consultant to conduct a regional survey. Today's request is to release an RFP for the consultant. Discussion followed regarding the scope of the proposal and expectations of the consultant.

It was moved by Jacobsen and seconded by Najim to approve release of the Truckee North Tahoe Regional Commuter Transportation Plan Request for Proposals incorporating comments made during today's discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

1. Cal-Neva Revitalization Project - Jason Newcomer, McWhinney Sr. Vice President Development-Hospitality

Newcomer introduced himself and McWhinney's philosophy in doing historic renovations. McWhinney wants to bring back the original 1930's feeling of Cal Neva with updated features including lodging, dining, theater, and a casino. Environmental issues including water quality and landscaping will be addressed. Including workforce housing on the site is being considered.

Newcomer showed renderings of the proposed revitalization. The tower's 219 hotel rooms will be remodeled and 55 rooms added with new cabins. There are no additional entitlements being requested. McWhinney is working with neighboring properties to improve pedestrian access in the Crystal Bay area. Hopefully, the property will reopen in 2026 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cal Neva.

A brief discussion followed clarifying the presentation and how the property enhances other redevelopment in the Crystal Bay area.

2. North Lake Tahoe Express Program Update - Julia Tohlen, TNT/TMA Program Manager

Tohlen reported there was a glitch in the new software, but the soft launch is scheduled for February 13. She described some of the new features to make the website easier for both the user and the operator.

REPORTS

Status Reports

1. North Lake Tahoe Express

- Julia Tohlen, TNT/TMA Program Manager

Tohlen reported the service is down in both ridership and revenue numbers, due in part to the lack of snow. There are some large groups coming in the next couple of months.

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

Chapman said the TTD Board is meeting next week.

3. Eastern Placer County Capital Investment Committee (CAP) Board Representative Update

- Gordon Shaw, TNT/TMA Board of Directors

Shaw reported 38 applications have been received for the next round of TBID and TOT grants. The Committee will hear presentations from applicants next week and then make recommendations.

4. Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART)

- Jaime Wright, Placer County DPW

Wright presented the ridership report in today's meeting packet. The fixed route numbers are slightly higher than last year as seasonal workers return to work.

- Alfred Knotts, Town of Truckee DPW

Knotts noted the December ridership report included in today's packet. There are fewer passengers on the fixed route service, but it could be that those people are using micro-transit. Overall services are seeing major increases in use.

5. Mountaineer Transit Company - Joy Doyle, ED Mountaineer

Doyle reported that despite low snow conditions, Mountaineer ridership was only down 6% in rides and 7% in passengers for December. Ridership between Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows is up 17%. The average wait time is about half what it was last year. The first three weeks of January are pacing ahead of 2023 numbers.

6. North Tahoe Workforce Vanpool

Brian Hitchcock from Enterprise reviewed the list of employers already signed up for the service and those he is continuing talks with. Van Siclen will be getting press releases out next week and talking to smaller employers about the program.

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

Teshara is in the process of reviewing TRPA's Vision Zero Strategy regarding safety and mobility on major highways in the area. Adopting this type of strategy can help NDOT and Caltrans get funding to address these issues.

Teshara is attending CALCOG's conference next week. Matt Click will be a speaker. One of the issues of interest will be the Governor's proposed cuts to transit.

AREA REPORTS

1. Member Reports

There were no additional reports.

2. Executive Director's Report

Tohlen thanked the Board for its support while Van Siclen was out. In turn, Tohlen was thanked for getting the many winter programs launched.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

- CA Transit Funding update
- Mechanisms for the Transportation Sustainable Revenue Proposal

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM. The next TNT TMA Board meeting will be held on March 7, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman

Recording Secretary

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