

TRUCKEE-NORTH TAHOE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Town of Truckee Offices, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA 96161
And via Zoom
January 9, 2025

INTRODUCTIONS

Fraser called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. A quorum was established.

Board members present

Patrick Fraser, Palisades Tahoe/Highway 89
Dan Wilkins, Town of Truckee
Jenna Prescott, Donner Summit
Danielle Hughes, Kings Beach/Tahoe Vista (confirmed today)
Hilda Vazquez, Northstar California/Highway 267
Zoe Najim, Tahoe City/West Shore
Joy Doyle, Resort Triangle At Large
Stephanie Holloway, Placer County
Andy Chapman, Travel North Tahoe Nevada
Stacey Justesen, Truckee Tahoe Airport District
Alexis Hill, Washoe County
Gordon Shaw, Tahoe Basin At Large

Board members absent

Matt Click, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (Rotating RTPA Seat)
Dave Paulson, West Shore
Tom Jacobson, Resort Triangle At Large

Others participating included Executive Director Sara Van Sicen, Program Manager Julia Tohlen, Consultant Steve Teshara, Ryan Murray, Leslie Suen, Adam Wilson, George Fink, Alma Piceno Ramirez, Wendy Hunter, Scott Miklos, Brian Hitchcock, Jim Martling, Chris Rardin, Danielle McHugh, Matt Randall, Rich Moorehead, Jennifer Quinn, Gavin Feiger, Denise Davis, Brett Simerly, Alfred Knotts, and Lindsay Romack. 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 January 9, 2025 Agenda

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

2. Approval of the December 5, 2024 Minutes

It was moved by Hughes and seconded by Najim to approve the December 5, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the November 2024 Bills

It was moved by Wilkins and seconded by Chapman to approve payment of the November 2024 bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Review and Possible Action to Approve Submittal of a Letter of Support for The Town of Truckee's Grant Application through the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Program for the Development of an Active Transportation Plan in Truckee

The proposed letter was included in today's meeting packet.

It was moved by Hughes and seconded by Holloway to approve submittal of a letter of support for the Town of Truckee's Grant Application through the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Program for the Development of an Active Transportation Plan in Truckee. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION/ DISCUSSION

1. Winter 2024-25 Operations and Traffic Management Planning: Washoe County

a) Local Jurisdiction Winter Operations - Brett Simerly, Operations Superintendent for Roads, Washoe County

Simerly introduced his team and described the services to keep 1,088 miles of paved and unpaved roads clear of snow.

A discussion followed as the services provided by the County and NDOT were clarified and how other jurisdictions handle snow removal, noting gaps between roads, trails, and sidewalks.

b) NDOT Winter Operations-Alma Piceno-Ramirez, NDOT

Piceno-Ramirez reviewed the NDOT operations to address snow removal on US 50, SR 28, and SR 431. She noted staffing challenges. Also, because NDOT does not check for chains, there is an issue of drivers abandoning stuck vehicles and trucks impacting snow removal operations. For example, if there are chain controls and checks by Caltrans on I80 in California, truckers may choose to bypass that by using US 50 and SR 431. Discussion continued regarding strategies to address that, noting enforcement and logistic issues.

PRESENTATION/ DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL

1. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the TNT/TMA 2025-2028 Strategic Plan.

Sara Van Siclen, TNT/TMA Executive Director

Van Siclen reviewed the updates made to the Strategic Plan as a result of feedback received, including the addition of a Vision Statement and removal of "Guiding Policies." The Board discussed whether or not to increase programming and initiatives, given the staff resources available. Discussion continued regarding TMA's role in advocacy and disseminating information.

Van Siclen will integrate today's comments into the draft Plan and propose a final version for adoption at next month's meeting.

REPORTS

Status Reports

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

Tohlen reported ridership is slightly up over this time last year. At next month's meeting, she will be making recommendations to increase ridership.

2. Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) Board Representative Update

Chapman reported the TTD Board approved the Short-Range Transit Plan for South Lake Tahoe and funding for the SR 28 project. In November, the Board held the first of two Strategic Planning sessions.

3. TOT Advisory Committee – Dan Wilkins, TNT/TMA Board of Directors

Wilkins reported the Committee recommended approximately \$7.5 million for local projects, most of which were trails. There was discussion about strategies to encourage other kinds of project requests such as housing, and changes to the application and scoring processes.

4. Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART)

- Jaime Wright, Placer County DPW

Rich Moorehead explained the winter data in the report only includes TART base service. My Ride to Work has not provided data on TART Connect.

- Alfred Knotts, Town of Truckee DPW

Knotts noted the drop in fixed-route ridership during the winter, but overall numbers are up. The Short-Range Transit Plan will be presented to the Town Council next month. Given the passage of Measure E, there is more funding available.

5. North Tahoe Workforce Vanpool - Sara Van Siclen, TNT/TMA Executive Director

Van Siclen presented her written report. The Winter Commuter Survey is now live. She and the contractor for the Van Pool Program are meeting with some of the larger employers in the area next week. There are currently 17 Van Pools operating, but there is funding for 20.

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

Teshara's December report was included in today's meeting packet. There were no questions or comments.

AREA REPORTS

1. Member Reports

Fraser reported Park & Ride was very successful, particularly last Saturday when Palisades had the biggest day ever.

Doyle reported Mountaineer operations began on December 17. The December ridership report will be presented next month.

2. Executive Director's Report

Van Siclen's report was in today's meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM. The next TNT TMA Board meeting will be held on February 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman

Recording Secretary

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