TRUCKEE-NORTH TAHOE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Town of Truckee Offices, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA 96161
And via Zoom
September 3, 2026
Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS

Pat Fraser called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. A quorum was established.

Board members present
Patrick Fraser, Palisades Tahoe/Highway 89
Eric DesLauriers, Homewood/Westshore
Gordon Shaw, Tahoe Basin At Large
Danielle Hughes, Kings Beach/Tahoe Vista
Alfred Knotts, Town of Truckee
Zoe Najim, Tahoe City/West Shore
Andy Chapman, Travel North Tahoe Nevada
Larry Finney, Truckee Tahoe Airport District
Ryan Smith, Northstar California/Hwy 267
Jared Deck, Placer County
Linda Meckel, Resort Triangle At Large
Rebecca Cremeen, Rotating RTPA Seat
Jenna Prescott, Donner Summit

Board members absent
Joy Doyle, Resort Triangle At Large
Alexis Hill, Washoe County

Others participating included Executive Director Sara van Siclen, Program Manager Caroline Craffey, Program Coordinator Ian Marten, Consultant Steve Teshara, Leslie Suen, Chris Rardin, Scott Miklos, Jeremy Linder, Jaime Wright, Michelle Glickert, Rachele Shaw, Katie Segurton, Brian….., Laura, Monica Harwood Duncan, Lauren Ball, Joe Hill, Hilda Vazquez, Daniel Doenges, Kena Sannar, Cory Peterson, Tara Styer, Ann Nichols, Denise Davis, Seth Warren, Jeremy Linder, and Nick Martin. There may have been others who did not identify themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ann Nichols requested a breakdown from NTCA on how TOT and TBID are spent.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approval of the September 3, 2026 Agenda
It was moved by Smith and seconded by Deck to approve today's agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the July 9, 2026 Minutes
It was moved by Prescott and seconded by Shaw to approve the June 4, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the June 2026 Bills
It was moved by Shaw and seconded by Meckel to approve payment of the May 2026 bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the July 2026 Bills
It was moved by Shaw and seconded by Hughes to approve payment of the May 2026 bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION
1. Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) Plan
Rachael Shaw, Transportation Planning Analyst, TRPA
Monica Harwood Duncan, Citizen Engineers
Daniel Doenges, Parametrix
Shaw presented details of the TSMO Plan, including the need to develop it to be specific to Tahoe's needs, given that both winter storms and summer construction can disrupt operations. She reviewed the timeline, which began with stakeholder engagement and data collection this summer. Today's meeting is to hear a needs assessment from TNT TMA.

Duncan reported on the four levels of self-assessment used during the workshops and high level priority action items. Discussion followed regarding what may be missing, strategies to ensure all relevant agencies, organizations, and large businesses participate in the Action Plan, and additional data that may be helpful as implementation is considered.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS
1. Review and Possible Approval of the TNT/TMA's Ongoing Proven Program Application for the North Tahoe Workforce Vanpool
Applications for Items 1, 2, and 3 were submitted for TOT/TBID funding by the deadline in August but Van Siclen asked for acknowledgment and endorsement of the submittals. Ongoing, proven programs that have been previously funded have been invited to request continued grants for the period of January 1, 2027 to June 30, 2030, while the NTCA and Placer County develop a roadmap by which to evaluate and fund these types of programs.

In conjunction with Enterprise, the Vanpool has continued to grow as more and more employers appreciate the value for their commuting workers. The request is for staff time, marketing and a subsidy of $800 per van per month for operations. The marketing budget has been reduced.

It was moved by Meckel and seconded by Smith to approve the TNT/TMA's Ongoing Proven Program Application for the North Tahoe Workforce Vanpool. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Review and Possible Approval of the TNT/TMA's Ongoing Proven Program Application for the Park and Ride Program
The grant request includes current and expanded Park & Ride shuttles for winter operations at Palisades Tahoe, Northstar, Sugar Bowl and 67 events in Palisades Tahoe, Tahoe City, and Kings Beach. The Board discussed the pros and cons of operating specific routes, each of which will be evaluated separately moving forward. The issue of trash at pick up and drop off locations was raised. Although that is not a TNT TMA responsibility, the resorts and event producers will be encouraged to request trash mitigation funds from the TOT/TBID Stewardship program.

It was moved by Shaw and seconded by Prescott to approve the TNT/TMA's Ongoing Proven Program Application for the Park and Ride Program. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and Possible Approval of the Park and Ride Agreement with Placer County
It was moved by Deslauriers and seconded by Smith to approve the Park and Ride Agreement with Placer County. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Status Reports

1. North Lake Tahoe Express Update- Caroline Craffey, TNT/TMA Program Manager

Craffey reported an increase in ridership in June and July. She is working with Visit Truckee Tahoe on ridership surveys. Craffey is also gathering data to determine why people may not be using the service and the alternatives they are choosing.

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

Chapman said the Board is participating in a Strategic Retreat on September 16. The Spooner Lake Parking area should be completed this season.

3. TOT Advisory Committee - Pat Fraser, TNT/TMA Board of Directors

Fraser said the Committee is meeting September 17 to begin considering and evaluating applications submitted for three-year "ongoing, proven program" grants.

4. Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART) - Jaime Wright, Placer County DPW- Danielle McHugh, Town of Truckee

Wright reported ridership is down on most routes except the SR 89 and SR 267 corridors. Night service was well received. The agreement with VIA is pending.

Joe Hill reported on Truckee's ridership numbers for June and July. In response to a question about TART Connect numbers remaining steady, Knotts said ridership is up on fixed routes as people are using the app to find the choices available.

5. North Tahoe Workforce Vanpool - Caroline Craffey, TNT/TMA Program Manager

Craffey said so far, all goals are being exceeded. She hopes to have 26 in operation by the end of the year.

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

Teshara described California SB 1087, which relates to how gas emission targets are set. He explained the pros and cons to both the larger MPOs and smaller areas, including impacts to planning and updates.

Discussion followed as the bill was clarified. Teshara explained how funds are allocated, the increased difficulty in identifying transit operating dollars, and the impact to local programs. That further illustrates the importance of TOT/TBID grants.

7. Advocacy Opportunities and Review -Sara Van Siclen, TNT/TMA Executive Director

No items were brought forward.

AREA REPORTS

1. Member Reports

Spotsurfer, an app related to reserved parking, may be an interesting opportunity for Northstar and Palisades Tahoe.

Cremeen reported a survey has been released to inform the Transportation Resilience Plan and Communication Strategy, which will help understand how people use transportation and their expectations during extreme events such as floods and fires. The Climate Resilience Plan evaluates the overall system to map the areas most vulnerable, projects needed to replace and update bridges and roads, and develop a communication strategy related to the TSMO (discussed above).

Knotts noted Governor Newsom's executive order regarding local transit and rail projects. The Truckee Mobility Hub is in the final construction stages. Knotts said a request is going to the Town Council to increase parking rates within the priority zone.

2. Executive Director's Report
Craffey was thanked for doing a great job during Van Siclen's leave.

Van Siclen is coordinating a Member Mixer in November at Za's in Tahoe City. Details to follow.

Van Siclen reviewed the Board seats up this year. She will send out a call for nominations for an election this fall.

Details on upcoming events hosted by the Tahoe Environmental Research Center are available at tahoe.ucdavis.edu.

NEXT TMA BOARD MEETING: October 1, 2026

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman
Recording Secretary
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