

**TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
TAHOE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2026**

TTD Board Members in Attendance:

Andy Chapman, TNT-TMA, Chair
Lori Bagwell, Carson City
Scott Bensing, Nevada Governor Appointee
Brian Bigley, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
Cindy Gustafson, Placer County (attended remotely)
Sharla Hales, Douglas County (attended remotely)
Alexis Hill, Washoe County (attended remotely)
Brooke Laine, El Dorado County
Chris Proctor, SS-TMA
Julie Regan, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Appointee
Scott Robbins, City of South Lake Tahoe
Nick Speal, California Governor Appointee
Guinevere Hobdy, NDOT
Alex Fong, Caltrans (attended remotely)

TTD Board Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Jim Marino, Tahoe Transportation District
Joanie Schmitt, Tahoe Transportation District
Linda Rao, Tahoe Transportation District
Mary Wagner, Legal Counsel
Michelle Glickert, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

I. TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum of TTD

The meeting of the Tahoe Transportation District was called to order by Chair Chapman at 3:00 p.m. at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and via Zoom. Roll call was taken and it was determined a quorum was in attendance for TTD.

B. Approval of TTD Agenda of March 4, 2026

Motion/second by Ms. Regan/Mr. Speal to approve the TTD agenda as amended for today's meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of TTD Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2026

Motion/Second by Mr. Bensing/Ms. Bagwell to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC INTEREST COMMENTS

Mr. Wadle, Field Director with California Special Districts Association (CSDA), provided recent updates regarding the work being done on the California side. A handout was distributed to the Board. CSDA along with a number of statewide associations across the country has built the National Special Districts Association to advocate for special districts on a federal level and in Congress. Mr. Wadle provided that CSDA is looking to become involved with Nevada Special Districts.

Written public comments were received and are attached.

III. REGIONAL TRANSIT AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 30, 2026 MEETING

Mr. Bensing reviewed this item. He provided that the committee considered an informational brief, primarily on service changes to routes 50 and 55. He commended Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Burke for presenting initial data after only a few months of implemented changes. Mr. Bensing thanked Mr. Speal for submitting detailed comments and expressed gratitude to everyone for being receptive to changes.

Mr. Speal's written comments were received and are attached.

A brief on the Emerald Bay Transit Pilot Project was also considered. A lot has to fall into place very quickly and Mr. Bensing thanked Mr. Marino for pushing through the requirements to make the project happen this summer.

Action Requested: Informational Only

IV. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 1, 2026 MEETING

Ms. Bagwell reported the Committee recommends approval of the consent items on today's agenda.

Action Requested: Informational Only

V. ADJOURN AS TTD AND CONVENE AS TTC

VI. TAHOE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (TTC) BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Public Hearing and Recommendation to Approve the Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency/Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Overall Work Program to the TRPA Governing Board

Ms. Glickert presented the Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency/Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Overall Work Program (OWP). As the Municipal Planning Organization (MPO), TRPA is required to prepare an annual program of work that identifies transportation planning priorities, transportation planning

activities, and the direction for every expenditure. Ms. Glickert provided a detailed breakdown of how funds are distributed between work elements.

Full planning program is divided into 4 sections. Outreach and Administration run the program and develop the annual OWP. TRPA funds a small portion of the 2 Transportation Management Associations who work with local employers and recreation providers to reduce the use of personal vehicles through transit improvements. Regional and Intermodal Planning makes up a large portion of the OWP. TRPA is piloting a Safe Routes to School education program and is exploring avenues to fund a Regional Coordinator. Corridor Management Plans are part of planning. TRPA will continue to support TTD's data collection through the SMART grant with cameras at intersections and other locations this year. Tracking and Financial Management is a mandate. Judy Weber is the lead on the Federal and State Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and will present a draft for 2027 FTIP in July. The Regional grant program provides opportunities to local agencies to apply for funds to implement transportation projects. This program just awarded 11.4 million dollars to six projects. Next fiscal year is about ensuring those funds are programmed in the FTIP.

Regional Partnerships encompasses performance-based planning, tracking federal performance measures such as safety and congestion along with factors identified through Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) performance.

Ms. Glickert provided a summary of future priorities, many of which are in progress. A region-wide travel survey will provide feedback to better understand travel mode choices to help with transit conversations and operations to help make better decisions. The technology plan will identify needs to support parking management, recreation access, adverse weather events, and to identify gaps in communication systems. This all ties into the 2027 Resilience Improvement Plan. Caltrans commented about connecting statewide plans back to OWP.

Ms. Hobdy requested that Ms. Glickert forward any comments from NDOT. Ms. Glickert suggested a meeting to walk through these comments.

Mr. Marino commended the work occurring between TTD and TRPA, stating the results achieved in transit and on the capital side correlates to the cooperation between the 2 agencies.

Action Requested: For Possible Action

Mr. Speal moved to approve the Draft Fiscal Year 2026/27 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency/Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Overall Work Program to the TRPA Governing Board
Mr. Bensing seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURN AS TTC AND RECONVENE AS TTD

VIII. TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (TTD) CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Acceptance of the District's Financial Statement of Operations for the First Seven Months of Fiscal Year 2026 Through January 31, 2026
- B. Approval of Amendment 3 – Task 8 and 9 Work Items for Service Agreement 2023-02 between TTD and Wood Rodgers, Inc. for Design and Permitting of State Route (SR) 28 North Parking, Sidewalk, and Water Quality Improvements Project
- C. Adopt Resolution 2026-001 Authorizing the Execution of the 2025/26 Fiscal Year Allocation of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Funds for the Fare Free Transit Program

Mr. Bensing requested item VIII.B. be pulled from the consent agenda.

Ms. Bagwell moved to approve consent items A and C. Mr. Speal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bensing recused himself from item VIII.B. to avoid any potential conflict of interest as a property owner within proximity to the project site.

Ms. Laine moved to approve item VIII.B. Ms. Bagwell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Bensing abstaining.

IX. TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. 771 Southwood Boulevard Parcel Disposition

Mr. Chapman recognized that Board members received a number of public comments, which will be attached to meeting minutes.

Mr. Marino reviewed this item. Staff was directed at the December Board to work with Washoe County and Reno Housing Authority (RHA) to explore affordable housing as a Transit Oriented Development project and to bring the item back for discussion if Washoe County and RHA do not take on the project.

Ms. Bagwell asked for clarification on the process that involves selling the parcel while working with FTA to transfer the parcel for housing development. Mr. Marino provided that a property sale will not be entertained while working with FTA to transfer the parcel for housing development. If a property sale occurs, the original Federal loan that facilitated the purchase may need to be repaid, plus the current market value percentage. Another option may be to petition the FTA to apply the funds to another eligible project.

Mr. Bensing stated that due to the FTA not commonly navigating this process they may be slow to respond to TTD's request to transfer parcel for housing development. He inquired whether TTD will need to submit a new request if a property sale is pursued, which may take another year. Mr. Marino stated that an application to dispose of the property by sale would be submitted while filing documents to apply funds to another eligible project. Mr. Marino doesn't anticipate that the process would take a year and suggested moving forward

with RHA to develop an initial package. Discussions about any other process of disposition should occur separately.

Ms. Gustafson inquired about RHA's willingness to partner on the property transfer, asking if they have previously participated in a similar partnership. Ms. Lopez introduced herself as the Executive Director of RHA to address any questions, expressing excitement about the opportunity to provide affordable housing for the Incline Village area. RHA has been very active with development over the last few years and has worked with partners where they have solicited a master developer, while maintaining their involvement with the process. Once property is in service, RHA takes over ownership to manage and maintain the property.

Ms. Bagwell commented about the potential partnership with recreational activities, stating that the revenue from these activities could be a fund source to support the difficult task of maintaining affordable housing. Ms. Lopez stated that currently there is no final housing concept.

Mr. Proctor expressed concern over the decision falling to the Board and the wrong decision will result in a different outcome than what the community expressed in December. Mr. Robbins commented on the ripple effect of scarcity of affordable housing, citing that the property was once an elementary school that had to close due to a dwindling student body.

Mr. Bensing inquired about the difference between RHA bringing in a master developer versus a developer bidding on the property directly. Ms. Lopez explained that RHA ownership and leasing ensure housing affordability well into the future. RHA would also ensure community input is reflected during application review and project development, for the viability of the community.

Ms. Regan commented on the challenge of building affordable housing in one of the most expensive areas of the basin, providing how Sugar Pine Village was only possible due to the donation of land from the State of California. She recognized the need for more indoor sports, but there is no project proposal for a sports arena.

Ms. Tycker, Incline Village resident, expressed gratitude to the Board for its decision to transfer the property for the purposes of building employee housing. Ms. Tycker's written comment is attached.

Mr. Keeler, Incline Village resident, who represents a group that is exploring the possibility of building a sports arena, submitted a written comment that is attached. He asked what is TTD's goal with the property transfer?

Ms. Regan commented that the goal is to dispose of the property in a way that keeps it in public hands, adding that there are no opportunities to designate public lands for public benefit. Mr. Marino stated the weight of an affordable housing project is on RHA's ability to develop a package that the FTA will approve. The funds allocated for the demolition of the facilities on the property have a timeline. TTD pays nearly \$30,000 to maintain utilities for

required fire suppression. Mr. Chapman proposed that an update be provided in 3 months.

Written comments were received and are attached.

Action Requested: Informational Only

X. STANDING REPORT ON TTD, TART, AND LAKE LINK RIDERSHIP NUMBERS

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT AND AGENDA CALENDAR CHECK

Mr. Marino provided that the 24 million dollar raise/build grant that was on pause was reapproved as a vital fund source to keep the work on Highway 28 going. Mr. Marino announced that Mr. Jacobs is the Interim Transit Program Manager.

TTD is partnering with TRPA on a presentation for the Nevada Oversight Committee that focuses on transit needs. Invitations will be forwarded for the meeting on April 10, 2026.

XII. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Ms. Regan commented on the Team Tahoe Group to Washington D.C. There were a dozen representatives to tackle 4 big priorities. Meeting with the US Department of Transportation resulted in maintaining the 24 million dollar raise grant. Congress is writing the new highway bill. The Santini-Burton Modernization act could unlock funds to better manage Forest Service parcels and could potentially support access to public lands. Annual appropriations support trails and other environmental improvements. The Water Resources Improvement Act supports programs that fight aquatic invasive species. She expressed gratitude for the unified representation.

XIII. PUBLIC INTEREST COMMENTS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Linda Rao
Executive Assistant
Clerk to the Board
Tahoe Transportation District*

This meeting was recorded in its entirety via Zoom. Any member of the public wishing to review the recording or obtain a copy of the meeting minutes may contact Linda Rao, Clerk to the Board, (775) 589-5502.