

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: January 25, 2011

Agenda Date Requested: February 3, 2011

Time Requested: 30 minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Move to authorize staff to submit comments to the respective agencies for the Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway South Demonstration Project and Feasibility Study Report. (Ann Bollinger, Natural Resource Specialist)

Staff Summary: The Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway Project is a joint project involving local, state, and federal agencies with responsibility in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The proposed 30+ mile Bikeway will extend from the Nevada Stateline in Crystal Bay to the Nevada Stateline in South Lake Tahoe. Staff, accompanied by Consultant and Project Manager, Karen Mullen, will present an overview of two planning documents – the South Demonstration Project Draft Joint Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Draft Feasibility Study Report.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

- Resolution Ordinance
 Formal Action/Motion Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to authorize staff to submit comments to the respective agencies for the Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway South Demonstration Project and Feasibility Study.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway Project includes the preparation of a feasibility study that considers the entire 30+ miles on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe from Crystal Bay in the north to Stateline in the south. The project also includes two demonstration projects that will be subject to more detailed design and project-level environmental review. Each demonstration project is about three miles – the North Demonstration project extends from Incline Village to Sand Harbor and the South Demonstration project extends from Lake Parkway in Stateline, Nevada to Round Hill Pines Beach.

The South Demonstration Project Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) includes a three-mile shared-use path that would extend from the casino core in Stateline, Nevada, to Round Hill Pines Beach. Among the requirements of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), U.S. Forest Service, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are that in the environmental review process a reasonable range of alternatives must be analyzed. The Draft EA for the South Demonstration Project meets this requirement by analyzing in detail two alternative alignments and a no project alternative. This presentation is to inform Commissioners that the public comment period for the South Demonstration Project Draft EA will commence on Thursday, January 13, 2011, and conclude on Monday, February 14, 2011. Comments will be solicited during this timeframe and will be incorporated into the final document. Written responses should be sent to Mr.

Garrett Villanueva at USFS, included in the attached Notice of Availability, Comment and Public Hearings.

The Draft EA is available for review at the City Manager's Office, City Hall in Carson City; the USFS, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit in South Lake Tahoe; the TRPA in Stateline; and the Douglas County Library in Zephyr Cove. In addition, the document can be found on the USFS LTMBU website (under Land & Resources Management, Projects), the TRPA website (under Major Projects and Environmental Documents), and the project website at www.nvtahoebikeway.com. Three public hearings are scheduled to solicit comments on the Draft EA.

The Feasibility Study Report provides an analysis of alternative alignments for the broader Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway Project particularly focusing on the area between the North Demonstration Project and the north end of the South Demonstration Project. Written responses should be sent to Mr. Alfred Knotts at the TRPA. The Feasibility Study Report is available for review at the City Manager's Office, City Hall in Carson City, and found on the website www.nvtahoebikeway.com.

Applicable Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP)
- Lake Tahoe Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Regional Transportation Plan
- State of Nevada, Question 1 State Ballot Initiative, Tahoe Path System
- Carson City Unified Pathways Master Plan
- NRS 277.080 – NRS 277.180 Interlocal Cooperation Act

Fiscal Impact: No impact directly to Carson City

Explanation of Impact: The State of Nevada Question 1 conservation initiative allocated \$5 million to Douglas County, Washoe County, and Carson City for the Tahoe Bike Path project. Additional grant sources are also funding the study and design.

Funding Source: Not applicable

Alternatives:

- Not to authorize staff to submit comments.
- Suggest comments to be submitted individually.

Supporting Material:

- Concept Document, Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway Project
- Notice of Availability, Comment, and Public Hearings for the Joint TRPA and NEPA Draft EA for the Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway, South Demonstration Project in Stateline, Nevada
- Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway, South Demonstration Project, Draft Joint Environmental Assessment, cover page and summary (Full document available at the City Manager's Office and online)
- Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway, Feasibility Study Report, Draft, cover page and introduction (Full document available at the City Manager's Office and online)

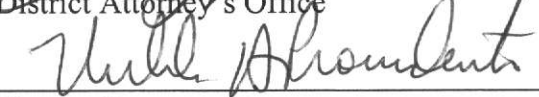
- Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission, January 4, 2011
- Copy of the powerpoint to be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting
- Letter, dated September 17, 2009, regarding Carson City's comments on the Notice of Preparation of a joint TRPA EA and NEPA EA for the Nevada Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway, South Demonstration Project

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 Date: 1/25/11
Lawrence A. Werner, City Manager

 Date: 1/25/11
District Attorney's Office

 Date: 1/25/11
Finance Department

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1: _____ Aye/Nay
2: _____

(Vote Recorded By)