

Steve Pedretti, Director
Community Development Agency, County of El Dorado
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Dear Mr. Pedretti,

We're writing to express our thanks and congratulations on the completion of the Class I Bikeway connecting Viking Way to Sawmill Rd as part of the Lake Tahoe Boulevard Enhancement Project. We are confident that this beautiful new path will serve as a well-used connection for residents of the Mountain View Estates and Angora Highlands neighborhoods, as well as residential areas along North Upper Truckee Road, to reach the City of South Lake Tahoe. We would like to give particular thanks to Brendan Ferry who has worked collaboratively and with and engaged the community and many agencies and jurisdictions on the South Shore to successfully implement these amazing paths.

Projects like these promote better public health by providing active recreation opportunities, while adding to our region's status as a world class outdoor tourist destination. These benefits will only grow as work is completed on the neighboring bicycle infrastructure projects: the soon-to-be-completed Sawmill Road Class I bikeway will link riders back to the bike path to Meyers along Highway 50; the planned Class II bicycle lanes along the remainder Lake Tahoe Boulevard beyond Sawmill Rd and continuing up North Upper Truckee Road will fill the gaps in a bicycle network connecting riders with the existing Class II lanes that begin near the south intersection of Mount Rainier Drive and North Upper Truckee Boulevard.

New bicycle infrastructure such as these projects provide residents convenient mobility options, protect lake clarity and reduce air pollution from auto traffic, and add to the long-term economic well-being of Lake Tahoe. This Project, combined with our growing bike path network, also benefits residents who don't use it regularly or at all. Safe and connected bike and pedestrian facilities improve our economy, save money for our jurisdictions and agencies, create safer streets for everyone, and enhance our natural environment.

The sustainability collaborative was founded in May of 2012 and includes over 120 volunteers living, working, and recreating in the Tahoe-Truckee region. Our mission is to sustain a citizen-based effort to accelerate a shift toward a healthier Tahoe-Truckee community, environment, and economy. The Community Mobility Workgroup is comprised of over 25 residents and representatives of organizations, jurisdictions, and agencies working together to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, accessibility, and mobility.

Thank you again for successfully adding such positive new infrastructure projects to our community.

Sincerely,
Gavin Feiger, Steve Teshara, and Rebecca Bryson
Chairs of the Community Mobility group

CC:

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