

**LTSC CM Monthly Meeting | Tuesday, April 26, 2016 | Noon-1:30pm**  
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 128 Market St., Stateline, NV | Washoe/Fremont Rooms

**Attending:** Steve H., Steve T., Rebecca, Gianna, David, Morgan, Gavin, Karen Houser, Nick Haven

**Action Items from April meeting**

- **ALL: Volunteer Opportunities** (contact Gavin or Karen Houser if you can help out during Bike Challenge, see list in agenda item 3.c., below).
- **Rebecca** looking at providing “potential routes” for each school for bike to school days.
- **Rebecca** will contact Sgt. Laney from SLTPD about getting escort for riders during bike to school days.
- **Rebecca?** Talk to Tracy Franklin about getting City electronic message boards as warning for Bike to School and Bike Challenge in general.
- **Gavin:** to get letter to Caltrans requesting striping before Amgen and definitely before June.
- **Gavin** to start working on immediate roadway repair request.
  - **All** please send Gavin any areas that need help (e.g. Highway 50 eastbound after Blue Lakes and after Al Tahoe: potholes are making cars veer into bike lane, which is not striped).

**Meeting Agenda**

**1. [12:00 – 12:05] Introductions and agenda additions**

- a. Groundbreaking for Laura Drive Bike at 10am on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2. [12:05 – 12:10] Action Item Follow-Up**

- a. [Rebecca] Put flags on each side of Sierra House crosswalk! Talk to principal Ryan - ??
- b. [Steve T., Any?] EDC SRTS Master Plan adopted? – yes, consent.

**3. [12:10 – 12:40] Bike Challenge – Karen Houser, Gianna, Rebecca, All**

The Annual Bike Challenge is Tahoe’s version of bike to work/school and takes place during the first two weeks of June every year. There are a number of great events during the two weeks and it is a great time and way to get involved with, encourage, and give back to the cycling community.

- a. Update from Karen Houser, Bike Challenge Lead for the Bike Coalition.
  - Integrating tahoebikechallenge.org into Bike Coalition site: tahoebike.org. Been getting pretty good level of donations and sponsorships to help with swag, advertising, etc: Hash Farms, TRPA, CTC, The Crossing at Tahoe Valley.
  - Schedule of South Shore events (North Shore organizing own set of events):
    1. Wednesday, June 1: Pedal/Paddle Kick-off Lakeview Commons 3pm – 6 pm
    2. Saturday, June 4: Day of the Young Child-Bike Zone @ LTCC 10am – 2 pm
    3. Wednesday, June 8: Community Bike Ride (location and time TBD)
    4. Saturday, June 11: Trail Clean-up - League to Save Lake Tahoe (time TBD)
    5. Sunday, June 12: Yoga for Bicycling with Lorilyn – Camp Richardson Beach 10am – 11am
    6. Sunday, June 12: Slow Roller Poker Run Mo’s Place 1pm – 5pm
    7. Saturday, June 18: Cycle Celebration – Bijou Park/Bijou Bike Park 12pm – 4pm
- b. Update from Gianna and Rebecca on school-specific activities
  - Bike/Walk to School Week: June 1-3 as part of “We Can” Challenge (national). Letter going out to students and teachers. There will be one check-in zone at each school. Students get a punch on their card each day and a little prize (stickers, bells, etc.). They can bring punch card to Cycle Celebration for chance to win more prizes. Will also keep tally by grade on big flipchart at each school.

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- CHP is willing to do a bike rodeo at each school, Rebecca is working on setting it up.
  - **Rebecca** looking at providing “potential routes” for each school.
  - **Rebecca** will contact Sgt. Laney from SLTPD about getting escort for riders.
  - **Rebecca?** Talk to Tracy Franklin about getting City electronic message boards as warning for Bike to School and Bike Challenge in general.
  - **Gavin:** Follow up with Tracy (City) and Tim Rowe (NDOT) Need to get some helmets for kids at Sierra House; and bike park
- c. How to get involved! **ALL: Volunteer Opportunities** (contact Gavin or Karen Houser if you can help out):
- June 1: Kickoff at Lakeview Commons with SUP (can rent for \$20) and historical ride of Al Tahoe.
  - June 1-3: Bike/Walk to School Week (Wed-Fri): 30-60 minutes before school starts each day, 3-4 people at each school. Also looking for people to help out with “biking school buses” (ride w/kids)
  - June 4: Day of the Young Child at Lakeview Commons (bike valet).
  - June 18<sup>th</sup>: Cycle Celebration at Bijou Bike Park after BMX races, Noon-4pm – booths, food, beer garden.
4. **[12:40 – 12:50] Caltrans Update - Gavin, Steve T.**
- a. Trout Creek to Y – long term
- City and Caltrans working with Federal Highway to do Road Safety Audit. TRPA structuring permit to hold them accountable. Use RSA to identify options and partner with Caltrans to look for other money such as safety money (new fed transportation bill).
- b. Immediate painting and needed repairs
- **Gavin:** to get letter out requesting striping. **Gavin** to start working on immediate roadway repair request, **all** please send Gavin any areas that need help (e.g. Highway 50 eastbound after Blue Lakes and after Al Tahoe: potholes are making cars veer into bike lane, which is not striped).
5. **[12:50 – 1:10] Missing Connections, How to prioritize and fund - Karen K./Nick, Steve T., Gavin**
- Over the past couple of months, we have been working to create a master list of gaps on the South Shore, review City of SLT and El Dorado County CIP/EIP prioritization (and additions).
- a. TRPA will explain the Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality (CMAQ) submission and funding process so we all have the correct understanding of how it works, which entities are eligible, and the types of projects that can be funded.
- **Step #1: Developing project list.** If you have air quality problems, you are eligible for this funding. Anything that reduces emissions (bike/ped, transportation demand/carpool, transit, education). Tahoe has had this funding for a long time, only in ED County and City of SLT. TTD has been starting to use it for Spare the Air (free transit days). Population has normally been used for funding allocations, TRPA/TMPO advocated for including visitation in out population and increased funding to \$1.9 million annually, this FY through FY 2020. There is a call for projects that covers the 5-year span, then a call every 2 years. So, every two years, things change around depending on schedules and priorities. Limited to allocation amount (\$1.9 million) every year or lose it. Federal funds, goes through Caltrans local assistance (very time consuming and bureaucratic so best to have fewer, larger projects). CTC will also be qualified to get funds (must have Master Agreement in place with State). Funds can be for any kind/stage of project (planning, right of way, construction). TMPO

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decides how \$1.9 million gets divvied up between eligible entities and how to break up between years and so on.

- Step #2: Programming: TMPO recommendations will come out this Friday, go to TMPO Transportation Commission on May 20 and TRPA Governing Board May 25.
- This happens every 2 years. *How to get involved: TMPO/TRPA assumes local projects have been vetted by public. Be the public! Address TMPO/TRPA Transportation Commission/Governing Board.*
  1. Get involved with City's CIP list. Updated middle of their (federal) fiscal year.
  2. El Dorado County doesn't really have an EIP/CIP list. Work with them.

- b. Rule 20? Undergrounding power lines.
- c. South Shore Mobility Partnership?

6. **[1:10 – 1:25] Transit – speaker and near-term priorities – Karen F, All**

- a. How best to approach TTD. Maybe a good way to engage with George on the NextBus/real-time transit information question would be to ask him how we can support him as staff on moving that strategy forward. That way a request to the TTD board, if that's the next step, would be much more collaborative.
  - How to help TTD prioritize GPS tracking on South Shore buses. Steve T noted that TTD is going to be replacing all of their contract staff between now and July 1 so it might be difficult to get their attention until then.
  - Nick: they have money for this, should be implemented within one year.

7. **[1:25 – 1:30] Next Meeting – Gavin**

- a) Date and location: **May 24, Noon. Gianna takes notes (thank you!).**
- b) Topic? **Try to meet with Crossing at Tahoe Valley to talk about bike paths/greenway.**
- c) Guest speaker? Transit or Caltrans next (transit/TTD might be best after July 1 because of internal hiring).  
New Crossing development at the Y?
- d) Update/Schedule for guest speakers over winter/spring (list below)

**Upcoming speakers – Gavin lead, all help**

- a. AI: Gavin/others to keep scheduling these
- a. TTD (George Fink – transit issues informed by Sept. 30 unmet transit needs & Oct. 21/Nov. 18 [Tahoe Talks](#))
  - i. FEBRUARY/MARCH
  - ii. **Transit speaker ideas:** See below and maybe ask the head of BlueGo/TTD to come to talk about:
    - a. They are now switching back to regular fuel or biofuel maybe? Maybe we could push for EV
    - b. There was some talk at that public meeting about BlueGo working with LTUSD to get kids to the high school, the middle school and LTCC more efficiently so that the kids do not have to get up before 6am to get to each of those schools. *From Steve T.: might not be allowed to use federal transit money for schools.*
- b. ED County (Brendan and/or Novasel - talk about signage, Black Bart, Meyers Sustainability Plan, Elks Club to Saw Mill danger, what we can do to help with public support.)
  - i. NOVEMBER
    - a. Speed feedback signs at Sierra House (Eissinger SLTPD wants, has costs)
    - b. bike fatality during Bike Challenge. David will bring up at JPA meeting. This should spark serious review of facilities and behaviors on Pioneer in decades(?) since Class II's. County has been getting \$5k/mile for years from JPA for maintenance of Class II on Pioneer (Cycle track/separated/striped separated lane on Pioneer, JPA money for maintenance?). Also, trying to get more kids to ride to school – Sierra House, Magnet, even middle School and LTCC).

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- c. USFS (Garrett or Matt from USFS speak about current and future projects, future wayfinding, how we can help with public support)
  - i. MARCH/APRIL
- d. City (Jim and John Hitchcock – general, Tahoe Valley Area Plan – especially Viking Way to Y and Greenbelt)
  - i. OCTOBER
- e. Caltrans (Gary Arnold? Dist. 3 Deputy Director Tom Brannon? Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty? – how their projects went over summer, what’s up next, how we can ensure bike/ped facilities are part of their projects. Caltrans is committed to increasing bike ridership by 3x by 202. How does Tahoe fit into this? Look at TRPA’s VMT projections (high from tourists, we need to increase ridership here too, not just residents of metropolitan areas).
  - i. FEBRUARY/MARCH
  - ii. Steve H. to try to get meeting in Sac
    - a. Trout to the Y!!!