

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—
COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF THE
TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND
THE MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM)

MARCH 25, 2021

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Expresses support for the identification of key
transportation priorities for the Lake Tahoe Basin.
(BDR R-365)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for
the identification of key transportation priorities for the
Lake Tahoe Basin.

1 WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe, an area of unique and irreplaceable
2 beauty, is a world-renowned visitor destination located near several
3 urban areas experiencing continuous population growth; and

4 WHEREAS, COVID-19 has resulted in an increase in the number
5 of individuals and families visiting the Lake Tahoe Basin as well as
6 relocating to the Lake Tahoe Basin to telework; and

7 WHEREAS, Visitor demand, population growth in the
8 surrounding urban areas and relocations to the Lake Tahoe Basin for
9 telework are expected to increase into the future, placing even
10 greater strain on the Basin's already stressed transportation
11 infrastructure and transit systems; and

12 WHEREAS, The increasing pressure on the transportation system
13 is accelerating environmental and public safety impacts in the Lake
14 Tahoe Basin, including traffic congestion, increased pollution from
15 vehicles, erosion and storm water runoff, and unsafe conditions for
16 visitors as a result of the lack of parking and safe alternative
17 transportation options such as walking and biking paths, micro-
18 transit services and other multi-modal transportation services; and



1 WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Plan of the Tahoe
2 Regional Planning Agency recognizes that creating or expanding
3 existing road systems is not possible and therefore focuses on a
4 strategy of improving transit services, using technology and
5 building more trails and other community enhancements to provide
6 travel options besides the use of automobiles for residents,
7 commuters and visitors; and

8 WHEREAS, Nevada's State Climate Strategy provides a
9 framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with
10 the targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions set by the
11 Nevada Legislature in 2019 and has identified transportation
12 improvements as one of the primary means to achieve such targets;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Different revenue studies for transportation have
15 been completed over the years, including the revenue generation
16 study entitled "One Tahoe" recently completed by the Tahoe
17 Transportation District, to identify potential revenue mechanisms to
18 help fund the District's operations and the broader Lake Tahoe
19 transportation system; and

20 WHEREAS, Protecting the environmental and economic health of
21 the Lake Tahoe Basin is of such utmost importance to both the
22 States of Nevada and California that the Director of the Nevada
23 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the
24 Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency have been
25 convening a Bi-State Working Group on Transportation consisting
26 of persons representing state, local, regional and federal
27 governmental agencies, business groups, the environmental
28 community and the resort and tourism industries to help identify
29 appropriate solutions to meet the Lake Tahoe Basin's unique and
30 complex transportation challenges; and

31 WHEREAS, Any further delays in implementing a comprehensive
32 and fully integrated transportation system that substantially
33 decreases the dependence on the use of the automobile will result in
34 increased negative impacts to the environmental and economic
35 health of the Lake Tahoe Basin; now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
37 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 81st Session of
38 the Nevada Legislature do hereby recognize and express support for
39 the continued efforts of the Bi-State Working Group on
40 Transportation; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That the members of the 81st Session of the Nevada
42 Legislature do hereby request that the Bi-State Working Group on
43 Transportation collaborate and agree upon a list of transportation
44 priorities and projects for the Lake Tahoe Basin over the next 5
45 years, and any other timeframe the Working Group believes



necessary to facilitate implementation of the agreed upon priorities and projects, to be presented at the first meeting of the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System in the 2021-2022 legislative interim; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby request that any list of agreed upon transportation priorities and projects:

1. Include, without limitation, an assessment of the costs of each project and the benefits of each project in protecting and enhancing the ecosystem of the Lake Tahoe Basin;

2. Coincide with both Nevada and California's goals, benchmarks and targets for addressing climate change; and

3. Identify any potential recommendations for funding, any equity issues associated with the funding recommendations, and any other barriers, both monetary and non-monetary, to implementing an effective transportation system for the Lake Tahoe Basin; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the District Manager of the Tahoe Transportation District, the Director of the Nevada State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Director of the California Department of Transportation, the Forest Supervisor of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the United States Forest Service and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

