

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8–
Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Different revenue studies for transportation have been completed over the years, including the revenue generation study entitled “One Tahoe” recently completed by the Tahoe Transportation District, to identify potential revenue mechanisms to



help fund the District's operations and the broader Lake Tahoe transportation system; and

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the members of the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby request that the Bi-State Working Group on Transportation collaborate and agree upon a list of transportation priorities and projects for the Lake Tahoe Basin over the next 5 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.

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