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Please accept the attached comment letter regarding 3/12/2024 BOS agenda item 23. Thank you!

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City Manager's Office

March 11, 2024

El Dorado County
Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors,

I submit this written correspondence to you to be included as part of record for the March 12, 2024 County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda item 23 regarding potential formation of a Tahoe south Shore Transit Joint Powers Authority between the City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County.

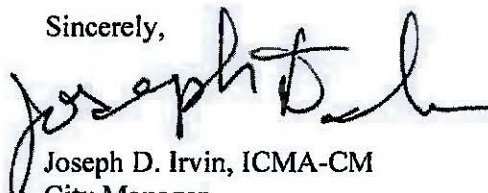
While the City of South Lake Tahoe (City) supports efforts for regional connectivity, such efforts should not be taken or implemented at the cost of sacrificing transit service at the local level. The City has been participating in the South Shore Technical Advisory Committee discussions on short range transit planning and continues to advocate for greater frequency on primary fixed routes and integration with on demand microtransit providing service into neighborhoods throughout the South Shore.

The City has partnered with the South Shore Transit Management Association (SS/TMA) to develop a plan that identifies short term, mid-term, and long term microtransit services throughout the South Shore and how those services can be integrated with fixed route services.

Additionally, the City's Tahoe Transit Ad Hoc Committee including Mayor Bass and councilmember Wallace, El Dorado County District 5 Supervisor Laine, SS/TMA Executive Director, Raymond Suarez and Brian Bigley with Vail resorts have been meeting periodically during the last few months to discuss methods to gain more local control over local south shore transit operations and funding options. On Monday, January 29, the subcommittee voted to recommend that the City Council and El Dorado County Board of Supervisors vote to initiate negotiations of a joint powers authority agreement to establish an entity with the capacity to operate local transit and eligibility to claim state and local transit funding.

At their February 13th meeting, the South Lake Tahoe City Council passed Resolution 2024-002 authorizing and directing the City Manager and City Attorney to enter negotiations with El Dorado County on a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to establish a Tahoe South Shore Transit Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The City maintains a commitment towards working collaboratively to enhance fixed route transit service on the South Shore with on-demand microtransit service at the neighborhood level and to work with partners to build an integrated system that provides an improved experience for residents and visitors in the South Lake Tahoe region.

Sincerely,

 3/11/2024
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City Manager