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John Kahling
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Submitted via email: john.kahling@edcgov.us

RE: Support for U.S. Highway 50 and Pioneer Trail intersection improvements

Dear Mr. Kahling,

The Community Mobility Workgroup, established as part of the larger Sustainability Collaborative in 2012, is comprised of nearly 40 residents and representatives of organizations, jurisdictions, and agencies working together to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, accessibility, and mobility.

We're writing to express our thanks for proactively reaching out to us about the intersection improvement planning for U.S. Highway 50 and Pioneer Trail in South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County. We support the effort as it will make the intersection safer and more accessible for cyclists and pedestrians. This project also helps implement the Meyers Area Plan and the TRPA Regional Transportation Plan; and contributes to the overall corridor planning effort in Meyers. We prefer the roundabout option over the enhanced and Concept 2, as presented to us on May 28, specifically because it has single-lane instead of two-lane crossings which makes it safer for cyclists and pedestrians. It is also the most similar to the roundabout at the intersection of Highways 89 and 50 in Meyers currently under construction and consistency may improve safety and traffic flow.

Projects such as this have the potential to 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. 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.

Thank you again for reaching out to us and for improving mobility in our community.

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

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