

**Bicycle Advisory Committee, of the  
South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities  
Joint Powers Authority (JPA)**



Advisory Committee members:  
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Dear Donaldo Palaroan,

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Measure S/R JPA appreciates El Dorado County's efforts to improve the intersection at Pioneer Trail and Hwy 50. The BAC members have experienced the numerous shortcomings of this intersection and agree that improvements are needed. The 2016 Meyers Road Safety Audit (RSA) conducted by the Federal Highway Administration documented many of these shortcomings.


*Pedestrian and bicycle facilities are disjointed and lack connectivity at this intersection. Pedestrians are only allowed to cross US 50 in the crosswalk on the north side of the intersection and that crossing does not connect to another pedestrian facility. All other pedestrian movements are prohibited. The Class I bicycle facility parallel to US 50 does not connect to the Class II facility or the Class I pathway east of US 50.*

The RSA also notes that this intersection is "the highest crash location within the study area." Clearly there is room for improvement.

The roundabout proposal that shares many design concepts with the roundabout currently under construction at 50 and 89 is the most desirable. Notably, it connects the two Class 1 paths on either side of Hwy 50, and provides needed pedestrian and bike access while only requiring people walking to cross one lane of traffic at a time. Depending on traffic volumes it is possible the northbound/eastbound free right turn is not needed. This would reduce the footprint of the roundabout, reduce costs, and increase ease of crossing this portion of the intersection for people walking.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the roundabout option for improving this intersection.

Sincerely,

  
Bicycle Advisory Committee  
By David Reichel, Chair

CC: Bruce Eisner, John Upton