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DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (approved by Congress in 1980) established the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) as a special purpose district. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) distributes state, regional, and federal transportation funding for transportation programs and projects to the TTD for implementation.

TTD receives approximately \$2.2M - \$2.5M dollars annually on behalf of El Dorado County and the City of South Lake Tahoe. These funding streams are intended to provide TTD with the resources to operate transit services throughout the Tahoe Region on the California side.

Currently, El Dorado County has not had access to transit services in decades in the unincorporated portion of the basin with the exception of para-transit service which TTD provides through the use of federal, state and local funds. Where has all the money gone?

In February 2024, Supervisor Laine dispersed a survey to the unincorporated area of the county within the Tahoe Basin. Over 450 residents responded to the survey and, overwhelmingly, eighty percent (80%) of those responders would consider using fixed route, micro transit, or a combination of both. Over 200 general comments were also submitted as a result of the survey with many

respondents requesting park and ride options from Meyers to Stateline and Meyers to Desolation and other recreation destinations on Hwy 89 including Emerald Bay.

On May 2, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved appointing myself (Supervisor Laine) to the South Shore Transit Ad Hoc Committee, made up of representatives from the City of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, South Shore Transit Management Association and Vail Resorts. We have been discussing options to achieve improved transit services and better local control.

This item is intended to introduce the issues around transit service in the Tahoe basin and to begin a conversation around what options the South Shore Transit Ad Hoc Committee may be considering.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel, CAO

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

None

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Good Governance.

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