

County of El Dorado

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Legislation Text

File #: 20-1375, Version: 1

Supervisor Novasel recommending the Board:

- 1) Find that a public benefit is derived from supporting the Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition's efforts to support the Lake Tahoe Bikeways Map; and
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign a funding Agreement, consistent with the County's standard form and upon the approval of County Counsel, with the Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition authorizing payment of the \$5,000 community funding contribution in support of these efforts.

FUNDING: General Fund. DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition (LTBC, Bike Coalition) is a member-supported nonprofit organization with a mission to help Tahoe become more bicycle friendly. We promote opportunities for more people to ride bikes in Tahoe, provide free valet parking for bicycles at community events, co-host the annual Lake Tahoe Bicycle Challenge each June, and produce the well-known Lake Tahoe Bikeways Map.

LTBC maintains two comprehensive maps of the bicycle network in the Tahoe Truckee region. Our online map (at https://map.tahoebike.org/) is updated several times annually with new trails and includes unique features such as identifying which trails are plowed in the winter. LTBC also updates, prints, and distributes a free paper map (https://www.tahoebike.org/where-to-ride/bike-map/) to visitor centers, bicycle shops, public agencies, hotels, and other visitor hubs throughout the region. Together, the maps provide residents and visitors with reliable information about where they can ride their bicycle safely and promotes bicycling as a safe and efficient alternative to driving.

LTBC is seeking \$5,000 from each local, state, and regional public agency in the Tahoe-Truckee region to continue updating, printing, and distributing the online and paper bicycle maps for the next two to three years. Local and regional public agencies, like you, commonly fund bike maps because they highlight the outstanding facilities you build and maintain. Additionally, bike maps attract users helping to shift people out of their cars and onto their bikes resulting in less congestion, improved lake clarity, and a healthier community.

A funding agreement is required in order for the County to process the payment to LTBC. Approval by the Board provides the finding that a public benefit is derived from supporting this endeavor, which seeks to support the Lake Tahoe Bikeways Map.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to approve the funding request, and no funding would be provided in support of these efforts.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

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OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Board of Supervisors allocated \$30,000 in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget in General Fund - Other Operations (Department 15) to be available for community funding requests supported by the Board. Approval of this item would allocate \$5,000 from this amount. There is no additional impact to the General Fund due to the approval of this agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

None

CONTACT

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