



Legislation Text

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Supervisor Santiago recommending the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency update the Board on the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD).

Summary

Article IX of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact created the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) in 1980. TTD is a bi-state agency and has authority to implement the Region's transportation plans, programs and projects. TTD may acquire, own and operate public transportation systems and parking facilities serving the Tahoe Region and provide access to convenient transportation terminals outside of the Region. It is the policy of the current Board of Directors to support the operation and growth of the existing local systems, and to fill the gap where services don't exist. This gap approach also pertains to implementing capital improvements that lack any other sponsor or which cross jurisdiction's boundaries. In general the District's jurisdictional boundary correlates with that of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, but also extends beyond it for purposes of providing inter-regional transit linkages.

A Board of Directors representing the counties within the Region and the City of South Lake Tahoe originally governed the TTD. Article IX was amended by the states of California and Nevada in 1997 to provide for private sector representation on the Board, recognizing transit is a public-private partnership. Board membership now includes representation from the Basin's two Transportation Management Associations, an at-large member representing transit providers, and representative of any special transit districts formed under California law. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) each have non-voting members on the Board of Directors.

The District works closely with the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO), Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART) at the north shore, South Tahoe Area Transit Authority (STATA) and the BlueGo system at the south shore, Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission (Washoe RTC), the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), Caltrans, and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) among others.

The District's plan is summed up in its mission statement "To create an integrated, regional transportation network for Tahoe's residents and visitors which is convenient, attractive, and a positive experience; one which achieves environmental thresholds, and provides sound mobility options for all".