

# Friends of the West Shore

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## COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

### Transportation and Public Safety

*Friends* envisions reducing the impact from private automobile traffic and parking as well as developing practical and sustainable transportation alternatives.

Our Community Vision	Regional Vision Summary: Pathways & Forum 2007
<p>Promote public transportation available from both North (Tahoe City) Y to the South Y via highway 89 West Shore, especially during peak tourist seasons.</p> <p>Provide tour bus around the Lake in July and August with get on and off privileges at various points</p>	<p><i>Sustainable alternatives to the private automobile should be enhanced to improve the mobility, environmental and economic health of the Tahoe Basin.</i></p> <p><i>Transportation system investment in the Basin should include “clean-fuel” transit options as well as non-auto connections in the Basin.</i></p> <p><i>Basin transportation plans and projects should improve air quality</i></p>
<p>Provide transportation with inter-connective mobility. Starting from the gateways of Tahoe, multi-modal transportation provides visitors and residents coming into Lake Tahoe via plane, train or car with further mobility that can interconnect to their destinations.</p>	<p><i>Goal: A multi-modal transportation system that promotes viable alternatives for mobility needs, encourages alternative mode use, and decreases dependency on the private automobile. Noted in Regional Plan Update Workshop, October 2008.</i></p>
<p>Provide public transportation to all recreational areas, including beach access, sailing, kayaking, swimming, hiking trails, rock climbing, camping or other recreational opportunities within the Basin.</p>	
<p>Improve traffic management to reduce traffic and encourage use of TART and shuttles.</p> <p>Consider a toll road around the Lake with exempt stickers for local residents as well as docking stations for electric cars.</p>	<p><i>A regional agency should manage the transportation system in the Basin benefiting both residents and visitors.</i></p> <p><i>Basin transportation plans and projects should improve air quality.</i></p>
<p>Develop and designate a bicycle commuter lane on a paved shoulder of both sides of highway 89 for bicycle commuters, separate from existing multi-use/recreational path.</p>	<p><i>Sustainable alternatives to the private automobile should be enhanced to improve the mobility, environmental and economic health of the Basin</i></p>

<p>Develop better alternatives for parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion of a West Shore Parking Authority to develop plan with off-street lots and shuttles to reduce driving trips.</li> <li>• Develop parking alternatives for boat trailers during the summer.</li> <li>• Allow and encourage shared-use of a common parking lot by day/night businesses.</li> </ul>	
<p>Develop clean-fueled water transportation, including ferries and water taxis with boat transit hubs to provide a continuous loop around the lake.</p>	<p><i>Transportation system investment in the Basin should include "clean-fuel" transit options as well as non-auto connections in the Basin.</i></p>
<p>For new West Shore developments, consider policies supporting parking at the Tahoe City Y and shuttle service to the development.</p>	
<p>Promote public awareness of public transportation, including shuttle service to/from the Reno Airport to the West Shore.</p>	
<p>Promote fire safety and evacuation plans with consideration of the availability of sheriff personnel.</p>	<p><i>Forest composition and structure should be restored to natural conditions so forests retain a low probability of spreading a catastrophic wildfire</i></p>