

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"> • Suggestion of a West Shore Parking Authority to develop plan with off-street lots and shuttles to reduce driving trips. • Develop parking alternatives for boat trailers during the summer. • Allow and encourage shared-use of a common parking lot by day/night businesses. 	
<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>

