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This notice is being issued by the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and meets noticing requirements of TRPA and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It supplements a prior notice released on March 7 and 8, 2012 and April 3, 2012 related to the same environmental document.

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD**

April 25, 2012

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

**RE:** **Mobility 2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Draft Environmental Impact Report/Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) State Clearinghouse SCH No. 2011082070 (California) and E2012-033 (Nevada)**

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*The Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Regional Transportation Plan: Mobility 2035* is Lake Tahoe's blueprint for a regional transportation system. Transportation solutions will enhance quality of life in the Tahoe Region, promote sustainability, and offer improved mobility options for people and goods. This document will guide transportation improvements in this unique environment and carry forward the public's vision of creating an innovative multimodal transportation system that appeals to users and serves mobility needs while improving the environmental and socioeconomic health of the Basin. The plan meets the challenge of California's Senate Bill 375 by presenting an integrated land use and transportation strategy that will allow the Region to achieve targets for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2035.

The Tahoe Region is located on the border of the states of California and Nevada, between the Sierra crest and the Carson Range. Approximately two-thirds of the Region is located in California, with one-third within Nevada. The Tahoe Region contains an area of approximately 501 square miles, of which approximately 191 square miles comprise the surface waters of Lake Tahoe.

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) contains three main components. The RTP includes the transportation goals, policies, programs, and implementation measures of the Transportation Element of the Regional

Plan Update. The RTP also includes a list of transportation and water quality projects that constitute the transportation strategies intended to implement the adopted goals, policies, and programs. The SCS includes both transportation and land use strategies. The SCS land use scenarios evaluated in this draft Environmental Impact Report/Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) consist of the land use alternatives under consideration as a part of the Regional Plan Update environmental review.

A 60-day public comment period for the draft Mobility 2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and draft EIR/EIS will commence on **April 25, 2012** and conclude on **June 27, 2012**. The TMPO and TRPA will solicit comments during this period and will incorporate them into the final EIR/EIS, along with responses to comments. Comments should be sent to the following contact before the close of the comment period:

**Lead Agency:**

**Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Agency/ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency**

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The draft Mobility 2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and draft EIR/EIS will be available for the public to review on April 25, 2012 at the following locations:

**TRPA offices**

128 Market Street

Stateline, NV

**Douglas County Library Lake Tahoe Branch**

233 Warrior Way

Zephyr Cove, NV

**Tahoe City Library**

740 North Lake Blvd

Tahoe City, CA

**El Dorado County Library**

1000 Rufus Allen Boulevard

South Lake Tahoe, CA

**Kings Beach Library**

301 Secline Drive

Kings Beach, CA

In addition, the documents can be found under the "[Draft Mobility 2035](#)" link at [www.tahoempo.org](http://www.tahoempo.org) or [www.trpa.org](http://www.trpa.org).

Public hearings are scheduled to solicit comments on the draft Mobility 2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and draft EIR/EIS as follows: (Please check the TRPA website for agenda and time one week prior to the meeting).

1. TRPA Governing Board Meeting on **April 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.**, The Chateau, 955 Fairway Boulevard, Incline Village, NV
2. TRPA Governing Board Meeting on **April 26, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**, TRPA Board Rooms, 128 Market Street, Stateline, NV
3. Tahoe Transportation Commission Meeting on **May 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**, South Lake Tahoe location to be announced
4. TRPA Governing Board Meeting on **May 23, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**, North Tahoe Events Center, 8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA
5. TRPA Governing Board Meeting on **May 24, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**, TRPA Board Rooms, 128 Market Street, Stateline, NV

In addition to the public hearings, evening workshops will also be held on the concepts embodied in the draft Regional Transportation Plan as well as the draft Regional Plan. Workshop times and locations are:

1. RPU/RTP Workshop on **May 21, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, The Chateau, 955 Fairway Boulevard, Incline Village, Nevada
2. RPU/RTP Workshop on **May 22, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, TRPA Board Rooms, 128 Market Street, Stateline, Nevada

#### **Issues Addressed in the EIR/EIS**

The EIR/EIS evaluated the RTP/SCS with respect to 14 topical issues and determined that the RTP/SCS would result in potentially significant environmental impacts to: Traffic and Transportation; Air Quality; Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change; Noise; Hydrology and Water Quality; Scenic Resources; Public Services and Utilities; Health and Public Safety; and Cultural Resources. The RTP/SCS would result in beneficial impacts, less-than-significant impacts or no impacts to: Land Use; Geology, Soils, Land Capability, and Coverage; Biological Resources; Recreation; and Population, Employment, and Housing.

Please contact Karen Fink, TRPA Senior Planner (775-589-5204 or [kfink@trpa.org](mailto:kfink@trpa.org)), or send an email to [mobility2035comments@trpa.org](mailto:mobility2035comments@trpa.org) with any questions.