

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of South Lake Tahoe proposes two amendments to the B/ATCP, specifically:

1. Increase allowable building height – current B/ATCP building height limits are defined by Table 37.4.1-1 and Section 37.5 (Additional Height for Certain Buildings) of the TRPA Code and only permit up to 42 feet for structures with greater than 10:12 roof pitches, and on slopes of greater than 24 percent across the building site. The Code does not permit structures of 42 feet in height that have flat roofs and are located within a TRPA-designated scenic highway corridor. The proposed amendment would permit building heights up to 42 feet for public or quasi-public structures in the 56-acre project area if TRPA Code Section 37.7 findings 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 can be made (Code findings reprinted below). Height limits for B/ATCP areas outside of the 56-acre project area would remain unchanged.
2. Eliminate minimum roof pitch for public and quasi-public buildings located in the 56-acre project area – current roof pitch standards require a minimum of 7:12 roof pitches in B/ATCP District 4. The proposed amendment would permit flat roofs for public or quasi-public buildings within the 56-acre project area and reduce minimum roof pitch requirements to 5:12 for the rest of B/ATCP District 4 (Town Center).

The amended plan will serve as a mutual plan for the City of South Lake Tahoe and TRPA by providing direction for how the applicable area shall be regulated to achieve regional environmental and land use objectives. The development standards and the specific policies referenced in the amendments are the land use standards intended to administer and regulate development within the 56-acre project area of the B/ATCP.

TRPA Code Section 37.7 – Findings for Additional Building Heights

37.7.1. Finding 1 - When viewed from major arterials, scenic turnouts, public recreation areas, or the waters of Lake Tahoe, from a distance of 300 feet, the additional height will not cause a building to extend above the forest canopy, when present, or a ridgeline. For height greater than that set forth in Table 37.4.1-1 for a 5:12 roof pitch, the additional height shall not increase the visual magnitude beyond that permitted for structures in the shoreland as set forth in subsection 66.3.7, Additional Visual Magnitude, or Appendix H, Visual Assessment Tool, of the Design Review Guidelines.

37.7.3. Finding 3 - With respect to that portion of the building that is permitted the additional height, the building has been designed to minimize interference with existing views within the area to the extent practicable.

37.7.4. Finding 4 - The function of the structure requires a greater maximum height than otherwise provided for in this chapter.

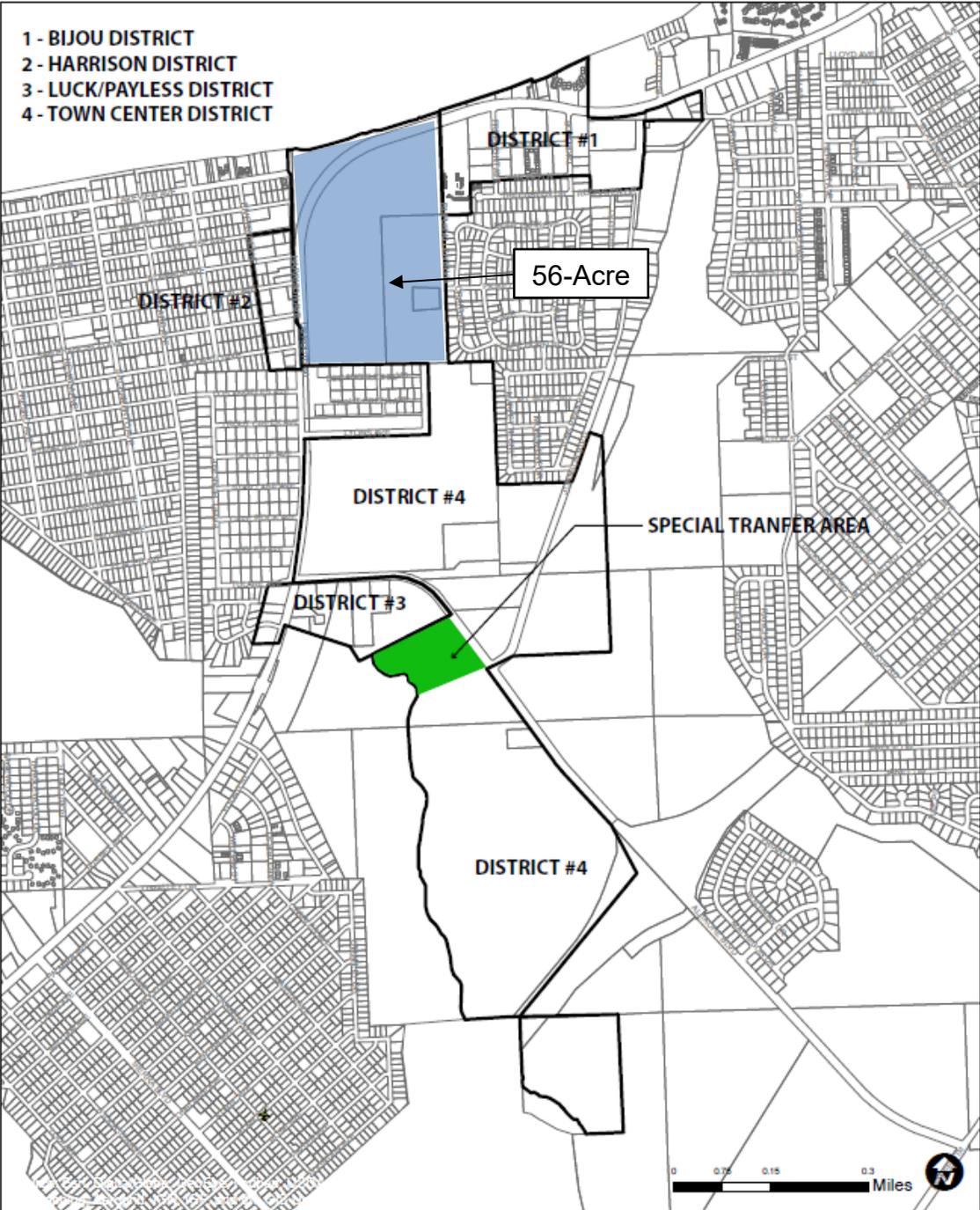
37.7.5. Finding 5 - The portion of the building that is permitted additional building height is adequately screened, as seen from major arterials, the waters of lakes, and other public areas from which the building is frequently viewed. In determining the adequacy of screening, consideration shall be given to the degree to which a combination of the following features causes the building to blend or merge with the background.

A. The horizontal distance from which the building is viewed;

B. The extent of screening; and

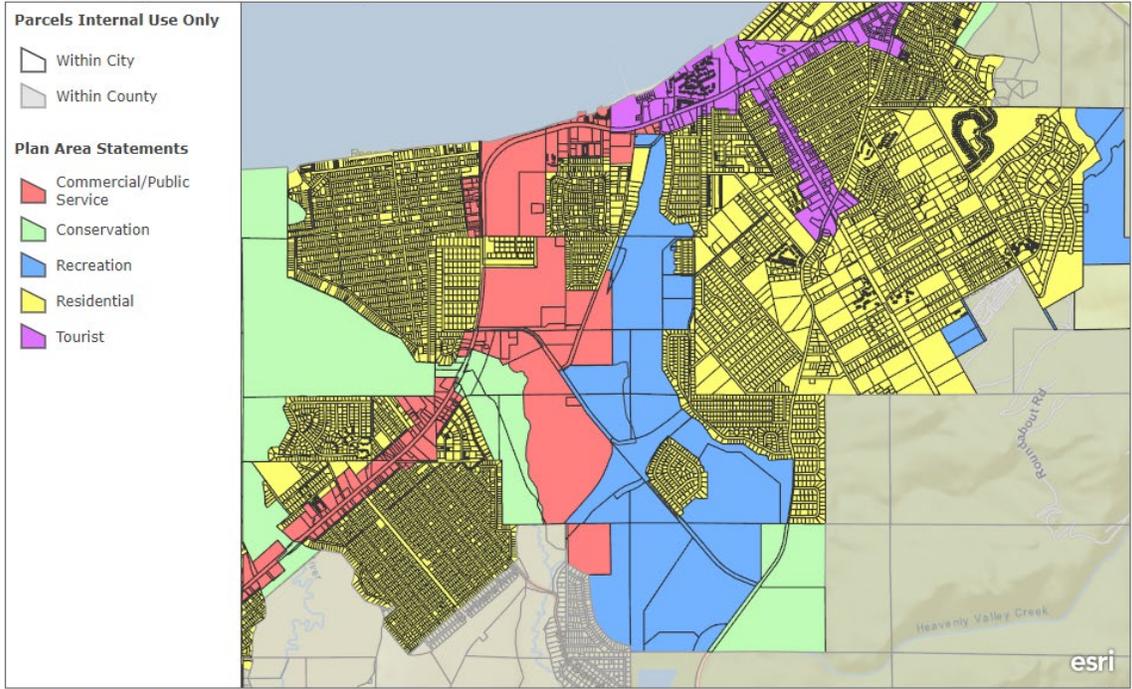
C. Proposed exterior colors and building materials.

37.7.7. Finding 7 - The additional building height is the minimum necessary to feasibly implement the project and there are no feasible alternatives requiring less additional height.



City of South Lake Tahoe, CA
 Bijou/Al Tahoe Community Plan

Exhibit 3
 Land Use District Map
 June 2020



Plan Areas - Updated June 2017

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