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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT
to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative
Declaration and TRPA Initial Environmental Checklist/ Mitigated Finding of No Significant
Effect for the
Connections 2050: Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy**

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform the general public that the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency/Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization has prepared a joint environmental document consisting of Initial Study, proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Environmental Checklist/Finding of No Significant Impact (IS/MND and IEC/FONSE) for Connections 2050: Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy.

PROJECT TITLE: Connections 2050: Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy (2025 RTP/SCS)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Plan Area is in the Lake Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary and includes areas of El Dorado and Placer counties, and the city of South Lake Tahoe in California, and Washoe and Douglas counties and Carson City in Nevada.

COMMENT PERIOD: April 16, 2025 to May 23, 2025

LEAD AGENCY: Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)/Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 2025 RTP/SCS is the transportation element of the Lake Tahoe Regional Plan. Every four years, TRPA prepares a regional transportation plan that outlines the overall vision for developing, operating, and maintaining the Lake Tahoe Region transportation system. This 2025 RTP/SCS builds from the 2020 RTP/SCS to offer creative strategies that offset transportation impacts, including micro-mobility strategies such as e-bikes and e-scooters and new or enhanced inter-regional transit service. The 2025 RTP/SCS goals are organized around addressing the local community and Tahoe visitor's transportation needs while meeting state and federal planning and reporting requirements. In addition, the 2025 RTP/SCS transportation improvements project list is an update of the 2020 RTP/SCS project list. As such it removes projects completed since 2020, modifies some projects that remain on the list, and adds new projects to the list.

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FINDINGS:

TRPA has prepared an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration/Mitigated Finding of No Significant Effect for the 2025 RTP/SCS that tiers off of the 2020 RTP/SCS Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration/Mitigated Finding of No Significant Effect and 2012 RTP/SCS Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. TRPA has determined that the 2025 RTP/SCS will not have a significant effect on the environment. TRPA will therefore consider adoption of the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration/Mitigated Finding of No Significant Effect.

PUBLIC REIVEW:

The public review period for the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration/Mitigated Finding of No Significant Effect will commence on April 16, 2025 and will end on May 23, 2025 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments should be sent to the attention of Rebecca Cremeen and must be received at P.O. Box 5310, Stateline Nevada, 89449 by 5:00 PM on May 23, 2025. Written comments may also be submitted via email to rtp@trpa.gov. The documents can be viewed on the TRPA website <https://www.trpa.gov/rtp2050>