



April 30, 2026

Becky Bucar  
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Re: TSSA-1 Funds Annual Discussion

Dear Becky:

On behalf of the Tahoe Donner Board of Directors, please accept this letter in response to the Town of Truckee's (Town) annual presentation regarding Truckee Special Service Area-1 (TSSA-1) project updates, funding, status, and eligible uses. We thank the Town's engineering staff for their time, collaboration, and continued engagement with the Tahoe Donner Board, including the annual TSSA-1 presentation.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Town staff and Town Council with feedback and recommendations for consideration during the Town's 2026/2027 budget process.

The Tahoe Donner Board reviewed the Town's correspondence dated April 16, 2026, and discussed these subjects during its regular Board of Directors meeting on April 24, 2026.

Based on that review and discussion, the Tahoe Donner Board respectfully recommends that the Town consider the following regarding the future use of TSSA-1 funds:

### **Support for Existing Uses of TSSA-1 Funds**

While Tahoe Donner is not requesting new eligible-use categories at this time, Tahoe Donner's support for the existing eligible uses is based on the express expectation that all TSSA-1 funded projects, services, and expenditures must provide a direct benefit to TSSA-1 residents.

For clarity, and consistent with that expectation, Tahoe Donner understands the existing eligible uses of TSSA-1 funds to include the following:

1. Roadway and drainage maintenance and improvements;
2. Trail development and construction within and/or serving the TSSA-1 service area;
3. Enhanced snow removal;
4. Parking improvements in the Town right-of-way that provide direct benefit to TSSA-1 residents and are open to the general public;





5. Design and construction of the Pioneer Trail/Bridge Street Extension Project;
6. Emergency preparedness, roadway safety infrastructure, and design/construction of emergency egress improvements; and
7. Enhanced public transit services that directly benefit TSSA-1 residents.

With respect to enhanced public transit services that directly benefit TSSA-1 residents, Tahoe Donner is interested in information the Town may be able to provide regarding enhanced public transportation options, including potential enhanced TART Connect services. Tahoe Donner requests the opportunity to provide feedback before the Town implements any public transportation option using TSSA-1 funds.

Based on this understanding, Tahoe Donner supports continuing the Town's existing eligible uses of TSSA-1 funds for fiscal year 2026/2027.

### **Support for Special Projects Funded by TSSA-1**

Tahoe Donner supports the ongoing special projects identified in the Town's April 16, 2026 correspondence for continued TSSA-1 funding in fiscal year 2026/2027.

For clarity, Tahoe Donner understands the ongoing special projects to include the following:

- Tahoe Donner Trail Project (C2417);
- Tahoe Donner Emergency Egress Improvement Study (C2513); and
- Emergency Planning (C1913).

Tahoe Donner requests that the Town continue to advance and fund these ongoing special projects according to the applicable TSSA-1 funding schedule and, where applicable, through continued coordination and reimbursement agreements with Tahoe Donner.

Tahoe Donner also thanks the Town for its support of Project C2514, Tahoe Donner Roadside Vegetation Management, which was completed during the summer of 2025.

### **Fiscal Year 2026/2027 TSSA-1 Assessment and Long-Term Funding Adequacy**

Tahoe Donner requests that the Town maintain the current TSSA-1 assessment level for fiscal year 2026/2027.

Although Tahoe Donner is not requesting an increase to the TSSA-1 assessment for fiscal year 2026/2027, Tahoe Donner recognizes that TSSA-1 funding levels have not been adjusted since 1992. Given the expansion of eligible uses over the years and the potential use of TSSA-1 funds





for large-scale projects benefiting Tahoe Donner residents, Tahoe Donner requests that the Town provide annual updates regarding the long-term adequacy of current TSSA-1 funding levels.

### **Pavement Maintenance Program Update**

Tahoe Donner understands that the Town is updating its Townwide Pavement Maintenance Program and may ask the Town Council to:

- Decrease the repaving interval for local roads Townwide from 30 years to 25 years; and
- Remove slurry seal treatments from the standard maintenance program for collector and local roadways.

The Town has described the current enhanced roadway maintenance program in Tahoe Donner as providing approximately 20-year repaving intervals for local streets within Tahoe Donner and approximately 8-year overlay intervals for the Northwoods Boulevard loop.

Tahoe Donner continues to support maintaining the current 20-year and 8-year repaving intervals for Tahoe Donner roads, with regular analysis of local roads to identify those that meet Overall Condition Index levels for repaving earlier than 20 years.

### **Pioneer Trail & Bridge Street Extension: Community Polling and Future Evaluation**

Tahoe Donner originally requested that the Pioneer Trail and Bridge Street Extension project be eligible for TSSA-1 funding based on emergency access, egress, and preparedness considerations. Since that request, new information has cast doubt on whether the project is the most effective use of TSSA-1 resources to advance those objectives.

Looking beyond fiscal year 2026/2027, Tahoe Donner supports Town staff's recommendation to defer community polling related to the Pioneer Trail and Bridge Street Extension project to fiscal year 2027/2028.

Deferring the polling will allow Project C2513, the Tahoe Donner Emergency Egress Improvement Study (Study), to be completed before Tahoe Donner and the Town consider any further polling, outreach, or funding analysis for the Pioneer Trail and Bridge Street Extension project.

Tahoe Donner anticipates the Study will provide additional findings and recommendations that may prompt Tahoe Donner and the Town to reevaluate the Pioneer Trail and Bridge Street Extension project.





Tahoe Donner requests the Town include Tahoe Donner staff in stakeholder meetings as it evaluates the Study's findings and recommendations.

Tahoe Donner also requests the opportunity, and reserves the right, to reevaluate its position on the Pioneer Trail and Bridge Street Extension project, including any future community polling, following completion of the Study and before the project advances further.

Finally, Tahoe Donner recognizes that TSSA-1 funding is intended to supplement, rather than replace, regular Town road maintenance funding. Tahoe Donner appreciates the Town's continuing efforts to ensure that Town road maintenance funding is allocated equitably across all Town roadways, including roads within Tahoe Donner.

As always, thank you for your efforts to continue engaging Tahoe Donner and seeking its perspective on these matters. Tahoe Donner appreciates the Town's inclusion of this correspondence in the Town Council's deliberation regarding TSSA-1 for fiscal year 2026/2027.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Tahoe Donner Board of Directors  
Town of Truckee Town Council Members

