

**Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), of the  
South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities  
Joint Powers Authority (JPA)**

Advisory Committee members:

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**Biannual Joint Powers Authority Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Report**

**September 3, 2020**

**To:** South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

**From:** Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

**Subject:** BAC funding recommendations for 2020 and update on past projects.

<b>BAC 2020 project recommendations for expenditure:</b>	<b>\$62,000*</b>
1. 2020-2021 City winter snow removal	\$12,000
2. 2020-2021 County winter snow removal	<u>\$22,000</u>
Subtotal	\$34,000
<b>Balance to be designated as described below:</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>

\* Available Special Reserve Account funds after payment of Measure S maintenance and Measure R special projects previously recommended by the BAC and approved by the JPA. See September 3, 2020 Staff Report entitled "Special Reserve Account Funds Potentially Available, September 3, 2020" for details.

Measure R requires needed maintenance to be the BAC's top priority. The BAC's first priority for this funding is the proposed Bijou Park Connector to the Bijou Bicycle Park from the Greenway Phase 1b/2 project (Glenwood Way to Sierra Blvd.). The Greenway project is under construction this season. It would have been desirable to construct the Bijou Park Connector Trail at the same time, but the connector trail has not been designed and is currently unfunded. While the City staff now indicates it expects to be successful securing grant funding for this project, it should be noted that \$29,500 was designated by the JPA in August 2019 for this project as well.

In the event that the Bijou Park Connector Trail cannot be designed and constructed in a timely manner, other projects that the BAC might recommend for future funding designation, include:

1. Complete the Greenway by finishing Section 1C and the Upper Truckee Bridge/South Y Connector.
2. Additional Y area bike route(s) signage in area from Motel 6 Class 1 trail to 15th Street. Fit Republic Fitness connector from Highway 50 (and the City's Sierra Blvd. project) to the Zone 3 bicycle/multi-use trail. Easements must be acquired in order for this project to be done.
3. Sussex Avenue/Car Wash Connector Trail to the existing bike trail along the Trout Creek Meadow.
4. Depending on the City's experience doing winter snow removal "in-house" in 2020-21 and the County's experience with its 2020-21 snow removal contract, added JPA funding may be needed for City and/or County winter snow removal in future years.

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**Status of prior approved projects:**

1. The City's Sierra Blvd (.6 mile) project was constructed in 2019 and is eligible for an automatic annual allocation of \$3,000 in 2020.
2. The JPA had provided a total of \$10,000 in 2015 and 2016 for way finding signage on the City and County Class 1 bicycle pathways. The JPA provided an additional \$1,000 in 2019 to complete fabrication. Signs were installed in the County by fall 2019 and are scheduled to be installed in the City by September 2020.
3. The JPA funded a \$65,000 match to the Al Tahoe/Johnson ATP project (0.4 miles), which is under construction during this 2020 construction season. This project will be eligible for an automatic Measure S allocation of \$2,000 beginning in 2021.
4. The JPA funded \$22,000 for 2019-20 County winter snow removal. The County awarded an hourly contract for February through April period; \$12,386.25 was expended. The fund balance will carryover to supplement 2020-21 funding.
5. The JPA funded \$12,000 for 2019-20 City winter snow removal. City staff operated the specialized equipment they acquired during 2019 to perform the work. City staff and BAC members report the City staff and their new equipment performed well during the winter.

**Status of prior BAC recommendations, with date the BAC first made the recommendation:**

1. January 2016, #2: The BAC recommended installation of a yellow center line on the Linear Park bike path. The City has indicated the intent to install the yellow line but to date has been unable to accomplish the work.
2. January 2016 #3: Pavement improvements to the Measure S Class 1 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Trail were to be included with City's 2017 paving project but an active tree removal project on United States Forest Service land prevented the City's contractor from performing the work. The City intends to complete this work by October 2020.
3. January 2016, #4: Connection to the Sierra Blvd project: The BAC recommended that an easement be secured to connect the existing Class 1 trail behind Scusa to the planned Sierra Blvd bikeway project. TRPA has recently developed an active transportation checklist and recommends local government incorporate the checklist into their permitting process. It should be noted that if the checklist had been in place at the time the adjoining fitness center expanded their parking lot, the applicant would have been required to grant an easement for the trail.
4. January 2016, # 5: The BAC prioritized adding green paint to the Class 3 street crossing area at Eloise and Dunlap Avenues, as recommended in the 2016 TRPA Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Complete Street Resource Guide.
5. January 2016, #6: The BAC will consider recommending increased funding for additional wayfinding signage on the street network in the Y area as the existing wayfinding signage project previously authorized by the JPA in July 2015 will be completed by this fall.

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6. January 2016, #8: The BAC recommends enhanced street crossings within the Tahoe Valley Area Plan (TVAP) as noted in the TVAP bike study and as recently recommended in the Highway 50 Road Safety Audit.
7. January 2016, # 10: The BAC recommended the City analyze the feasibility of connecting the end of Melba Drive to the airport property, generally along the pre-existing campground roadway.
8. January 2017: The BAC encourages the City and County to pursue more aggressive and larger grant applications in the future. This recommendation was not given a priority #.
9. July 2017: STPUD officials have suggested the possibility of incorporating Class 1 bicycle trail planning along its sewer line main from the Sierra Tract to Meyers. The BAC supports this concept in planning new Class 1 bicycle pathways. This recommendation had no priority #.

**The following recommendations have been accomplished:**

1. January 2016 #1: Pavement improvements to the Class 1 Campground loop, Meeks bridge to Edgewood Circle, and Lakeview Commons to Alta Mira with City's 2017 project.
2. January 2016 21: County's golf course boardwalk repairs were completed in 2018.
3. January 2016, #7: Eloise Avenue, was repaved with City's 2017 project.
4. January 2016, #9: County's addressing Pat Lowe – Pioneer/US 50 bicycle trail alignment.