

EXHIBIT A

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

CEQA Guidelines Section 15097 requires the adoption of a program by a public agency for monitoring or reporting on the project revisions or measures it has imposed to mitigate or avoid significant impacts of a project. The South Tahoe Greenway Shared-Use Trail Project (Greenway) Initial Study (2011) identified the mitigation measures required to be incorporated in the Greenway. The California Tahoe Conservancy, as lead agency, adopted these measures as part of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the Greenway with these measures incorporated in September, 2011.

Project modifications in the Phase 1b and 2 project area evaluated in the 2016 Supplement to Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND Supplement) continue to require the mitigation measures adopted in 2011 to avoid significant impacts. The MND Supplement incorporates minor corrections in several measures to clarify requirements and to address new legislation related to cultural resources. *Italicized text identifies these changes.*

The following mitigation measures are those measures required for construction and operation of the Greenway. Mitigation Measures relevant for the project area considered in the MND Supplement are listed first. Each of the mitigation measures includes a description of the measure that is required to be completed, the impacts that are mitigated, and the lead, implementing, and the monitoring agency. Also included is the timing associated with the implementation of the mitigation measure.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1. Active Raptor and Migratory Bird Nest Site and Wildlife Nursery Site Protection Program

Description	The Program shall include surveys, consultation, and protective actions. Pre-construction surveys, conducted during the nesting/breeding season immediately prior to initial project construction (e.g., excavation, grading and tree removal), shall be conducted to identify any active raptor or migratory bird nest sites and wildlife nursery sites within the project area. During initial construction activities (tree removal and excavation for the construction), a qualified biological monitor shall evaluate whether any raptors or migratory birds are occupying trees or whether any wildlife den/nursery sites are within the project area. The biological monitor shall have the authority to stop construction near occupied trees or nursery sites if it appears to be having a negative impact on nesting raptors or migratory birds or their young observed within the construction zone. If construction must be stopped, the monitor shall consult with TRPA staff within 24 hours (and LTBMU staff in locations on LTBMU lands) to determine appropriate actions to restart construction while reducing impacts to identified nursery sites, raptors or migratory bird nests.
Impacts Mitigated	Interference with native or migratory wildlife species corridors or nursery sites.
Mitigation Level	Protection of wildlife nest sites and habitat.

Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, USDA Forest Service LTBMU
Timing	Start: Prior to construction activities
	Complete: Following initial construction activities

Mitigation Measure BIO-2. Avoid Sensitive Plants or Prepare Sensitive Plant Protection Program

Description	<p>If pre-project surveys identify sensitive plant species, the Conservancy shall develop a Sensitive Plant Protection Program to mitigate impacts to LTBMU Sensitive, CNPS and TRPA Special Status Plant Species. Program features shall include:</p> <p><u>Avoidance.</u> Impacts to rare plant populations identified from the rare plant surveys shall be avoided where feasible by reconfiguring project design and fencing rare plant populations to prevent encroachment.</p> <p><u>Identify, Select, and Restore or Purchase Mitigation Sites.</u> If avoidance is not feasible, the Conservancy together with input from the TRPA and LTBMU when applicable shall identify opportunities for mitigation of sensitive plants impacts from Greenway construction and operation. Mitigation is not limited to but may include a single, or combination of the following items: restoration of degraded sensitive plant habitat owned by the Conservancy, purchase of mitigation sites, negotiation of conservation easements, or habitat restoration in off-site, degraded rare plant populations to compensate for unavoidable impacts.</p> <p><u>Prepare a Special Status Plant Species Mitigation & Monitoring Plan.</u> If avoidance is not feasible <i>and the mitigation strategies identified above are employed</i>, the Conservancy shall produce a mitigation and monitoring plan to follow the CNPS and CDFG guidelines to comply with Chapter 10 of CDFG Native Plant Protection Policy and TRPA Code Subsection 75.2.A.</p>
Impacts Mitigated	Potential loss of unique, rare or endangered species of plants.
Mitigation Level	Protection of rare plant species.
Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, USDA Forest Service LTBMU, State of California
Timing	Start: Prior to construction activities
	Complete: Following initial construction activities

Mitigation Measure BIO-3. Wildlife Protection Program

Description	Pre-construction surveys, conducted during the nesting/breeding season immediately prior to initial project construction (e.g., excavation, grading and tree removal), shall occur for the following species: mountain yellow-legged frog, California yellow warbler, <i>willow flycatcher</i> , northern goshawk, and California spotted owl. Surveys will be performed wherever construction activities will occur in suitable habitat as illustrated in Figure 27. Survey methods shall be approved by TRPA, and CTC and LTBMU (when occurring on LTMBU lands) prior to commencement of surveys. Survey methods shall follow the accepted regional protocol. Survey results shall be submitted for approval to the TRPA, CTC and LTBMU prior to construction activities. If sensitive wildlife species are found, project redesign shall occur to avoid these resources. During initial construction activities (i.e., tree removal and excavation for the construction), a qualified biological monitor shall be on-site to evaluate if construction activities disturb the identified wildlife resources. The biological monitor shall have the authority to suspend construction near known wildlife territories if such activities appear to cause a negative impact on nesting raptors or migratory birds or their young observed within the construction area. If construction is suspended, the monitor shall consult with TRPA and/or LTBMU staff, as appropriate, within 24 hours to determine appropriate actions to restart construction while reducing impacts to identified wildlife individuals, pairs or territories.
Impacts Mitigated	Potential deterioration of existing fish or wildlife habitat quantity or quality.
Mitigation Level	Protection of wildlife habitat.
Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, USDA Forest Service LTBMU
Timing	Start: Prior to construction activities Complete: Following initial construction activities

Mitigation Measure CUL-1. Cultural Resource Monitoring Program

Description	A qualified archaeological monitor shall be present during initial ground disturbing activities to identify previously unknown significant or potentially significant historical and archaeological resources that may be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, the CRHR, or eligible for designation as a TRPA historical resource, and to identify any unanticipated or inadvertent impacts to known historical, <i>tribal cultural</i> , or archaeological resources. A qualified archaeological monitor shall be on-site during active construction and shall inspect ground disturbing activities for the presence of cultural resources. The responsibilities of the archaeological monitor shall include: inspecting, documenting, and describing cultural material identified during
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monitoring; communicating with construction personnel; and notifying agencies (e.g., LTBMU, the SHPO, and TRPA) if previously unidentified historical or archaeological resources are encountered that may be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, the CRHR or eligible for designation as a TRPA historical resource. Archaeological monitors shall have the authority to halt construction activities that have the potential to disturb significant historical or archaeological resources until appropriate measures can be implemented.

Ground disturbing activities in the vicinity of the resource shall cease if the archaeological monitor determines that continuation of activity shall affect a significant historical, *tribal cultural*, or archaeological property, or if human remains are identified. If the archaeological monitor identifies cultural material but is unable to determine whether the resumption of the construction activity will affect historical or archaeological resources that may be eligible for listing, the monitor shall contact the appropriate agency official. Subsequent notification and consultation shall follow regulations pertaining to the evaluation of significance, assessment of effects, and consultation with the SHPO and the ACHP, as appropriate (36 CFR, part 800.4 through 800.9).

Assessment of tribal cultural resources, if found, shall treat the resource with culturally appropriate dignity taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource (protecting the cultural character and integrity, traditional use, and confidentiality of the resource), and could include permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property for the purpose of preserving or utilizing the resource or place.

Impacts Mitigated	Potential disturbance to unknown historic resources.
Mitigation Level	Protection of unknown historic resources.
Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, USDA Forest Service LTBMU, California Office of Historic Preservation
Timing	<p>Start: During initial construction ground disturbing activities</p> <p>Complete: Following initial construction activities</p>

Mitigation Measure SCENIC-1. Reduce Tree Removal

Description	The Greenway shall be realigned within view of Pioneer Trail in locations possible to retain existing trees. Additional tree retention between Herbert and Blackwood Ave retains screening for existing man-made features.
Impacts Mitigated	Degradation of scenic quality along Scenic Roadway units.
Mitigation Level	Protection of scenic quality ratings.
Lead Agency	Conservancy

Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Timing	Start: At time of permit acknowledgement
	Complete: At time of permit acknowledgement

Mitigation Measure SCENIC-2. Create Additional Screening

Description	During construction plan development, locations where fencing and additional landscaping can improve screening shall be identified for existing development, including: relocation of the existing privacy fence on parcel APN 025-021-38, potentially sufficient to allow frontage planting; adding tree plantings in selected locations according to the Revegetation and Restoration Plans (RRPs) detailed in Appendix D; and where screening is necessary and safety will not be compromised, increasing screening to reduce impacts to man-made features.
Impacts Mitigated	Degradation of scenic quality along Scenic Roadway units.
Mitigation Level	Protection of scenic quality ratings.
Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Timing	Start: At time of permit acknowledgement
	Complete: At time of permit acknowledgement

Mitigation Measure SCENIC-3. Retain Slender Elements in the Safety Railing Design

Description	The Safety railing proposal along Pioneer Trail that incorporates cable elements requires excessive maintenance when located where snow storage from roadways is necessary. Alternate designs more suited to maintenance needs shall be required. As construction plans develop, alternatives to the cable elements shall remain slender and allow easy visual penetration.
Impacts Mitigated	Degradation of scenic quality along Scenic Roadway units.
Mitigation Level	Protection of scenic quality ratings.
Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy

Monitoring Agency	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Timing	Start: At time of permit acknowledgement
	Complete: At time of permit acknowledgement

Mitigation Measure SCENIC-4. Reduce Retaining Wall Height and Length

Description	Retaining walls proposed near Ski Run Boulevard shall be redesigned to be no more than eight feet tall to comply with City design standards. Retaining walls that require height greater than eight feet shall be designed with multiple tiered wall planes and stepped up the hillside. Further, no long, straight unbroken retaining walls (greater than 100 feet in length) with little or no articulation or other surface features shall be allowed.
Impacts Mitigated	Compliance with City Design Standards.
Mitigation Level	Design retaining walls greater than eight feet in height with multiple tiered wall planes.
Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	City of South Lake Tahoe
Timing	Start: At time of permit acknowledgement
	Complete: At time of permit acknowledgement

Mitigation Measure PS-1. Improve Safety Railing along Pioneer Trail

Description	The safety railing along Pioneer Trail shall be redesigned using a more durable design capable of withstanding snow storage requirements with fewer maintenance needs.
Impacts Mitigated	Increased maintenance of public facilities associated with City snow removal operations.
Mitigation Level	Rail design that does not burden government maintenance providers.
Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	City of South Lake Tahoe
Timing	Start: At time of permit acknowledgement
	Complete: At time of permit acknowledgement

Mitigation Measure TRAFFIC-1. Enhance Select Greenway Intersections to Reduce Vehicle Speeds and Increase Visibility

Description	<p>To enhance crossing treatments at specific locations and to reduce vehicle speeds and increase crossing visibility, the project shall include the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becca Drive local road mid-block crossing: Install all-way stop control at the Glenwood Way/Becca Drive/Rancho Way intersection to slow vehicles approaching the Becca Drive crossing location from Glenwood Way. Installing all-way stop control does not change the vehicle level of service at the intersection. Relocate the proposed trail crossing of Glenwood Way from the mid-block location near Bruce Drive to south side of Glenwood/Becca Drive intersection. • Keller Road collector road mid-block crossing: Install the warning signal before the curve and at the trail in the westbound direction. • Larch Avenue local road mid-block crossing: Install “bike crossing ahead” pavement markings before the curve in the westbound direction. • Rocky Point (South) local road mid-block crossing: Install “bike crossing ahead” pavement markings before the curve in the westbound direction. • Glen Road-Rocky Point (North) local road mid-block crossing: Install “bike crossing ahead” pavement markings before the curve in the westbound direction.
Impacts Mitigated	Increased hazards to pedestrians, bicyclists and automobiles at proposed roadway crossings.
Mitigation Level	Reduce hazards at roadway crossings.
Lead Agency	Conservancy
Implementing Agency	Conservancy
Monitoring Agency	City of South Lake Tahoe
Timing	<p>Start: At time of permit acknowledgement</p> <p>Complete: At time of permit acknowledgement</p>