

California Tahoe Conservancy
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SOUTH TAHOE GREENWAY SHARED USE TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE

In 2011, the Board approved the South Tahoe Greenway Shared Use Trail Project (Greenway) to complete a 3.86 mile shared-use trail in the core of South Lake Tahoe. Board authorization in 2013 funded construction of Phase 1a, the 0.43 mile link between Herbert Avenue and Glenwood Way completed in 2015. The next phase is to extend the trail south to complete connections to Bijou Community Park, Lake Tahoe Community College, and the Sierra Tract neighborhood. The Board authorized \$1.1 million in 2014 to pursue this strategy. The Conservancy's May, 2015 application to the Active Transportation Program (ATP) proposes a \$4.03 million project to complete this work with a \$1.93 million grant request and \$2.1 million in local match funds, including \$1 million in Conservancy funds. (Attachment 1)

Since the 2011 Board project approval, the key agencies and community members have recommended several project modifications that would reduce the impact of the project on sensitive lands. The most substantive modification would create a more direct connection over Trout Creek between the Lake Tahoe Community College and Sierra Tract neighborhoods, reducing the length of disturbance in the 100-year floodplain and Stream Environment Zone (SEZ) by up to 40%. Additional preliminary plan design studies underway at this time will provide project data needed to confirm these expected environmental improvements and to develop the required CEQA compliance document.

The key agencies involved have also recommended a series of land transfers between the Conservancy, City of South Lake Tahoe (City), and Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) to more efficiently manage the project and to help secure a \$700,000 contribution from LTCC.

Conservancy staff foresee returning to the Board in the near future for three anticipated actions necessary for project implementation:

1. CEQA compliance document
2. Approval of Greenway project modifications
3. Approval of property exchanges with the City and LTCC

List of Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Greenway Shared Use Project Trail Map

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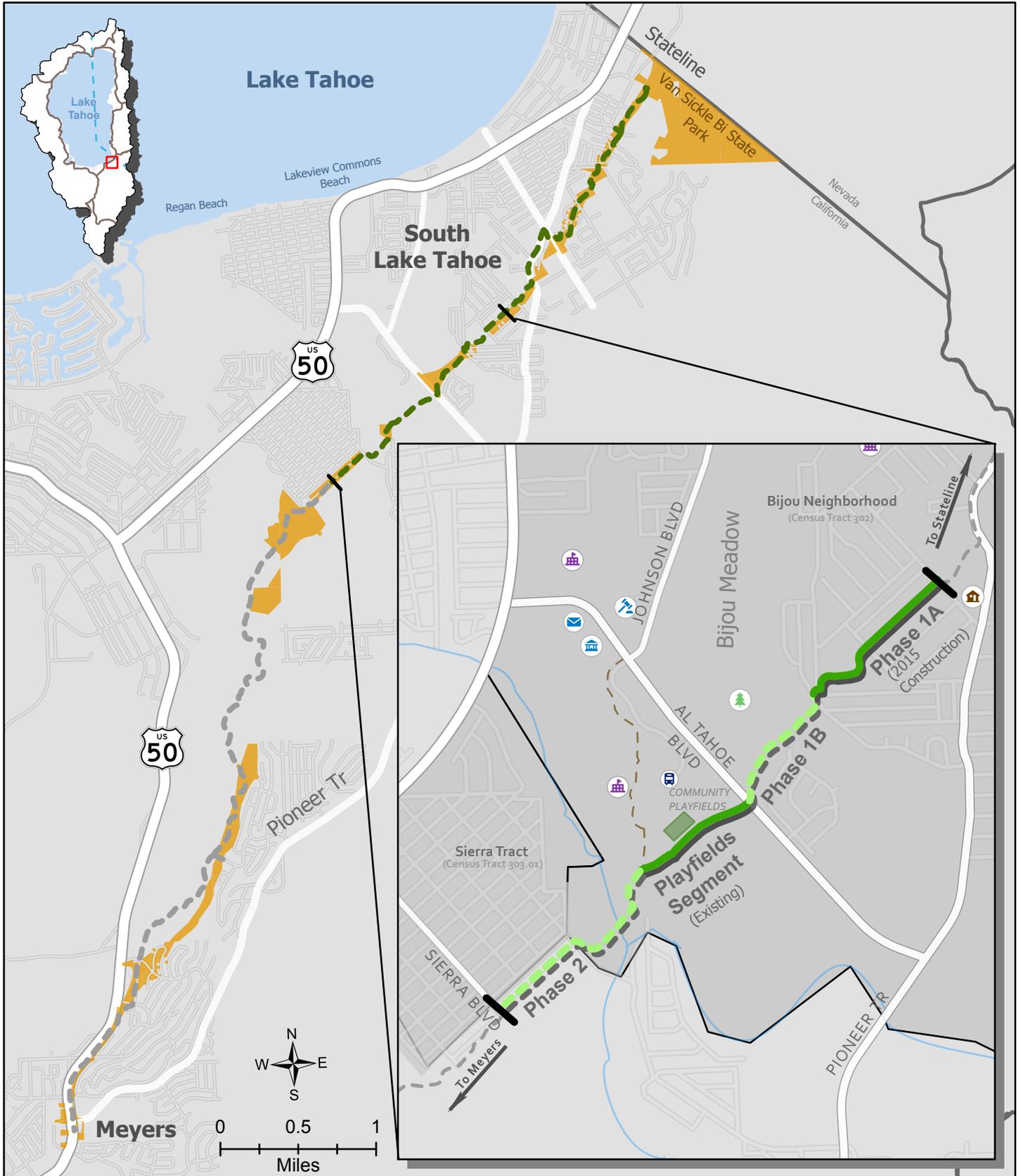
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ATTACHMENT 1

South Tahoe Greenway Shared Use Trail Project Update Map



- South Tahoe Greenway Approved Project
- Potential Southern Extension
- Former freeway right-of-way

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Map for reference Purposes only
Sources: TRPA, US Census, CTC



