



Tahoe City Public Utility District

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS FINDING FOR IMPACTS TO THE TAHOE STATE RECREATION AREA (CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS PROPERTY)

What's Planned?

The Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) proposes to construct a paved bicycle and pedestrian trail along the shoreline of Lake Tahoe just south of Tahoe City as part of the TCPUD's ongoing Community Trail Intertie Project. The Phase V-VII trail segment would be a total of ±2,521 feet in length and would run from Grove Street in Tahoe City on the west through the Tahoe State Recreation Area on the east. The proposed project would require the use of approximately 0.33 acre of the Tahoe State Recreation Area for the portion of the trail proposed within State Parks property (Assessor's Parcel Number 094-130-006). Please refer to the accompanying figure showing the trail segment proposed through the Tahoe State Recreation Area. Use of this land for the proposed trail would provide interconnectivity between already established trails in the area, including the Truckee River Trail, West Shore Trail, and the North Shore trail and provide convenient access to the trail for State Park visitors.

Why this Public Notice?

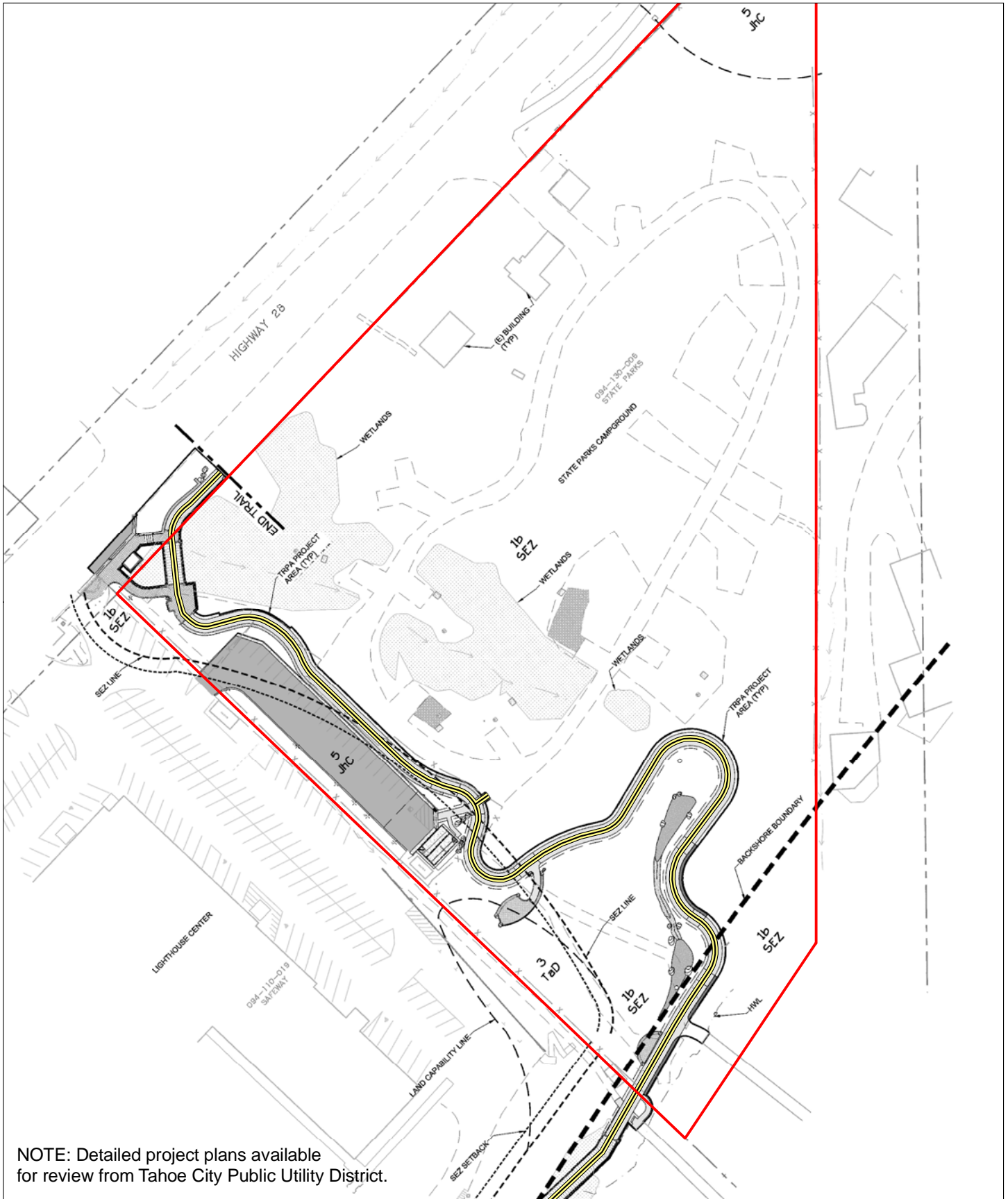
As a result of federal funding sources proposed to be used for project construction, the proposed project is an action that is subject to the U. S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C 303) and 23 U.S.C. 138 [PL 110-17], [PL 97-449], [PL 86-670]). Section 4(f) of this legislation seeks to protect publicly owned public parklands, recreation areas, waterfowl and wildlife refuges, and significant historic sites from impacts - the "use" of these resources - by U. S. Department of Transportation actions. Section 4(f) requires that an evaluation of the impacts of the action upon Section 4(f) resources must be conducted and findings regarding impacts identified must be made. The responsibility for Section 4(f) findings has been assigned by the U. S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway administration to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for User (SAFETEA-LU) Act of 2005. Section 6009 of SAFETEA-LU allows for de minimis impact findings to be made for certain uses of 4(f) land that are found to have no adverse effect on the protected resource. Section 6009(a) requires that a public notice and opportunity for review and comment be provided for projects that are determined to have a de minimis impact.

What's Available for Review?


Copies of the proposed project plans are available for review at the following locations: Tahoe City Public Utilities District office - 221 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City, CA 96145, and Caltrans District 3 - Office of Environmental Management, Marysville, CA 95901.

Public comments on the 4(f) de minimis finding will be accepted from March 10, 2010, through March 29, 2010. Responses or replies to the public comments may not be required, depending on the substantive nature of the comments; however, all comments and responses will be considered and documented in the administrative record for the proposed project.

For more information about the project, please contact Caltrans Associate Environmental Coordinator, **Cara Lambirth**, at (530) 741-4109, or Tahoe City Public Utility District Director of Development and Public Information, **Alan Harry**, at (530) 583-3796 ext. 21.



NOTE: Detailed project plans available for review from Tahoe City Public Utility District.

	 <p>Scale in Feet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  State Parks Parcel  Trail - Proposed Centerline <p>Aerial Photo: 2009 (NAIP)</p>	<p><i>Lakeside Trail Phases V-VII Project</i></p> <p>Proposed Trail Alignment Within Tahoe State Recreation Area (CA State Parks Property)</p> <p>Tahoe City, Placer County, California</p>
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