

## APPENDIX I

### LAKE TAHOE CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL

**Project Name: West Shore Transit Operations. Capital Focus Area: Air Quality and Transportation. EIP # 839**

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**Threshold: Air Quality, Water Quality**

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**Threshold Standard: AQ-7 VMT, WQ-5 Runoff Water Quality**

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**Is this a multi-year Project? Yes**

**Total Project Cost: \$2,300,000**

**(If "Yes", describe in the Detailed**

**Project Description below number of Years or phases and which year the Requested funding will cover)**

**Funding Request in this Round: \$350,000**

**Project Summary (maximum 200 words):**

**Provide funding to increase public transit opportunities serving Forest Service and other public land sites along the west shore of Lake Tahoe. This project will connect South Shore to existing North Shore transit operations and reduce visitor auto use, auto emissions, erosion and safety hazards caused by shoulder parking.**

**Detailed Project Description:**

**Funding of this project started in Round 5 and continued in Round 6. Operation of the shuttle system did not start until last year due to the timing of the Round 5 approvals, the ability for the transportation management agencies to contract for the provided service and the ability to get the information out to the public to make this a success. This project would not exist without the funding from SNPLMA.**

**Last year was the "kick off" year for the operation of the Emerald Bay shuttle that operated from Tahoe City to Emerald Bay with connections to the Nifty Fifty Trolleys on the South Shore. Ridership for this inaugural year was over 4000 passengers on the West Shore Shuttle and approximately 140 free transfers from the Nifty Fifty Trolleys on the South Shore were given out. With the continued support of the SNPLMA funding this public transit on the West shore will continue to be a success.**

**Describe the goals and objectives of the project:**

**Reduce air and water quality impacts, reduce VMT's (Vehicle Mile Trips), provide public transportation to recreation opportunities along the West Shore.**

**Describe the anticipated project accomplishments:**

**Connect South Shore to existing North Shore transit operations and reduce visitor automobile usage. Reduce automobile emissions. Reduce erosion and safety hazards caused by vehicles parking on the shoulder of the road.**

**Describe the “readiness” of this project to move forward (urgency, capacity, capability, Environmental documentation etc.):**

**Ready – No NEPA required. North Shore and South Shore transit operations already exist.**

**Describe partnerships for this project.\*\* (Include documentation):**

**South Shore TMA, Truckee-North Tahoe TMA, Tahoe Transportation District.**

**Describe the project monitoring that will be implemented as part of this project including: N/A**

- 1) The questions the monitoring program is designed to answer**
- 2) The monitoring approach**
- 3) Whether this project monitoring fits into a larger monitoring or research program?**

**Describe how the project results will be communicated and made-available to the public.**

**Information on ridership will be available at South Shore TMA and Truckee-North Tahoe TMA.**



## **ROUND 8 SNPLMA CAPITAL PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**All projects must have the following minimum criteria to be considered (June 7, 2006 SNPLMA Implementation Agreement, p. 32):**

1. Qualify as an Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) project and be the responsibility of the federal government; and
2. Have a willing and ready federal sponsor;

**Projects must fit (be consistent with) into one of the focus areas and associated programs from the June 2006 Federal Vision (pp. 8-9):**

1. Watershed and Habitat Improvement
  - Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species
  - Watershed and Stream Environment Zone Restoration
  - Habitat Improvement
  - Water Quality Protection
  - Road and Trail Water Quality Retrofit
  - Facilities Water Quality Retrofit
2. Air Quality and Transportation\*
3. Forest Health
  - Vegetation Management
  - Fuels Management
4. Recreation and Scenic\*
  - Interpretation Services
  - Recreation

\* Projects from these two focus areas must demonstrate a primary resource benefit, such as water or air quality and habitat improvement.

### **Other Considerations:**

**Projects that demonstrate a cumulative benefit because they are adjacent to, or enhanced by, other EIP projects.**

**Projects that include a cost-share component from State, local or private sources.**

Projects that are continuing phases of previously approved SNPLMA projects.