

INFRASTRUCTURE | ATP CYCLE 4

Lake Tahoe Blvd. Class 1 Bicycle Trail Project

Applicant: City of South Lake Tahoe

The Lake Tahoe Boulevard Class 1 Bicycle Trail project, a culmination of strategic planning and collaboration, stands as a testament to the successful utilization of Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding. The visionary approach of the City of South Lake Tahoe Public Works Department, in partnership with key stakeholders including the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO), the Lake Tahoe Unified School District (LTUSD), the Community Mobility Group, and the Bicycle Coalition, underscores a commitment to holistic mobility solutions. The collaborative effort is reflected in the strategic focus on alternative transportation grants to eliminate gaps in the existing bicycle and pedestrian mobility network along priority routes. This transformative initiative, completed in 2023, addresses a critical gap in the bicycle network along Lake Tahoe Boulevard, spanning from Viking Way to the Y, where highway 89 meets highway 50. The completion of this vital trail connection not only enhances safety but also empowers cyclists and pedestrians to commute seamlessly from Meyers community to the Y without ever entering the vehicular travel lane.

The Trail

The Lake Tahoe Boulevard Class 1 Bicycle Trail Project involves the construction of a 0.6-mile-long illuminated Class 1 bike trail, ADA-compliant ramps, and pathway lighting, extending from the intersection of Viking Way to Highway 50. The project incorporates a roadway diet and traffic calming measures, deliberately designed to encourage reduced speeds, particularly in the vicinity of the high school. Recognizing the need for improved safety, connectivity, and access, the project addresses concerns related to truck traffic, by realigning the road to promote slower speeds.

A key feature of the project is the ten-foot-wide Class 1 bike trail situated on the south/east side of Lake Tahoe Boulevard. This dedicated pathway not only ensures the safety of cyclists and pedestrians but also contributes to a more sustainable and connected community. The initiative goes beyond infrastructure improvements by incorporating enhanced signage and striping on roadways, including directional striping and appropriate signage on the Class 1 shared-use path. These elements serve to guide and inform users, creating a safer and more user-friendly environment for all.

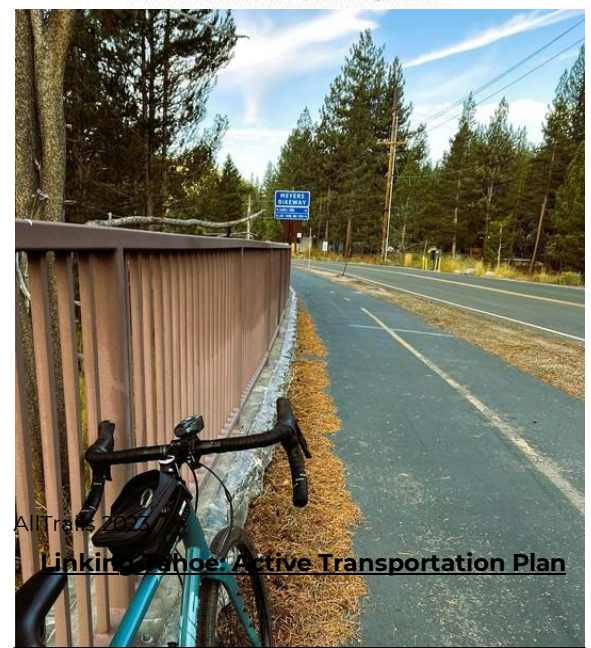
Upon reaching the Y, trail users gain access to the transit station, commercial core, and other crosstown bikeways, setting the stage for further community connectivity. The project aligns with broader regional initiatives, such as the upcoming Greenway project on the other side of the Y, fostering a comprehensive and integrated approach to regional mobility.

The Lake Tahoe Boulevard Class 1 Bicycle Trail project exemplifies a forward-thinking, collaborative effort that leverages ATP funding to create a safer, more accessible, and connected community. The successful completion of this initiative not only addresses immediate gaps in the bicycle network but also sets a precedent for future projects that prioritize active transportation, community well-being, and sustainable urban planning.

ATP Programmed Amount
\$774,000



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Linking Tahoe: Active Transportation Plan



Butte County Safe Routes Resource Center and 5 Community Projects

Applicant: Butte County

The Butte County county-wide Safe-Routes program, successfully completed in 2023, stands as a shining example of community engagement and proactive measures to enhance the safety and well-being of students, and community members throughout the county during their daily commutes. The comprehensive work plan and website outline a multifaceted approach that encompasses engagement with community organizations, strategic analysis, program development, and education initiatives that will be sustained throughout the future.



One key aspect of the program that made it so successful involved collaboration with students and parents to assess needs and prioritize opportunities for Active Transportation education and encouragement campaigns. By understanding the unique requirements of each locality, the program tailored its initiatives to address specific challenges and promote safe commuting practices. With the emphasis on analyzing the effectiveness of programs in increasing bike and pedestrian mode-shares and improving safety, this highlights the commitment to evidence-based practices.

The development and funding of a sustainable county-wide active transportation program exemplify the program's forward-thinking approach. Leveraging previous groundwork funding from the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 2 into cycle 4, the acquisition of bicycles and safety equipment underscores the dedication to building upon successes and self-sustaining the program. This commitment extends to supporting Butte County residents in choosing active transportation options for daily travel through education and encouragement programs that were extended to the teachers and adults alike, fostering a culture of safety and sustainability throughout the county.

The initiation of the Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes program through the delivery of projects in local disadvantaged, underserved and rural communities is a testament to the program's dedication to inclusivity and equity. By implementing the Safe Routes initiatives in these areas, the program addresses disparities in access and ensures that all communities benefit from safe commuting options. The Adult Bike Safety Education Program demonstrates a holistic approach to safety, involving not only students but also adults. Partnering with local police and public health specialist within the program, fostering and further strengthening community ties, to emphasize the collaborative nature of the initiative.

Specifically tailored to Butte County, the program has been implemented in schools such as Citrus Avenue Elementary School and Chapman Elementary School in Chico, as well as Plumas Avenue Elementary School and Sierra Avenue Elementary School in Oroville. By targeting these locations, the program directly impacts the safety and well-being of students in their daily commutes.

The Butte County Safe Routes to School program goes beyond conventional educational methods by incorporating engaging activities and events. The Bike Rodeo, for instance, provides hands-on training, ensuring that students not only learn theoretical safety practices but also gain practical skills in navigating various scenarios. An unforgettable experience for children and adults alike, suited with reflective and flashing safety gear and activity books, the Butte County Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes program stands as a model for creating a safer and more sustainable environment for the community as a whole. With a focus on community engagement, evidence-based practices, and inclusive initiatives, the program has successfully delivered on its promises, ensuring that the benefits of safe commuting extend to all corners of Butte County.



ATP Programmed Amount
\$985,000

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