

Building Community Through Trails



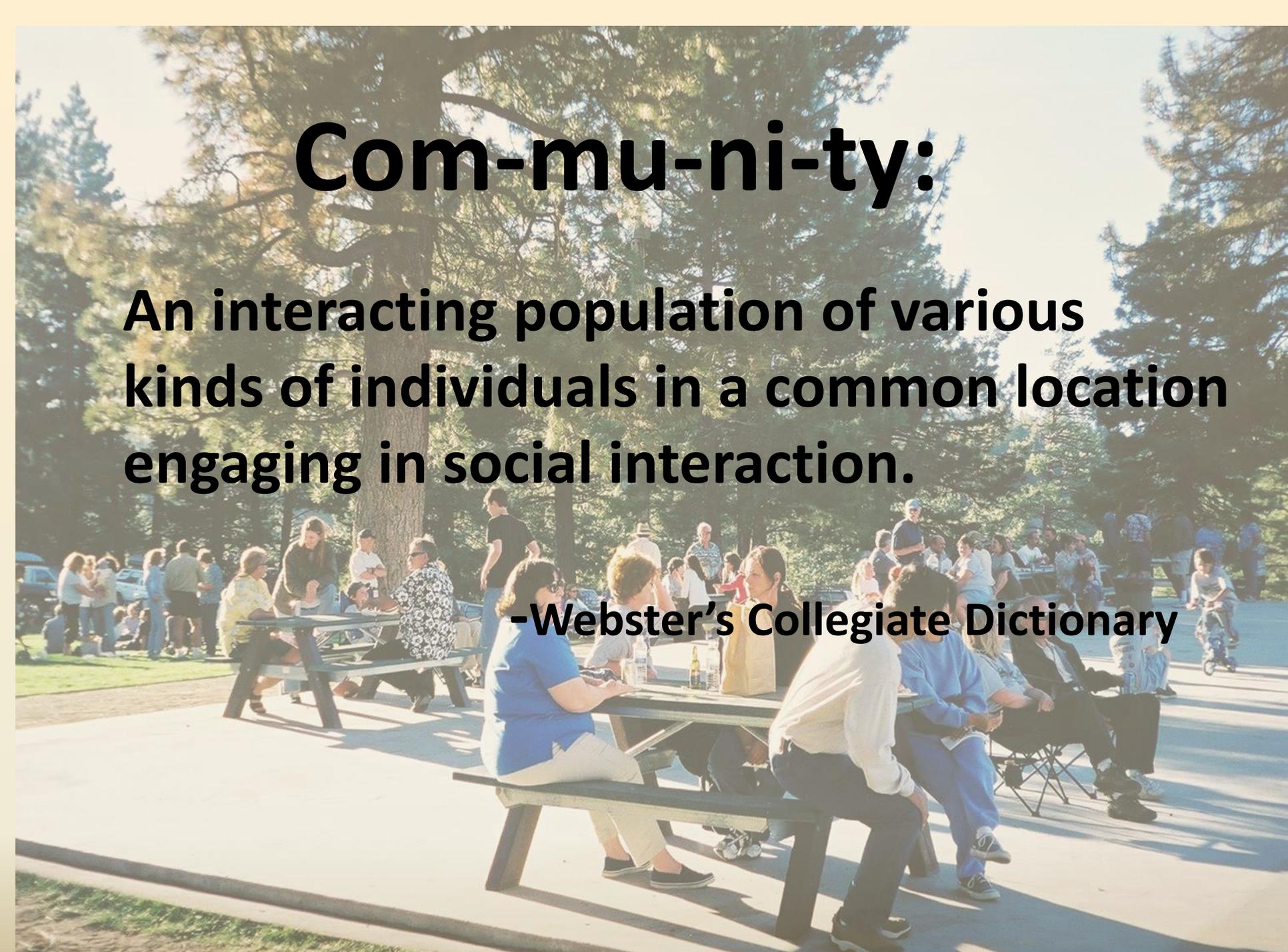
Allison Pedley *Executive Director, Truckee Trails Foundation*

Dan Wilkins *Director of Public Works & Engineering, Town of Truckee*

Com-mu-ni-ty:

An interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location engaging in social interaction.

-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary

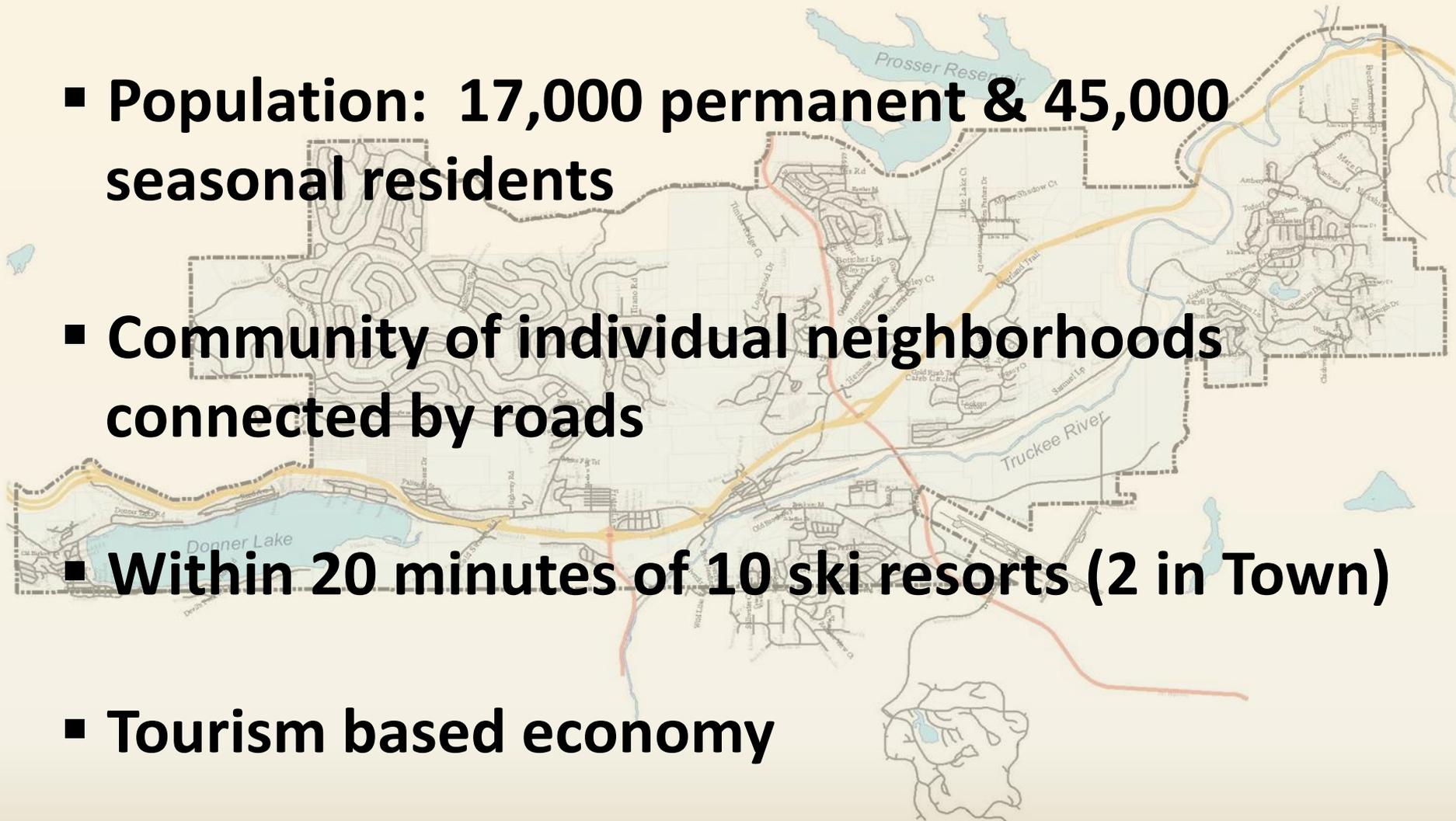




- **The role of trails in social interactions (both positive and negative)**
- **Creation of community wide trails advocacy.**
- **How cooperation between non-profits and local government can fund and build trails.**

Truckee

- **Population: 17,000 permanent & 45,000 seasonal residents**
- **Community of individual neighborhoods connected by roads**
- **Within 20 minutes of 10 ski resorts (2 in Town)**
- **Tourism based economy**



Why do people come to Truckee?

Local Chamber of Commerce visitor survey:

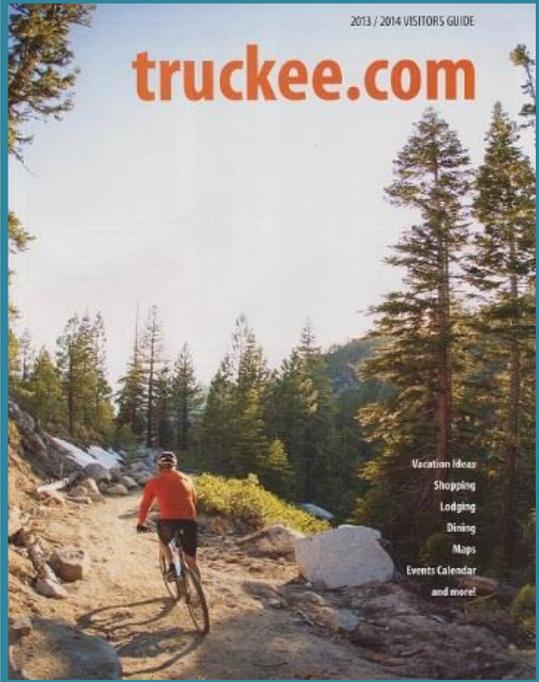
–Hiking #1

–Cycling #2

–Snow Sports #3

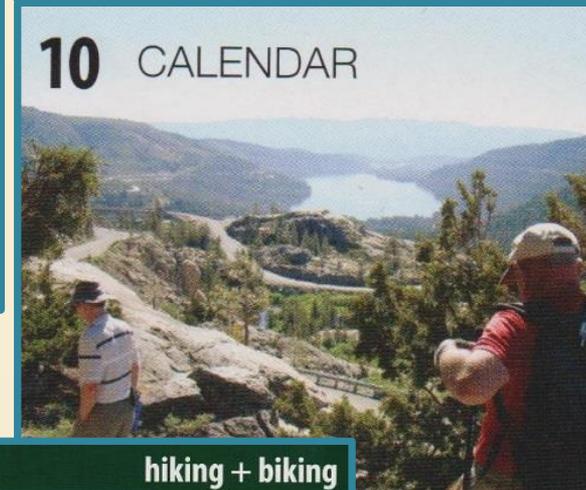
**–20 miles of Class 1 trails constructed in
the last 10 years**

truckee.com



Vacation Ideas
Shopping
Lodging
Dining
Maps
Events Calendar
and more!

10 CALENDAR



TRUCKEE AREA

DONNER MEMORIAL STATE PARK

1 LAKESHORE INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

Mileage: 2.5 round trip
Difficulty: Easy Use Level: Heavy
Access: Donner Memorial State Park
Trails exhibits. The path leads to and
along Donner Lake.

2 COLDSTREAM CANYON

Mileage: Varies out and back
Difficulty: Very easy Use Level: Heavy
Access: From I-80 take the Truckee Donner
State Park exit, west of Truckee. Follow the
paved road past the Truckee Donner Lodge
for about 0.5 mile and park. Start walking on
the road.

3 SAWTOOTH TRAIL

Mileage: 9 mile loop Difficulty: Moderate
Use Level: Heavy
Access: From downtown Truckee, head east
on Broadway Rd. Turn right on Palisades
Dr., go up the hill. Turn right onto Silver Fir,
then left onto Theah. Look for Forest Service
Rd. #6 on your right. Start there or drive
further up the road and pick another starting
point.

4 SAGEHEN MEADOWS

Access: I-80 at the Donner Lake
Interchange. Proceed down the off
ramp, and turn north onto a dirt road.

5 TRUCKEE RIVER LEGACY TRAIL

Mileage: 3.5 miles one way, 1.5 miles paved,
2 miles dirt
Difficulty: Easy Use Level: Moderate



DONNER PARTY HIKE

October 5-6, 2013

THE TRUCKEE DONNER AREA IS STEEPED IN HISTORY

Katerina Nash
PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE

STARTER AT KATHLAMET, ORIGINATOR OF THE SIERRA COAST GUARDIAN, AND A MEMBER OF THE U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM. SHE HAS WON THE NCAA 5000M AND 10000M, THE USA 10000M AND 15000M, AND THE USA 5000M AND 10000M.

YEARS IN TRUCKEE AREA: 13 years

OPTIONALLY FROM Truckee, Carson Republic

WHY THE TRUCKEE AREA? I moved here for skiing and the mountains which inspired my love for the outdoors. It's a beautiful area with a great mix of mountains, lakes, and trails. It's a great place to live and work.

giddy' up!

Horseback riding is a peaceful way to get outdoors and explore the gorgeous Sierra Nevada forests, and high mountain meadows filled with wildflowers. Whether you're looking for an equine day camp, trail rides, pony rides, private lessons, boarding, or the complete riding experience working cattle, you can find something to take your western desire.

Piping Rock Equestrian Center
830-582-5760
pipingrockequestrian.com

Tahoe Donner Equestrian Center
530-387-8770
tahoedonner.com

truckee.com

hiking + biking

Mountain Bike Trails

The Truckee area has a variety of mountain bike trails, from easy to challenging. Check out the area's best trails in the guide.

TRUCKEE/TAHOE BIKE MEGA

Whether you're looking for road biking or mountain biking, the Truckee/Tahoe area is a world-renowned biking destination with epic rides.

ROAD BIKE/BIKE CHALLENGES

Old Hwy 40, A local favorite, heads up Old Hwy 40 from Donner Lake to Donner Summit. Cross over Rainbow Bridge with incredible views of Donner Lake. If you need a break, stop at the rest area with interpretive signage about history of Hwy 40.

Want More? Continue on past Kingvale to Cusco Grove for a 45 mile round trip.

The Three Rights Start at Hwy 89 from Incline heading to Tahoe City. Head south and turn RIGHT up the hill toward Eastern Regional Landfill, return to Hwy 89. Continue south and turn RIGHT up to Square Valley. Back to 89, head south then turn RIGHT up the hill to Alpine Meadows. Return to 89.

Want More? Continue on to Tahoe City for a 38 mile round trip.

LAKES

1 FIVE LAKES

Mileage: 3 miles one way
Difficulty: Moderate Use Level: Heavy
Access: The trailhead is on the right side of Alpine Meadows Rd. close to the ski area. One of the most popular swimming holes in the area. The steep hike up a canyon next to Alpine Meadows Ski Area to a refreshing lake.

2 LOCH LEVEN LAKES

Mileage: 2 miles one way
Difficulty: Moderate Use Level: Moderate
Access: Four lakes at the end of this Donner State Park. Access to the lakes is via a paved

MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Northstar Mountain Bike Park. Large mountain bike park in northern California with over 100 miles of trails. They also offer scenic lift rides to make it easier to reach the top of the mountain.

http://northstartrails.com

TRUCKEE PUMP TRACK

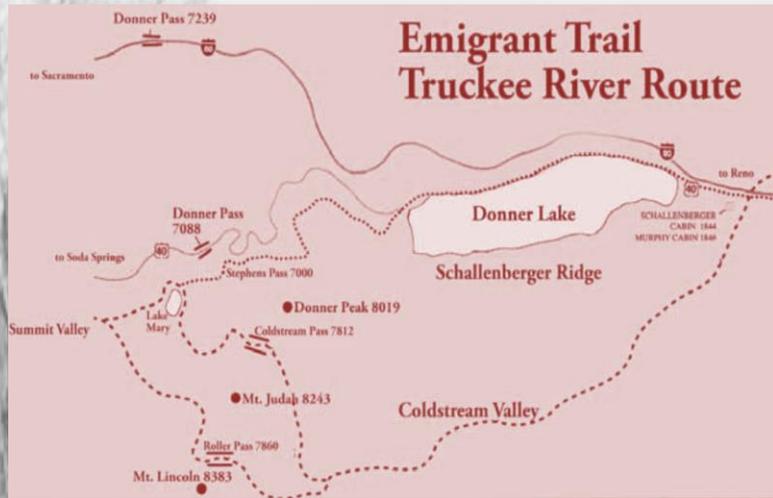
Located at the Truckee Sports Center, the new Truckee Pump Track is a 17,000 sq. ft. multi-use off-road bike park for all skill levels without parking. It's a great place to practice your skills and have fun.

INSIDER TIP

Truckee Donner Land Trust organizes guided hikes, tours of Land Trust projects, biking, and other outdoor events throughout the spring, summer and fall.

<http://tlandtrust.org/events>

Overland Emigrant Trail and the Donner Party



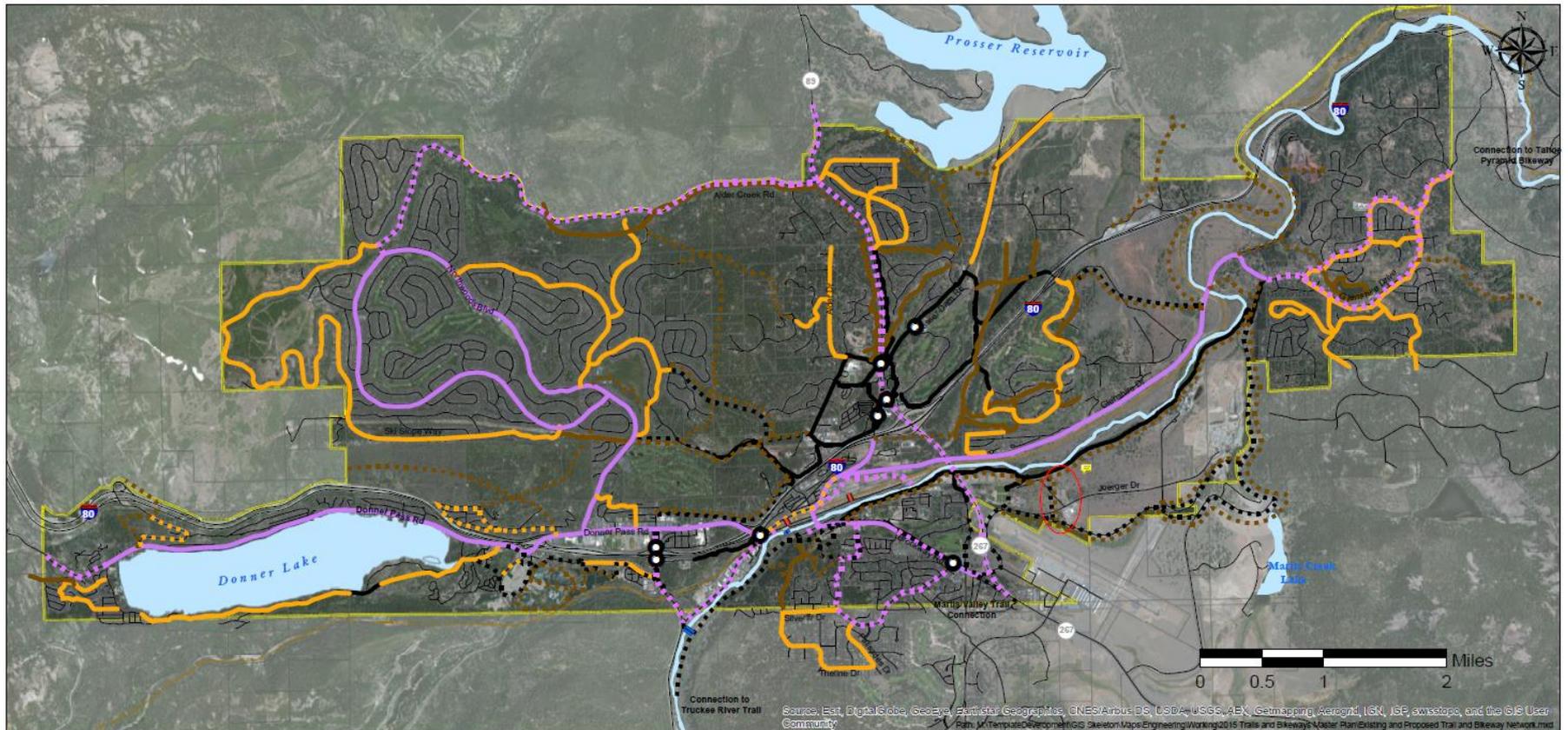
Trails plan development

- 2 years, 20 public meetings, 150 participants
- This has the potential to be divisive (property rights concerns)
- This is the time to build advocacy!

Building a plan and building Relationships



Existing and Proposed Trail and Bikeway Network



Existing Facilities

- Bike Lane
- Bike Route
- Paved Trail
- Dirt Trail
- Railroad
- Roundabouts

Proposed Facilities

- Bike Lane
- Bike Route
- Paved Trail
- Dirt Trail
- Bridge
- Railroad Crossing

2015 Trails and Bikeways Master Plan

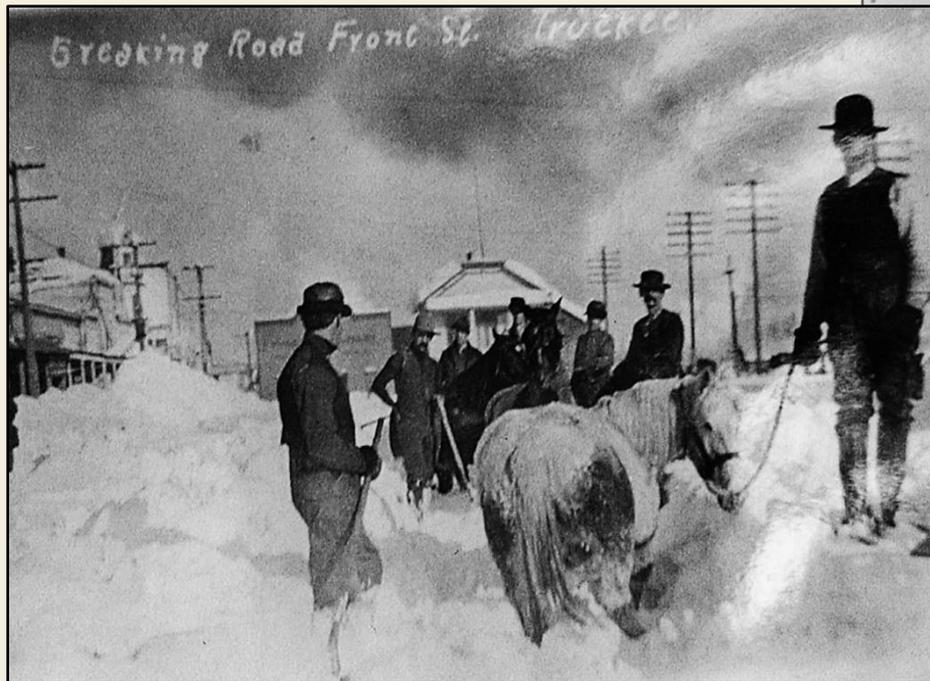
Note: Does not include Tahoe Donner Trail System or Golf Course paths

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA/USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aergrid, IGN, ISE, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community
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WINTER AT
TRUCKEE CAL.

1928



Breaking Road Front St. Truckee



SNO-GO CLEARING
MAIN ST., TRUCKEE, CALIF.



The Truckee Trails Foundation (TTF)

Created by a founding group of 50 members donating \$1,000 each in 2002....

Most of who met during the creation of the Truckee Trails Plan.

Truckee Trails Foundation (TTF)

- 800+ member (501 C(3)) organization
- 11 Member volunteer working board
- Part-time executive director (me)
- Trails Advocacy
- Volunteer Trail Maintenance
- Full-time seasonal trail crew



Hitting the Trail!



Community love for trails in action

- Buck for Open Space and Trails Program
 - Restaurants
 - Dentists
 - Bike shops
- Volunteerism – *Good Dirty Fun!*
 - Started as week day late afternoon work parties
 - More demand – larger crews – weekends



Good Dirty Fun!





A scenic view of a river valley. In the foreground, a set of railway tracks runs diagonally across the frame. To the right of the tracks, a river flows through a valley. The background features a steep, rocky hillside covered in dense evergreen trees under a clear blue sky.

TTF and the Town Working together In the past ten years

Privately Funded Class 1 Constructed – 10 miles

Publicly Funded Class 1 Constructed - 10 miles

Truckee River Legacy Trail



To pave or not to pave Truckee trails

Article Comments (0)
Share Tweet Pinit Share

Deciding whether to pave or not to pave Truckee's trail system has become a focal point of Truckee's Trails and Bikeways Master Plan update. ...

To be paved with good intentions

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The Truckee Town Council voted on Thursday to construct parallel paved and unpaved surfaces on the Truckee River Legacy Trail. ...

My Turn: Paving the Legacy Trail caters to the Spandex set

Zack Beekler

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My Turn: A Spandex-phobe veers off the trail





6 steps of project development

- Conceptualization
- Preliminary Engineering
- Environmental Review
- Final Design
- Construction
- Ribbon Cutting

NOT

The Real 6 Steps of Project Development



- Excitement
- Concern
- Panic
- Search for the Guilty
- Punishment of the Innocent
- Credit to the uninvolved

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!





Need for more funding – What to do??



TRUCKEE RIVER LEGACY TRAIL PHASE 3B
ANOTHER PROJECT FUNDED BY VOTER-APPROVED PROPOSITION 50
THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

FUNDED BY:

 CALIFORNIA natural resources AGENCY

EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., GOVERNOR
John Laird, Secretary for Natural Resources

CONTRACTOR:  Campbell
35 Glen Canyon Court • Ukiah, CA 95568 • Phone: (707) 461-1111
Fax: (707) 461-1112

PROJECT SPONSOR:  TRUCKEE RIVER LEGACY TRAIL

LAND FOR PROJECT PROVIDED BY:  UAS  NRE

DESIGNED BY:  LUMOS & ASSOCIATES LUMOS

TRAIL ENDS

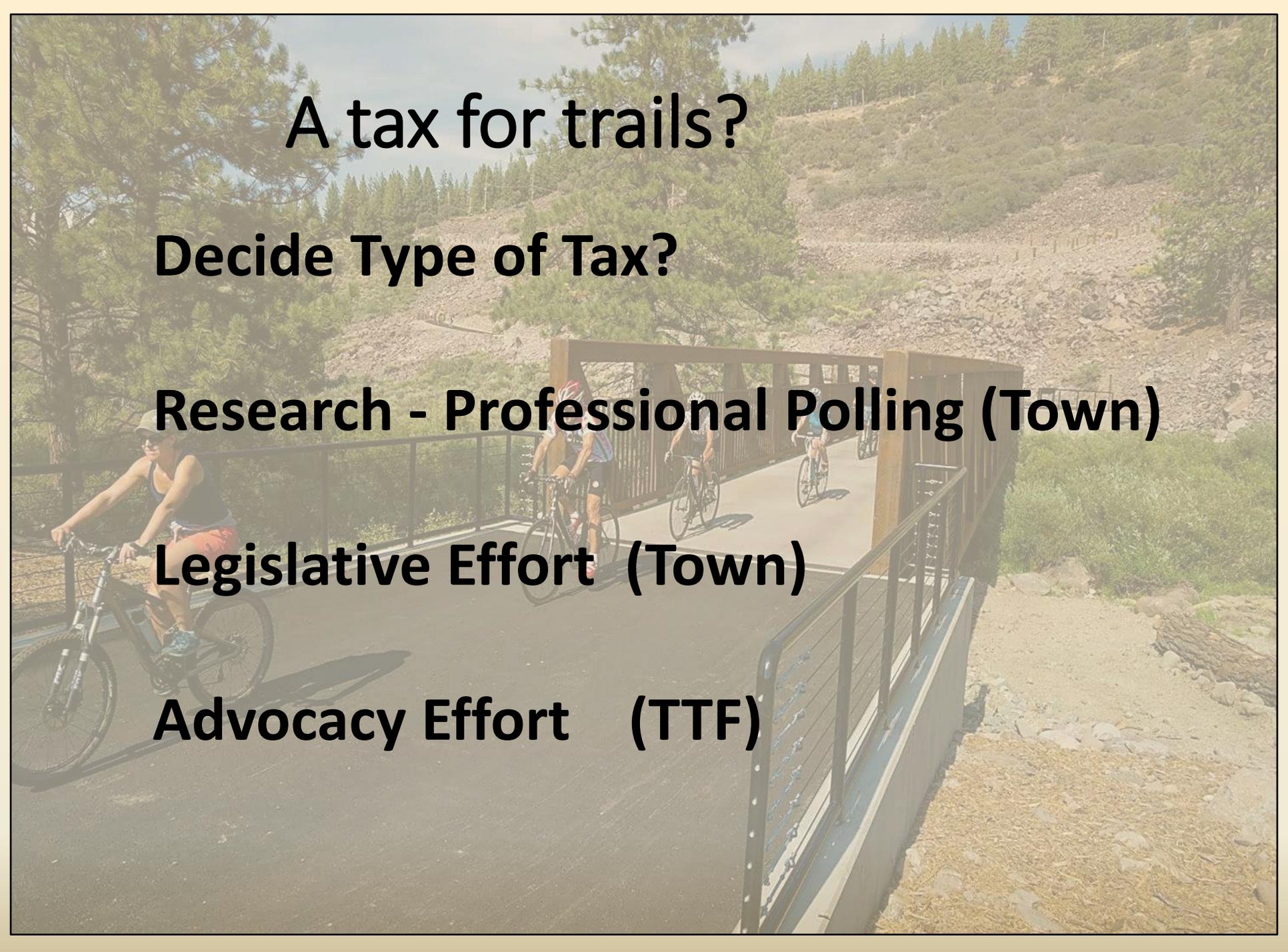
A tax for trails?

Decide Type of Tax?

Research - Professional Polling (Town)

Legislative Effort (Town)

Advocacy Effort (TTF)

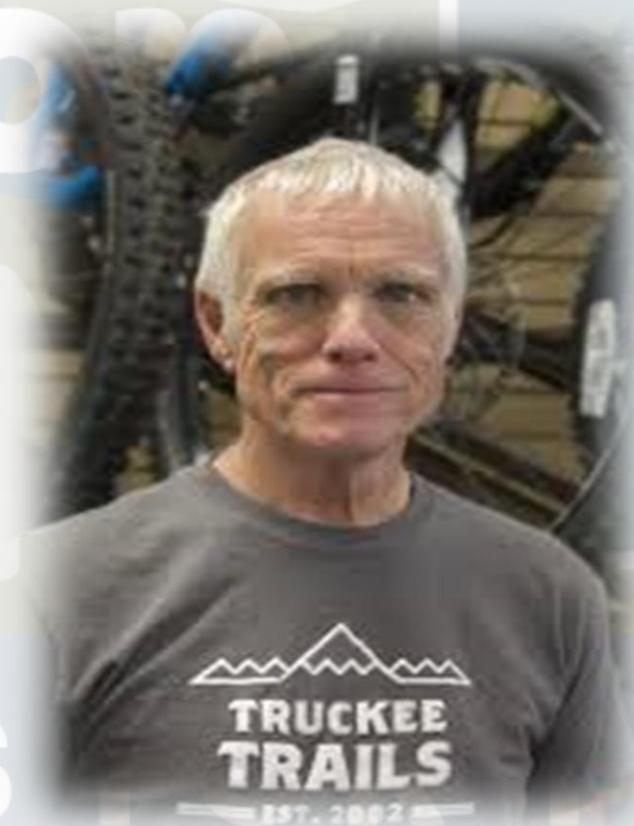


**Ready or not, testing our belief in
Truckee's love of trails**

**Measure R: $\frac{1}{4}$ percent sales tax to
generate \$1.2 million per year for trails**

TRAILS FOR TRUCKEE

Step 1: Select a Committee Chair



TRAILS

TRUCKEE

Step 2: Messaging!

By Mail or at the Poll
Vote Yes

To provide access to beautiful open spaces...

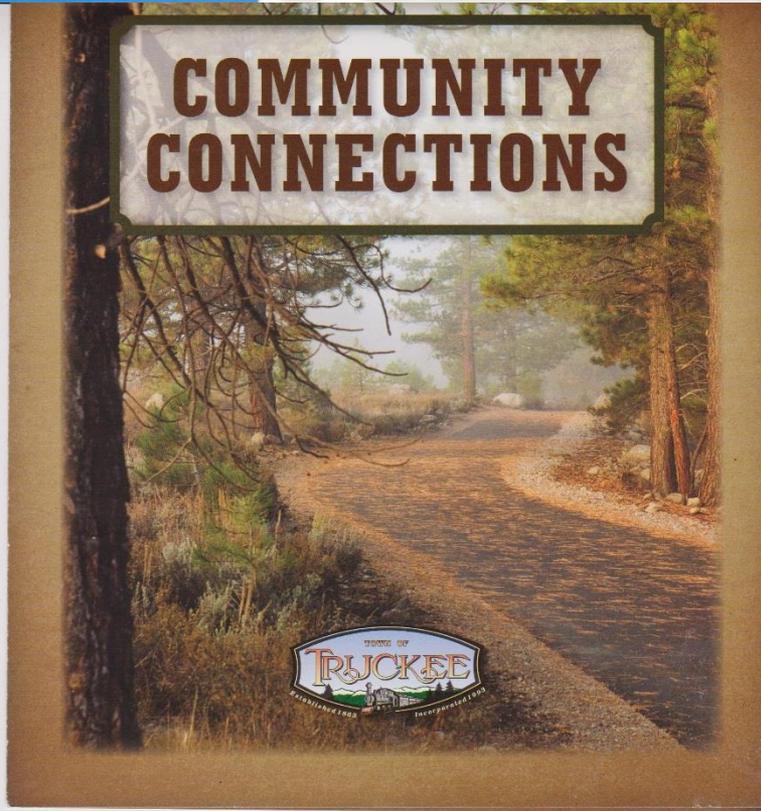
- ✓ Expanded network of paved and dirt trails
- ✓ Maintenance for year-round use
- ✓ Key connections between neighborhoods, Downtown and regional trails

...And safe places for Truckee

- ✓ Safe routes to school
- ✓ Green transportation
- ✓ Walking, running and biking

- ✓ All funds stay in Truckee
- ✓ No funds can be taken by the State
- ✓ Mandatory citizens' oversight

Life Is Good Up Here



YES on 5
TRAILS FOR TRUCKEE

P.O. Box 3172
Truckee, CA 96160

Print. Std.
U.S. Postage
PAID
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1 0 45 *****ECRLOT**R010
Scott Elliott or Allison Peadley
10989 Dorchester Dr
Truckee CA 96161-1573

1045 *****ECRLOT**R010

PAID by the Committee for Trails—No on 8, PPVCF 130348

Open Spaces

and Safe Places

Step 3: Endorsements

The BackCountry
Bespoke
Bocko Construction, Inc.
Brand Breadcrumbs
Cabonas
Carmen Carr Real Estate
Cottonwood Restaurant
Coffeebar
Crossfit Jiboom
Cyclepaths Bike Shop
Dragonfly Restaurant
Drunken Monkey
Easterbrook Painting, Inc.
East River Public Relations
Fifty Fifty Brewing Co.
First Realty
Fresh Tracks Communications
Jim Morrison Construction
Kenny Blum Photography & Web Design
Le Grand Adventure Tours
The Loft Barber
Madrone Capital Partners
Mo, Jo, & Zoe
Molsby & Bordner, LLP
Mountain Hardware and Sports

Native Paint and Stain
Northstar California
Orbital Laboratory
Paco's Truckee Bike & Ski
Pour House
Quality Automotive and Smog
Real Graphic Source
Shift Communications
Sierra Insurance & PIA
Sierra Mountain Mortgage
Smooth Rides
SnowTech
Soundslides
Spice
Starhaus Ski Shop
Stoke The Goat Sunglass Shop
Sustainable Community Advocates
Tahoe Dave's Skis and Boards
Tahoe Mountain Guides
Tahoe Wakesports
TIP Printing and Graphics
Truckee Hometown Sears
Truckee River Winery
Truckee Tahoe Medical Group
The Val Videgain Team
Villager Nursery
Weston Walker Media
Whole Treats Bakery
Wild Cherries Coffee House

Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe
The Envirolution Club
Family Resource Center of Truckee
Glenshire-Devonshire Residents Association
Humane Society of Truckee -Tahoe
Mountain Area Preservation
Marcpro-Strava Cycling Team
Our Truckee River Legacy Foundation
Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships (SWEP)
Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association
Tahoe Donner Homeowner's Association
Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway
Tahoe Sierra Board of Realtors®
Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce
Town of Truckee Council
Truckee Donner Land Trust
Truckee Donner Recreation & Park District
Truckee River Watershed Council
Truckee Tahoe Airport District
Truckee Trails Foundation

Step 4: Stay in the news

Join me in voting 'yes' on Measure R

I've seen a phenomenal transformation over the 40 years I have lived in Truckee and 35 years I've owned a business in our wonderful mountain community.

Truckee has evolved from a mountain outpost with a colorful history to a thriving destination for people who love the outdoors and live active lifestyles.

This has become central to Truckee's identity and essential to the success of our local economy. It's no secret that our beautiful open space, and the opportunity to experience the best that the outdoors has to offer, are tremendous assets that draw residents and visitors alike to our town.

This pumps money into our local economy and creates demand for our homes, which keeps property values strong.

When we cast our ballots in this June's primary election, we have an opportunity to enhance one of the key elements that makes Truckee such a special place to live, do business and visit.

Voting Yes on R creates an expanded network of trails in Truckee, providing access to open space, connecting our neighborhoods and providing safe and green transportation alternatives away from the dangers of the roadway.

Over the past decade the town of Truckee has created a network of paved and dirt trails. However, the funds used to develop the trails are now nearly depleted and there are still many more trails to be completed.

While many of us enjoy the trails we already have, over the years Truckee residents have realized that something is missing: a comprehensive and connected network of both dirt and paved trails.

A group of dedicated citizens worked with the Town to create a Trails and Bikeways Master Plan to establish a carefully thought through vision for a trail system in Truckee.

If voters approve Measure R in June, this vision can become a reality by providing exclusively dedicated funds for Truckee trails that cannot be taken by the State or be used for other purposes.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Yes on R will help to complete the Truckee River Legacy Trail, providing a paved trail for walking, running and biking from Glenbrook to Donner Lake.
- Yes on R will provide safe routes to schools for local children who walk or bike to school.

- Yes on R will provide uniform open space along trail corridors, and connect Truckee to regional trail networks beyond the border of our town.

“We have an opportunity to enhance one of the key elements that makes Truckee such a special place to live, do business and visit.”

Paco Lindsay
My Turn

To ensure the funds from Measure R are spent to accomplish these goals, a strict system of accountability is required, including a Citizen's Oversight Committee and annual reports to the community.

Measure R will also ensure existing and new trails are in standard on an ongoing basis.

Measure R will generate funding for an estimated 25 percent increase in Measure R spreads across visitors, second local residents. Measure R will also ensure existing and new trails are in standard on an ongoing basis.

Numerous surveys have shown that trails at space are top priority residents. Recognizing the significant benefit that a trail system for our community, Measure R is endorsed by the Truckee Chamber of Commerce, CAI locally owned business.

Due to the health benefits offered by a quality Measure R is endorsed by Forest Hill District, Donner Recreation & Park District.

Because of the community's strong local property values to trails and open R is endorsed by local associations, realtors and residents.

By providing green transportation alternatives that keep off the road and by providing open trail corridors, Measure R is endorsed by leading local organizations.

To see the full list of candidates, visit www.vote4trails.com.

Paco Lindsay is a Truckee resident, local business owner and chair of the Committee for Trails (Yes on R).

READERS! Measure R is a win-win-win

As June 3 approaches and the Measure R campaign comes to a close, it is abundantly clear that Measure R is a win-win-win for our community. Not once has anyone come out and said community control by trails and bikeways is a bad idea. No one.

It stands to reason, cause community-wide surveys and polls conducted over the past 20 years shown that residents more trails than any other recreational amenity.

Why is that? Because trails just makes sense that just makes sense that

Vote Yes on Measure R

Margaret Moran
mmoran@sierranet.com

Several local individuals, businesses and organizations have come out in support of a Truckee trails sales tax measure that's up for election next month.

One group is the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce, which recently polled members on Measure R, with 56 of 64 respondents in favor (87.5 percent) and it opposed.

"Measure R creates an expanded network of trails in Truckee, providing our residents and visitors with access to the open space that makes our town such a special place to live, visit and do business," Christy Curtis, board chair of the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement.

On the Nevada County Elections Office's website, an argument for Measure R is posted and signed by town of Truckee Mayor Patrick Flora, Truckee's first mayor Kathleen Eagan, and Paco Lindsay, owner of Paco's Truckee Bike & Ski and a director with the Truckee Trails Foundation; among others.

According to the county, written agreements for or against measures submitted to voters had to be filed with the Nevada County clerk by March 14. Nothing against Measure R



was submitted by that deadline, said Sandra Sjoberg, assistant clerk-recorder for the county.

The grassroots group Committee for Trails (Yes on R) — of which Lindsay is chair — has been promoting Measure R the past several weeks; the group's election signs have been placed throughout town.

The group's website as of midday Thursday listed more than 100 residents who have endorsed the trails tax.

Further, 21 agencies or organizations — including Truckee Town Council, Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe, Glenbrook-Devonshire Residents Association, Truckee Donner Recreation & Park District and Tahoe Sierra Board of Realtors — were listed as being in favor, along with nearly 50 local businesses.

As of Wednesday, the county's elections office has received a Fair Political Practices Commission filing from the committee disclosing a \$10,000 contribution from the Truckee Trails

voting yes on Measure R, which provides a 10-year funding source for Truckee's

and dirt trails that connect neighborhoods, provide routes to schools, and recreational opportunity away from the dangers of

Support swelling for Measure R trails tax ballot item



MARGARET MORAN / MMORAN@SIERRANET.COM

Signs promoting a yes vote on Measure R have been placed throughout the town of Truckee.

toys, antiques, clothing and some labor services, among others. Excluded items are many groceries, prescription medicine and certain medical devices, and items paid for with food stamps.

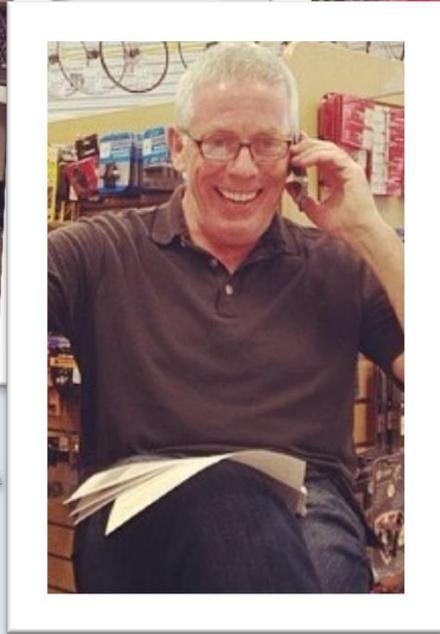
It's estimated the measure would generate \$10 million, all of which would stay in Truckee with independent oversight. The town estimates \$8 million would go toward trail construction — including completion of the Truckee River Legacy

More online

- To learn more about Measure R, visit mynevadacounty.com/nc/elections
- To learn more about Committee for Trails (Yes on R), visit vote4trails.com

Trail — and the remainder to maintenance. To pass, it requires two-thirds majority in the election. Election polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 3.

Step 5: Volunteers



Step 6 - WIN!!

The image shows a screenshot of a news article on the Reno Gazette-Journal website. The page is tilted and features a dark navigation bar at the top with the following menu items: HOME, NEWS, BUSINESS, SPORTS, LIFE (highlighted in blue), OUTDOORS, OPINION, OBITUARIES, and USA TODAY. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main headline reads "Truckee voters OK tax hike for new trails". Below the headline, the author is identified as Benjamin Spillman, and the date is 8:30 a.m. PDT June 4, 2014. A photograph of a cyclist is included, with a caption: "(Photo: Andy Barron/RGJ file photo)". To the right of the photo are social media sharing options: CONNECT (Facebook), TWEET (Twitter), LINKEDIN, COMMENT, EMAIL, and MORE. The article text states: "A California mountain haven for skiers, cyclists and hikers is about to provide even more support for outdoor recreation. Election results compiled late Tuesday show about 75 percent of Truckee residents voted in favor of a proposal to increase sales taxes in order to build more trails. The ballot question, called Measure R, needed support from 67 percent of voters to go into effect. It means the town of Truckee will generate an estimated \$10 million over 10 years to build and maintain its network of paved and dirt trails, an amenity cyclists consider critical for the town."



Step 7: Use the Money Wisely

Maintenance?

Snow Removal?

Dirt Trails?

Paved Trails?

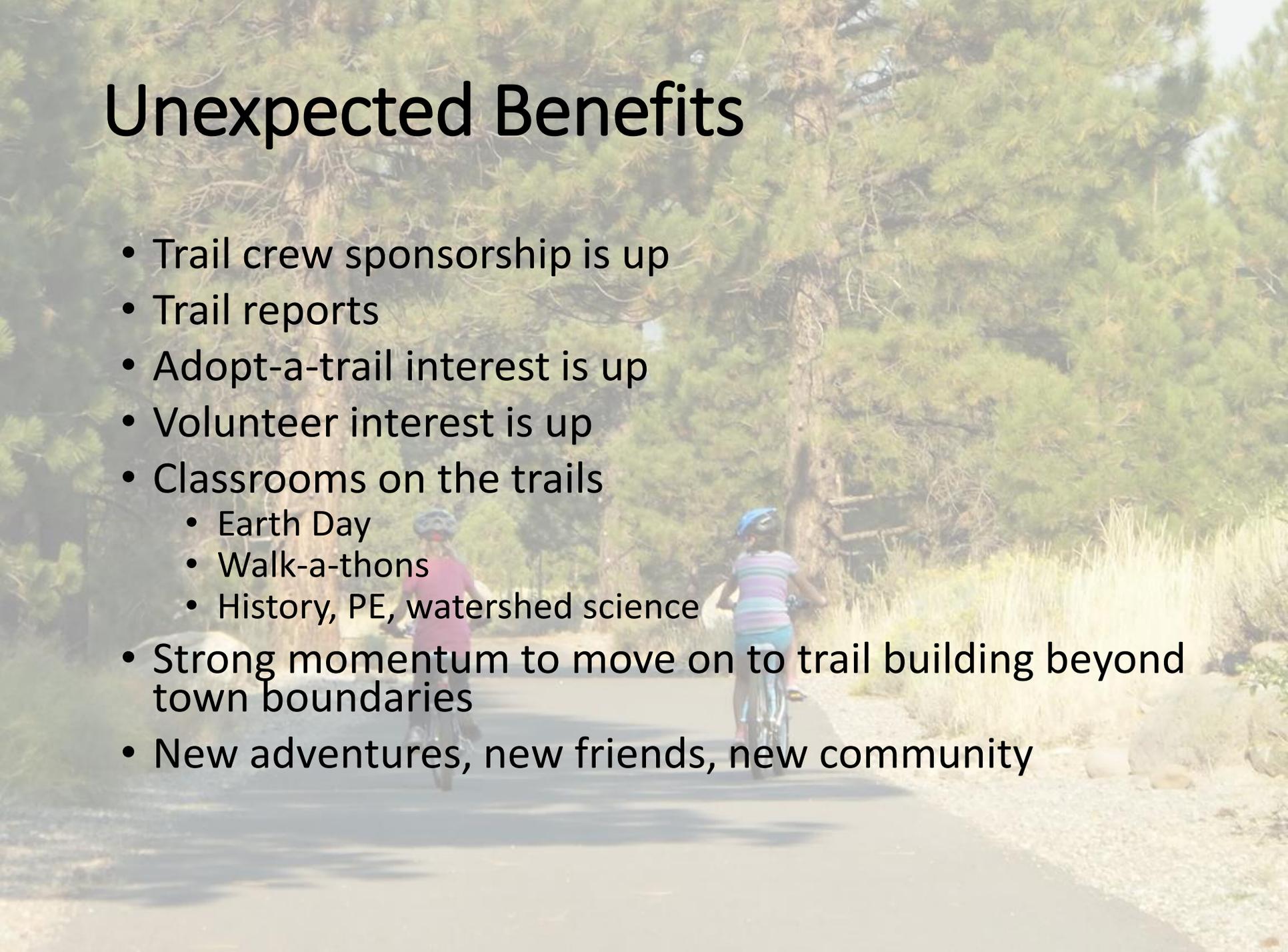
Bike Parks?

Be Inclusive!

**Partnership between the Town and TTF
is more important now than ever**



Unexpected Benefits

- Trail crew sponsorship is up
 - Trail reports
 - Adopt-a-trail interest is up
 - Volunteer interest is up
 - Classrooms on the trails
 - Earth Day
 - Walk-a-thons
 - History, PE, watershed science
 - Strong momentum to move on to trail building beyond town boundaries
 - New adventures, new friends, new community
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- A photograph of two people riding bicycles on a paved trail. The person in the foreground is wearing a blue helmet and a striped shirt. The person behind them is wearing a pink shirt and a blue helmet. The trail is surrounded by tall pine trees and some dry grass on the right side. The image is slightly faded to allow text to be overlaid.

A scenic landscape featuring a paved path that curves through a valley. The path is bordered by rustic wooden fences. On the left, there are tall, green pine trees and some dry, yellowish-brown shrubs. On the right, there are large, light-colored boulders and more shrubs. In the background, a mountain range is visible, partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is peaceful and inviting.

HAPPY TRAILS!!!!