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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7—COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF THE  
TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND  
THE MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM)

MARCH 25, 2019

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Expresses support for finding innovative transportation solutions in the Lake Tahoe Basin and for the efforts of the Bi-State Working Group on Transportation. (BDR R-441)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for finding innovative transportation solutions in the Lake Tahoe Basin and for the efforts of the Bi-State Working Group on Transportation.

1 WHEREAS, The Lake Tahoe Basin is an area of unique and  
2 irreplaceable natural beauty that attracts visitors from around the  
3 world who support a \$5 billion tourism and outdoor recreation  
4 economy; and

5 WHEREAS, Most of these visitors rely on private automobiles to  
6 travel in and around the Lake Tahoe Basin, with newly available  
7 data showing that nearly 10 million automobiles are driven on the  
8 Basin’s roadways each year; and

9 WHEREAS, With its rugged landscape, strong environmental  
10 protections and nearly 90 percent of the Lake Tahoe Basin in federal  
11 or state ownership and protected as state park or national forest, the  
12 Basin’s roadways cannot simply be expanded in size to meet peak  
13 automobile travel demands; and

14 WHEREAS, The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency recognizes  
15 that innovative transportation solutions are necessary, and its 2017  
16 Regional Transportation Plan offers strategies to jump-start



1 innovation to transform transportation within the Lake Tahoe Basin;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Recognizing that transportation impacts in the Lake  
4 Tahoe Basin are a primary threat to environmental health and lake  
5 clarity throughout the Basin and a barrier to sustainable economic  
6 growth, the Director of the State Department of Conservation and  
7 Natural Resources and the Secretary of the California Natural  
8 Resources Agency agreed in 2017 to convene a Bi-State Working  
9 Group on Transportation to focus on developing innovative  
10 transportation solutions throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin based on  
11 the Regional Transportation Plan; and

12 WHEREAS, The Bi-State Working Group on Transportation  
13 consists of 21 persons representing state, local, regional and federal  
14 public agencies, business groups, the environmental community and  
15 the resort and tourism industries; and

16 WHEREAS, The Bi-State Working Group on Transportation  
17 has created a 10-year Transportation Action Plan that identifies  
18 top-priority projects, services and fair-share funding commitments  
19 from federal, state, local and private sector partners that, if achieved,  
20 will strengthen transit services to double ridership, build 32 miles of  
21 bike and pedestrian paths to link residential, commercial and  
22 recreation areas, and deploy new technologies to put real-time  
23 travel and parking information at people's fingertips; now,  
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
26 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 80th Session of the  
27 Nevada Legislature hereby express their support for finding  
28 innovative transportation solutions in the Lake Tahoe Basin to help  
29 protect Lake Tahoe and the surrounding ecosystem from the  
30 increasing impacts of congestion and other transportation-related  
31 challenges; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the members of the 80th Session of the Nevada  
33 Legislature hereby also express their support for the efforts of the  
34 Bi-State Working Group on Transportation in identifying solutions  
35 to improve mobility, increase recreational access, protect the  
36 environment and improve the quality of life for the visitors to, and  
37 residents of, the Lake Tahoe Basin; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
39 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the  
40 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the District Manager of the  
41 Tahoe Transportation District, each member of the Bi-State  
42 Working Group on Transportation and each member of the Nevada  
43 Congressional Delegation; and be it further



1 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
2 passage.

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