

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7—Committee on
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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.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency recognizes that innovative transportation solutions are necessary, and its 2017 Regional Transportation Plan offers strategies to jump-start innovation to transform transportation within the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The Bi-State Working Group on Transportation has created a 10-year Transportation Action Plan that identifies top-priority projects, services and fair-share funding commitments from federal, state, local and private sector partners that, if achieved,



will strengthen transit services to double ridership, build 32 miles of bike and pedestrian paths to link residential, commercial and recreation areas, and deploy new technologies to put real-time travel and parking information at people's fingertips; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

