



# TAHOE EL DORADO AREA PLAN

PHASE 1 | ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY

# OVERVIEW

El Dorado County is in the initial stages of developing the Tahoe El Dorado (TED) Area Plan, a comprehensive land use strategy for the unincorporated areas of the Tahoe Basin. As part of the engagement process, an online survey was made available on the project website from February 28, 2024, throughout August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Participants could provide feedback through three different methods using the same link. First, participants could share demographic information along with their preferences for the TED Area Plan’s focus in the multiple-choice survey. Second, through the community character map exercise, participants could place a pin on a map of the plan area to highlight specific needs, future aspirations, or any other notable features. Finally, they could use a comment box to share what they appreciate and love about their community. In total there were 92 contributors that submitted their feedback, ideas, and concerns. This document summarizes the feedback received through the online survey.

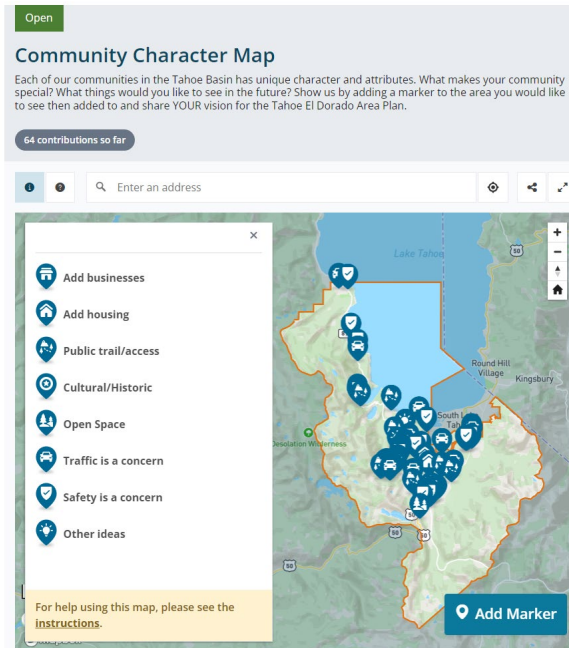
## TED Community Survey

I currently (please select all that apply).

- Own residential property in this area.
- Rent residential property in this area.
- Own property zoned for commercial uses.
- Own property zoned for industrial uses.
- Own a property zoned for mixed use.

What do I want the TED Area Plan to focus on?

- Allow more businesses #
- Provide more housing opportunities #
- Add more public trails and/or access to trails #
- Protect cultural/historic sites #
- Protect the area from development #
- Focus on roadway traffic challenges #
- Focus on safety #
- Other #



What do you love about your community?

Tell us your idea

You have 140 characters left

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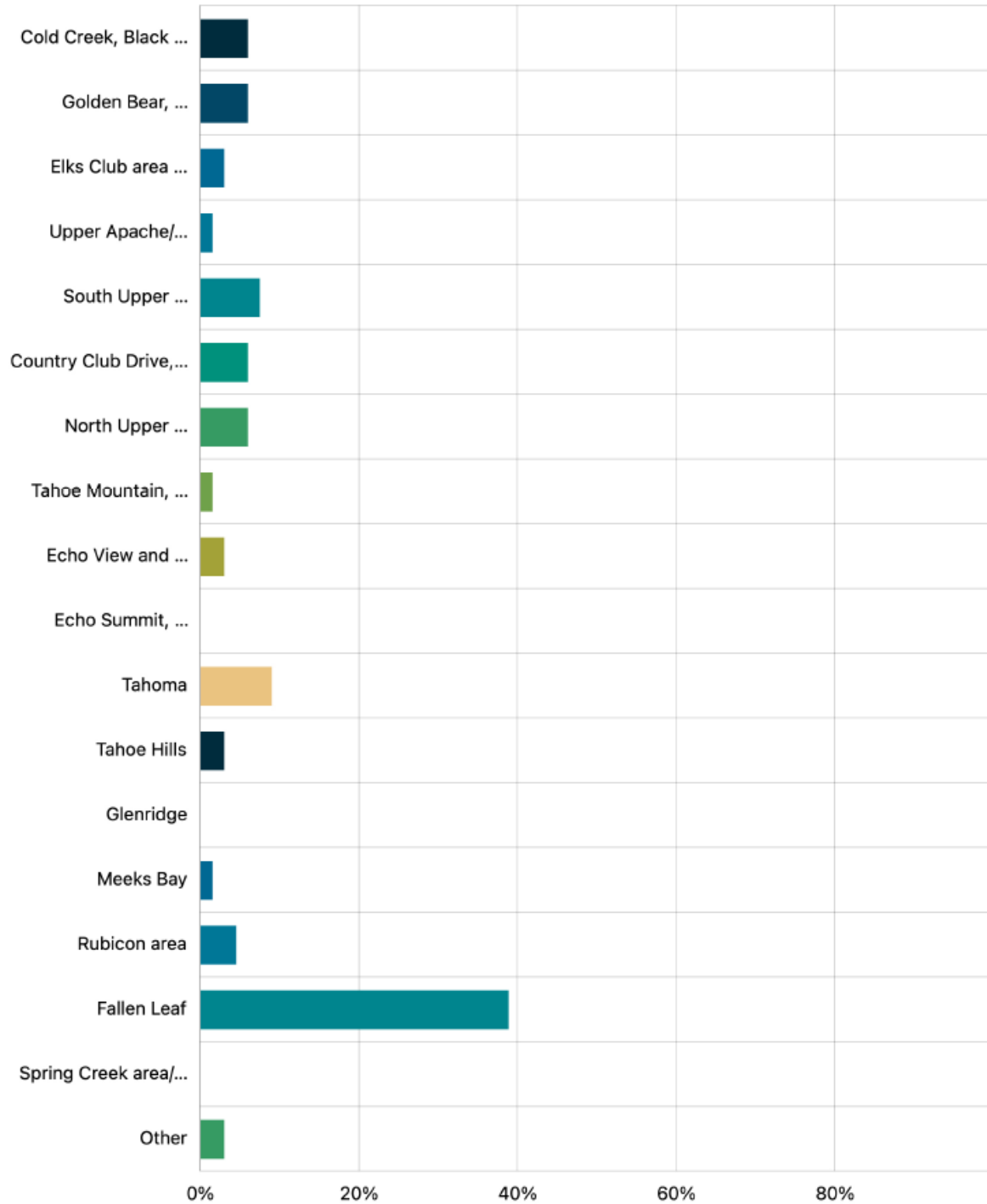
## THREE WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT VIA THE ONLINE SURVEY: MULTIPLE-CHOICE SURVEY, COMMUNITY MAP, AND COMMENT BOX

# 1. MULTIPLE-CHOICE SURVEY

## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

### NEIGHBORHOOD

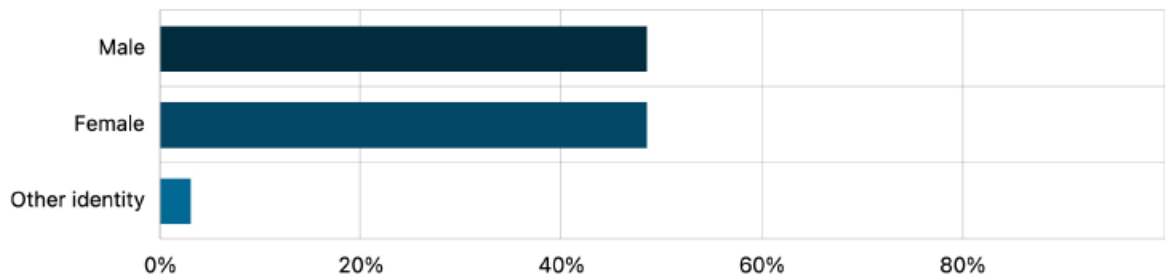
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Cold Creek, Black Bart, High Meadows, and Marshall Trail area	5.97%	4
Golden Bear, Susquehana, Washoan, and Hekpa area	5.97%	4
Elks Club area (Country Club Heights subdivision)	2.99%	2
Upper Apache/Mandan area	1.49%	1
South Upper Truckee and Christmas Valley	7.46%	5
Country Club Drive, lower Apache	5.97%	4
North Upper Truckee and Chiapa	5.97%	4
Tahoe Mountain, Angora Highlands, and Mt Rainier area	1.49%	1
Echo View and Sawmill area	2.99%	2
Echo Summit, Strawberry, Mt Ralston, and Audrain area	0%	0
Tahoma	8.96%	6
Tahoe Hills	2.99%	2
Glenridge	0%	0
Meeks Bay	1.49%	1
Rubicon area	4.48%	3
Fallen Leaf	38.81%	26
Spring Creek area/Cascade	0%	0
Other	2.99%	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>67</b>

## GENDER

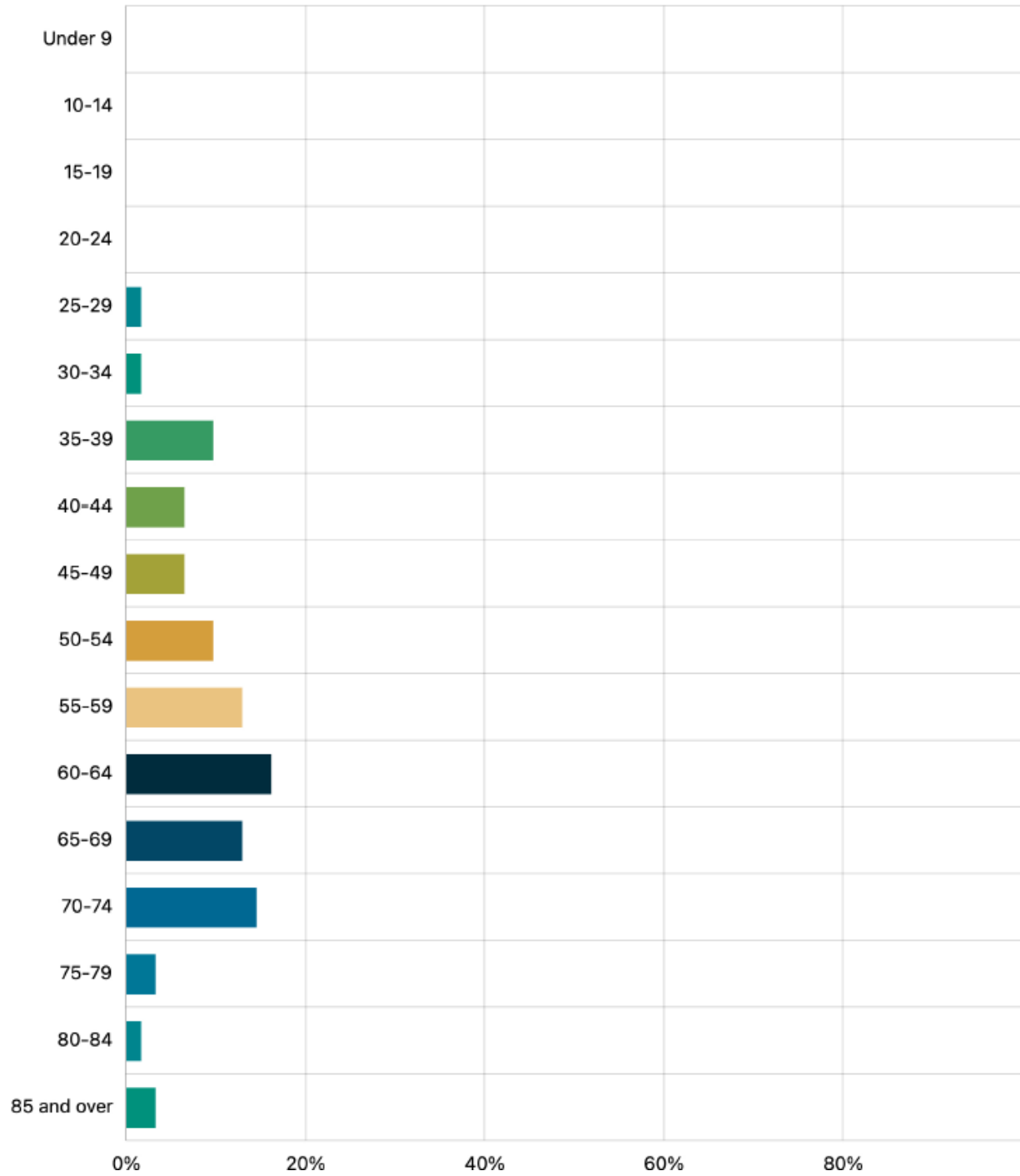
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Male	48.48%	32
Female	48.48%	32
Other identity	3.03%	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>66</b>

## AGE GROUP

Select Box | Skipped: 10 | Answered: 62 (86.1%)

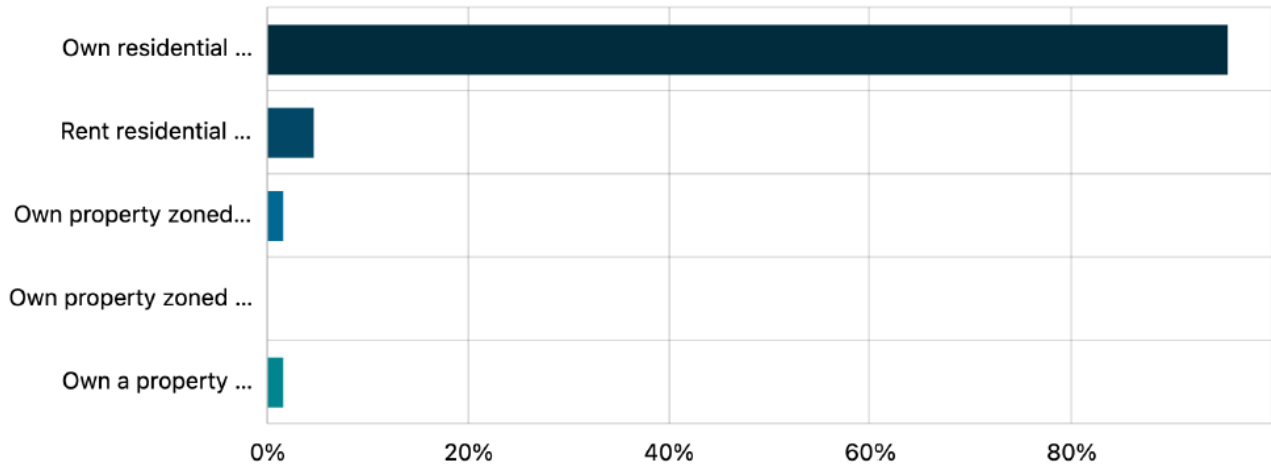


10-14	0%	0
15-19	0%	0
20-24	0%	0
25-29	1.61%	1
30-34	1.61%	1
35-39	9.68%	6
40-44	6.45%	4
45-49	6.45%	4
50-54	9.68%	6
55-59	12.90%	8
60-64	16.13%	10
65-69	12.90%	8
70-74	14.52%	9
75-79	3.23%	2
80-84	1.61%	1
85 and over	3.23%	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>62</b>

## OWNERSHIP AND RENTAL INFORMATION

### 1. I currently (please select all that apply).

Multi Choice | Skipped: 6 | Answered: 66 (91.7%)

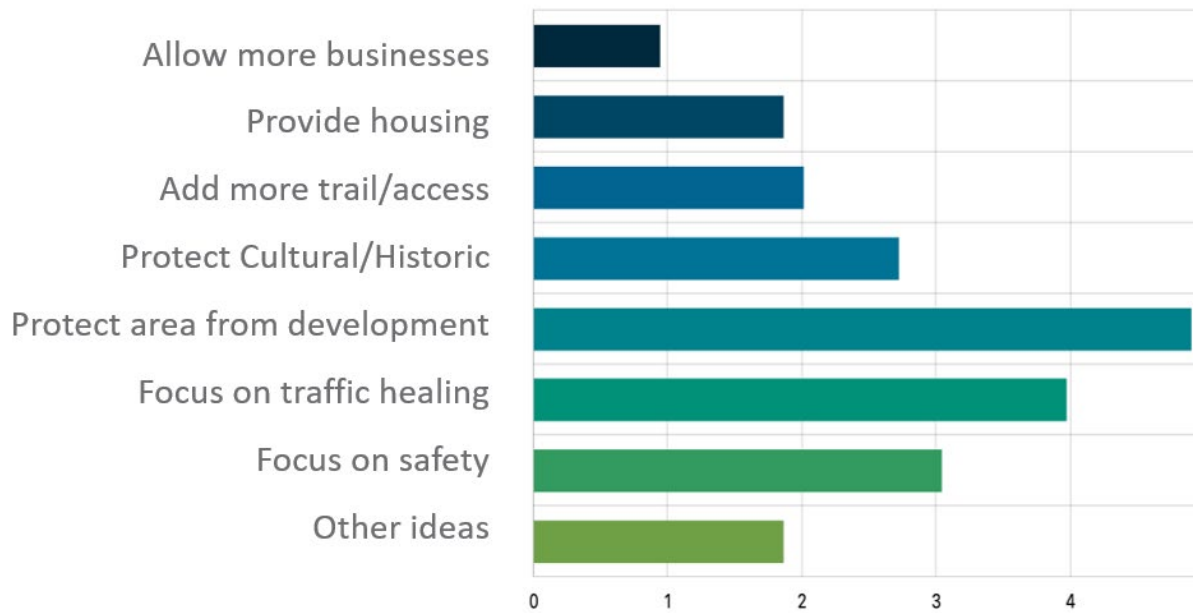


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Own residential property in this area.	95.45%	63
Rent residential property in this area.	4.55%	3
Own property zoned for commercial uses.	1.52%	1
Own property zoned for industrial uses.	0%	0
Own a property zoned for mixed use.	1.52%	1

## WHAT DO I WANT THE TED AREA PLAN TO FOCUS ON?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Allow more businesses	50.00% 6	0% 0	8.33% 1	0% 0	16.67% 2	0% 0	25.00% 3	0% 0	12	0.94	3.33
Provide more housing opportunities	42.86% 9	23.81% 5	4.76% 1	4.76% 1	9.52% 2	9.52% 2	4.76% 1	0% 0	21	1.86	2.62
Add more public trails and/or access to trails	21.74% 5	34.78% 8	17.39% 4	13.04% 3	4.35% 1	8.70% 2	0% 0	0% 0	23	2.01	2.70
Protect cultural/historic sites	33.33% 10	16.67% 5	26.67% 8	16.67% 5	6.67% 2	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	30	2.72	2.47
Protect the area from development	53.06% 26	28.57% 14	12.24% 6	0% 0	4.08% 2	2.04% 1	0% 0	0% 0	49	4.90	1.80
Focus on roadway traffic challenges	18.18% 8	38.64% 17	20.45% 9	20.45% 9	2.27% 1	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	44	3.97	2.50
Focus on safety	11.43% 4	34.29% 12	31.43% 11	14.29% 5	8.57% 3	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	35	3.04	2.74
Other	16.67% 4	8.33% 2	37.50% 9	16.67% 4	8.33% 2	4.17% 1	4.17% 1	4.17% 1	24	1.86	3.42
<p><b>Score</b> - Sum of the weight of each ranked position, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions.</p> <p><b>Avg Rank</b> - Sum of the ranked position of the choice, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.</p>											





**IF YOU ANSWERED “OTHER” ABOVE, PLEASE SPECIFY WHAT YOU WANT THE TED AREA PLAN TO FOCUS ON:**

- Restrict parking along Highway 89
- Accelerate progress on Cascade to Meeks trail. Car parking and shuttle service from DL Bliss on north end and Taylor Creek SNO-Park on south end
- Reopen the Meeks Bay Marina
- Bicycle trail proposed to be around Fallen Leaf Lake
- Annual Water (moving water pipes under the road) is our biggest priority
- Limiting the traffic - ideally, a limited number of day permits for the Marina/Store (paid?) and a limited number of day and overnight permits at Lily Lake. Or, if not, a sign saying when lots are full and to park (add a parking lot near N. Upper Truckee road?) and small (thin!) shuttle. This would be a HUGE improvement in traffic.
- Maintain Fallen Leaf Road without appreciably widening it. Recent historic boulder blasting used for private car parking is atrocious. Limit increases in use to a manageable level due to ecological sensitivity of the area. Restrict building sizes in keeping with the historic nature of the area...cabins not monstrosities ruining the natural beauty of the area.
- The needs of our neighbors need to have an independent voice: The Desolation Wilderness, the biome, the air and water, the “wildness” of the WUI
- If TED hears just the needs of residents (people), and businesses (commerce) as stated, WUI loses its essential meaning and purpose
- We love our neighborhood, but THE ROADS are a disgrace!!! My kids get hurt constantly trying to have fun outside! ROADS ROADS ROADS
- Is that too much to ask in 2024 in USA? I am from Poland and even my family visiting from there is shocked!!! It's embarrassing!

- Incredible increase traffic in the area from Lake Tahoe Blvd including Hwy 89 - the backroads into Fallen leaf through neighborhoods. Traffic is almost at a standstill at times.
- Folks coming to the Fallen leaf area - this is a boxed canyon, very narrow roads, homes along the road area impacted with people parking in their drives, leaving their trash along the way, not paying attention to NO Parking signs. It can take up to an hour-1 1/2 hours to go less than 4 miles to find the parking lot full. This is a small, separate area in the Tahoe Basin. Leave it alone. Opening the North end would destroy Fallen Leaf lake. There is already access at the South end.
- The experience of a trip to Lake Tahoe, in the past 5 years, has been a nightmare. What about a reservation system, similar to Yosemite and Highway 1.
- Is the object just let the Lake be ruined?
- THERE needs to be OPEN SPACE AND QUIET EXPERIENCE OF THE LAKE
- Lack of planning, money interests, special interest groups (TAMBA and the like) have ruined the experience. Tahoe has become a parking lot, horribly congested and dirty.
- PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS TO THE SOUTHWEST QUADRANT OF THE BASIN
- Keep affordable housing out of Meyers
- For over 100 years many generations of my family have been maintaining a small cabin at Fallen Leaf Lake. We have continually appreciated the unspoiled natural environment of the El Dorado National Forest including the pristine Desolation Wilderness where we have hiked every summer. In the last few years, we have been concerned about the increasing disruption of the peaceful environment and damage to the land in this area. I hope the outcome of this TED Area Plan will deter further encroachment of the Fallen Leaf Lake area and assure the preservation of this natural environment for future generations to come & the public as well.
- In addition to protecting the area from development I am adamantly and fundamental about limiting human encroachment on nature. I have been in the area each year since 1972 (mostly in the Fallen Leaf Lake and South Lake Tahoe area) and you are over capacity with humans who do NOT care a bit about the nature they are allegedly there to visit. I would like a plan that keeps growth in the city areas to a minimum and in the natural areas like FLL to reduce the amount of people and limit it to park the car and walking - no bikes, no motor or electric driven vehicles of any size and unless you are camping in the lakes area above the lake, go somewhere else. That's what I want to see planned. Bears breaking into cars and cabins, fires, trash, trails with bikes that have no interest in the environment they are in and people who break every rule known are from humans and only humans. Help us keep the number to a small amount a year please.
- Need to include a "no more development" category in this list of concerns. This would allow opportunity to offer the following:
  - Control and restrict traffic along all roads into Fallen Leaf Lake. Congestion is a problem. Infrastructure does not support year-round access.
  - Environmental thresholds cannot withstand influx of traffic and resulting damage to environmentally sensitive areas along roads, trails, and shorelines.
  - Monitor and fine illegal off-road camping, littering, fires, launching of boats and watercraft outside of the marina without inspection for AIS
  - Breathtaking but dangerous avalanche areas that must be respected and not disturbed
  - Designation of Fallen Leaf Lake Basin with "Protected" status"

- Slowing vehicle speeds in the residential zones. Use some form of traffic calming devices, supported by some actual enforcement.
- Provide basic snow removal, road maintenance, fire, and public safety service. County services need a major improvement, snow removal is terrible, roads are bad, mosquito control is poor, flooding in all the meadows from too many beaver dams creating mosquito ponds and destroying hiking trails, forest service does not thin forest creating fire hazards. We don't want more development or commercial as this is a residential area. Focus on your basic services. We are not interested in becoming a progressive city of South Lake Tahoe.
- Limit the size of residential projects, set a maximum square footage not allowing build ability transfers from remote properties. The 'single family residence' on Meeks Bay Ave is far too large, especially for a lakefront site and neighboring houses. It truly appears our county and TRPA approvals can be bought.
- Enforcement of existing rules and guidelines for recreation in the Wilderness and better dissemination of information to visitors clearly stating consequences. Imparting more reverence for our natural world is a must, we do not want to see Tahoe become a trashed Disney Land.
- We're all for supporting more ADUs or townhomes in established residential sectors. Townhomes hit the sweet spot of multifamily housing while still giving people a slice of their own private outdoor area for small children and pets to easily access.
- Fire safety needs to be a priority. Public lands need to be cleared of dead trees and brush to protect the community.
- The ability to evacuate in case of a fire is a major concern with only one road providing a way in and out
- Continue to allow horse riding sharing trails with e-Bikes, bikes, and hikers
- The Fallen Leaf Basin contains significant areas designated as environmentally sensitive. These areas also have unrestricted access. During the high-use season walkers, hikers, backpackers, cars, SUVs, RVs, bicycles, and now e-bikes are all competing for recreational space. Unrestricted recreational use will negatively impact the environmentally sensitive areas in the Fallen Leaf Basin.
- The TRPA process is ridiculously long for review for even the most simplistic home builds with no ETAs for planning when permits will be granted. TRPA reviews need to occur at the same timely speed that El Dorado County responds. People complain about the lack of modest single-family homes, yet the TRPA process drives up costs and extends timelines to a ridiculous extent. There should be an expedited review process for any home not on the lakefront and under 2500 sq ft. "Regular people" simple homes should not sit in a single threaded queue with complex shopping centers, multi-unit housing, resorts, and mega-mansions.
- Need better roads, no more patching - tired of paying high taxes and driving into potholes
- Need a section of beach for residents' use only (like Incline Village)
- Too many cars allowed in basin - traffic congestion
- Stop vying for \$ and start caring more about preserving Tahoe and not allowing companies owned by the elite (vanguard, black rock, state street, etc.) to keep coming in destroying the forest and polluting the land. I'm right wing not left but do care if they destroy my home Tahoe.
- Prevent tourist traffic from transiting North Upper Truckee
- I'm not what 'roadway traffic challenges' but I'd like to see the county spend some time and money repairing the multitude of roads badly in need of repair

- The affordable housing problem in Tahoe is a TRPA problem. It cannot be addressed unless coverage standards are amended to allow for ADU construction. This is not a lot of area per guidelines already provided by the state. This would do a lot to provide smaller scale and more widespread development to address the needs of the community and it will have minimal impact on the environment.
- Removal of blighted motels like the Sunray. More paved bike trails and better bike access along roads, i.e. Eloise Street.
- Stop bringing more people into the area. Like any popular venue, there has to be a max limit on occupancy. Safety, management of resources, benefit to locals and wildlife have to become a priority or there'll be nothing left.
- I would love a developed trail circumnavigating Fallen Leaf Lake. Bike trails (paved & separate from traffic) along 50, & along Pioneer would be awesome. Extend Lake Link into Meyers, maybe from the Holiday Market area? Require resorts to pay for shuttles to Heavenly, Sierra & Kirkwood from Y and Meyers. Improve options to get to Sacramento/Reno via public transit. (More than once a day.) Get snow removal accomplished more quickly. More patrols to discourage speeding, especially along Pioneer and 50, but also North Upper Truckee and Lake Tahoe Blvd. Consolidate wait lists for ALL subsidized housing - create a department to organize services for the poor in town, including housing, food insecurity, etc.
- Put in Flock and ALPR camera technology to help Law Enforcement keep out communities safe

## **WHAT PROJECTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR COMMUNITY FIVE TO 10 YEARS FROM NOW?**

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- Fuel reduction on forest service lots and conservancy lots, mandatory defensible space requirements on private lots
- When the summer burn ban goes into effect it should include all campgrounds in the basin, including forest service campgrounds, state park campgrounds, and any other campground.
- Public transportation options for Tahoma south- all the way to the Y, so we can take a bus to various trailheads, and to businesses in South Lake
- Better control of vehicles parking in No Parking areas and parking on the roadway in Emerald Bay. Run a shuttle bus from South Lake every 10 minutes. Eliminate day parking and make reserved parking for backpacking permit holders.
- Bring back an affordable, safe, environmentally sensitive watercraft marina for the residents and families of the West shore
- Proposed bicycle trail above the forest which is above Stanford Hill. Then it could drop down to the bridge at Lily Lake.
- Traffic reduction. Public transportation between the Y and trailheads (e.g. van shuttles, micro transit).
- Denser affordable housing in South Lake Tahoe with public transportation
- All of these should be doable. Traffic within 1 or 2 years, water within 3 years.
- Expansion of public access beaches/docks at the Marina for visitors. Timed parking there. Due to road access and lack of parking, continue ban on large RVs. If e-bikes were allowed, regulate numbers, more bicycle racks for cyclists to encourage cycling.
- More controlled access to the Fallen Leaf access area. There are too many cars that try to park at the store and Lily Lake. I support a remote parking and transit system for Lily Lake.

- Limit parking at Glen Alpine Falls. There is a lot of off-road parking there.
- Make and maintain a boundary never to be crossed between the urban elements and the Desolation Wilderness.
- Transition the ENTIRE FLL Basin to an exclusive boat-in-and-out transportation with the road being accessible to foot and bike path only (emergency vehicles and scheduled resupply ok). It would eliminate the parking problem at Lily Lake and connect the two public parts of the Lake (Campground and Store) without the burden of cars on the one lane road. The age of the Personal Drone is near, and we should be preemptive about keeping this kind of personal technology out of the Basin. Tons of NY Lake communities thrive without constant reliance of the roads.
- Better traffic mitigation, improved bike lanes, connectivity to trails
- I'd like to see more housing density in the urban areas + improved protections for the surrounding natural areas. Outside of Meyers, I'm not sure anything in unincorporated EDC would benefit from more housing density; City of SLT and TRPA are going to have to accomplish much of the increased housing. But it will only work if EDC can protect the surrounding natural areas and get people to them with reliable and cost-effective transit solutions (not cars).
- Just Roads and we will be fine
- I would love for our area to have more affordable housing (like apartments for renters) without ruining the environment
- Clean trails in the Southwest area.... separate bikes from walking trails. This is dangerous now.
- Why do these bikes need to be on narrow high trails? They don't enjoy the view - too busy staying on the trails. Dangerous for hikers.
- Creates lots more silt, damages flora and the animals are disappearing from the area
- Would like a few more restaurants in Tahoma
- Would like shuttle service/TART to Tahoe City to come down further to Meeks and Rubicon instead of stopping in Tahoma. Would love a ferry service around the lake.
- We cannot put more vehicles, electric bikes, or motorized bikes on Fallen Leaf Road- if you want more anything they need to pay a tax or fee for non-residents to use the road- we also need to have some patrol and enforce the laws.
- Better protection for the sensitive natural environment in Fallen Leaf basin. Easy access for emergency personnel and vehicles to fight fires and respond to emergencies. Traffic mitigation through transit or shuttles, parking reservations and enforcement at Lily Lake.
- All measures that would preserve the natural forest environment to prevent noise and water pollution, soil erosion, damage to flora and fauna caused primarily by disrespectful human encroachment
- Remove the bike trail that was allowed to be put in without proper adherence to the laws, limit the amount of vehicular traffic for people who are residents or have a cabin they use and require the rest to walk. If the parking lot you have is full go back to somewhere else.
- Transportation solutions that do not involve building or adding more roads or trails
- Creating a shuttle system into Fallen Leaf lake
- Creating more educational and training programs for responsible behavior in the forests
- Creation of "preserves" in designated areas to protect habitats of wildlife

- Preservation of historical buildings and cultural resources, perhaps developing grants for projects that reward and encourage docent programs
- Bigger park for kids to play games and for adults, hopefully not to be abused by dog owners
- More support from EDC to mass transit. It's my understanding EDC does not contribute to the eastern county transit systems.
- Public buses replacing private vehicles for access from large public parking area near State Campground, to remote but popular areas of Fallen Leaf Lake basin
- None - here is too much development already.
- Improvement of all the county basic services which are lacking
- Less traffic. Perhaps a shuttle system.
- A full trail network that connects the major neighborhoods of the County with class 1 trails. Significantly better road conditions. Improved wayfinding for those not traveling in vehicles. Priority on architectural and lighting requirements. The business in Meyers and Tahoma are not aesthetically pleasing.
- Improve Fallen Leaf Rd
- I'd like to see minimal additional growth at Fallen Leaf Lake as the infrastructure cannot support more car or bike traffic. I'd like to see the County's Area Plan support the preservation of the environmentally sensitive lands that surround Fallen Leaf Lake.
- Better road into Fallen Leaf Lake
- A few more commercial establishments at the south end of the lake. Perhaps a bigger store, and a restaurant.
- Bring back Meeks Bay Marina with boat ramp and docks
- More Townhomes in South Lake Tahoe for those who work in South Lake. Take down some of those trashy, crumbling, decrepit motels and build workforce housing!
- Fire prevention
- Projects related to fire safety come to mind. There really is no room for growth in the area as the only open spaces seem to be Federal or State property. There is no public transportation in the area so, even if land were available, workforce housing would not be feasible.
- A pop-up restaurant in the old store at Fallen Leaf Lake. Bathrooms and Barbecue for non-residents in our community HOA.
- (1) limit traffic on Fallen Leaf Road (2) freeze on any new trail development (3) address the safety issues the current human has ... trash, restrooms
- Modest family homes and grocery stores. Continued dedication to trails for bikes and footpaths.
- All the above
- Not 15-minute city. More recreational place we s for local kids like the skate park ice rink etc. stop charging an arm and a leg for beaches and recreation
- NONE. No new projects. Goal #1 should be to protect the area from development and prevent the area from becoming more urbanized.
- The Greenway bike trail project e tended to Meyers. Would actually like to see it sooner if possible.
- I've added them on the map, but for redundancy's sake:

- Add flashing light/ more visible crosswalk by the AG inspection station in Meyers.
- Add a bike trail that continues from Baldwin Beach to circumnavigate Emerald Bay and consider a pedestrian/bike bridge that runs across the front of emerald bay.
- Bikeable/hikeable trails connecting South shore to east shore
- Improvement of community gathering
- Roadway rehabilitation to reduce the erosion of our roads into the lake
- Better protection for pedestrians at emerald bay. More parking enforcement in neighborhoods. Rededication to enforcing bmps. Fiber optic for all!
- Stateline casino staff housing in Douglas County
- Better access to public transportation to get to vista points and trailheads. This would help reduce parking issues and traffic. If the only way people can get to a spot is by taking the shuttle, they will figure it out.
- Limited development
- More public transit options, improved bike trail network for commuting around SLT and county areas
- Tax Vail to improve the Ski Run corridor
- Drastically reduce the number of VHRs in residential neighborhoods outside the main tourist corridor
- Permitting of ADUs. More internet infrastructure. More retail options for full-time residents (target, trader joes, rei). More coworking spaces and mixed-use development to support full time remote workers invested in the community. Expansion of medical services that aren't affiliated with Barton!
- Better services city, county, and state
- I have a home in Tahoma and also a lot in South Lake Tahoe near Elks Club Dr
- Toll to entry Tahoe at twin bridges (app confirms and monitors)
- Better public transit
- Park and Ride locations
- More bike trails—and snow removal on bike trails in winter
- I would love dedicated bike paths that connect the neighborhoods behind the airport with the rest of town
- Lower the speed on Pioneer trail to 35 from Meyers to the city limits. Pioneer trail is entirely too high of a speed limit along this neighborhood and all of the good mountain biking needs to be accessed via Pioneer.
- More activity around climate change - reducing pollution, improving infrastructure for EV's, keeping lake clean, improving transportation options to get people out of cars. More solar and other non-polluting energy production, particularly for government buildings and vehicles.
- Repaving
- Undergrounding of powerlines
- Upgrade drainage systems
- Better crosswalks to access businesses on both sides of the highway

- Empty buildings should be used by businesses, especially new retail outlets which is sorely lacking in South Lake... Road repairs and improvements to help with traffic problems and pedestrian access. Please finish the Johnson Meadow bridge. It's been out of service since the 16/17 winter... Renewable energy projects and a better job by Liberty. Rates have doubled in the last 5-7 years, and they still do manual reads and mess up billing. Put in smart meters please.



## 2. COMMUNITY MAP

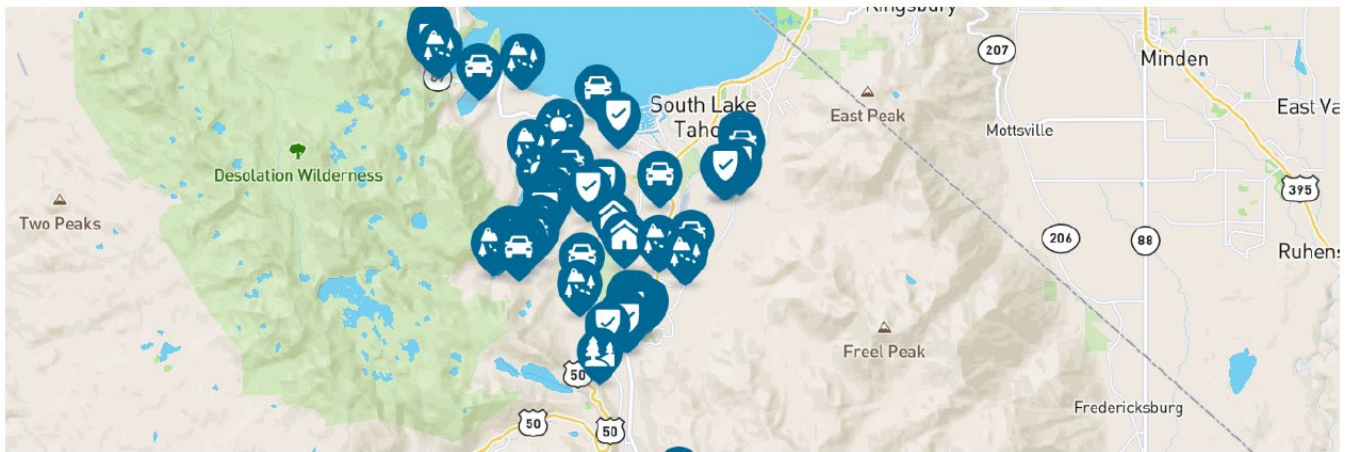
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Posts  
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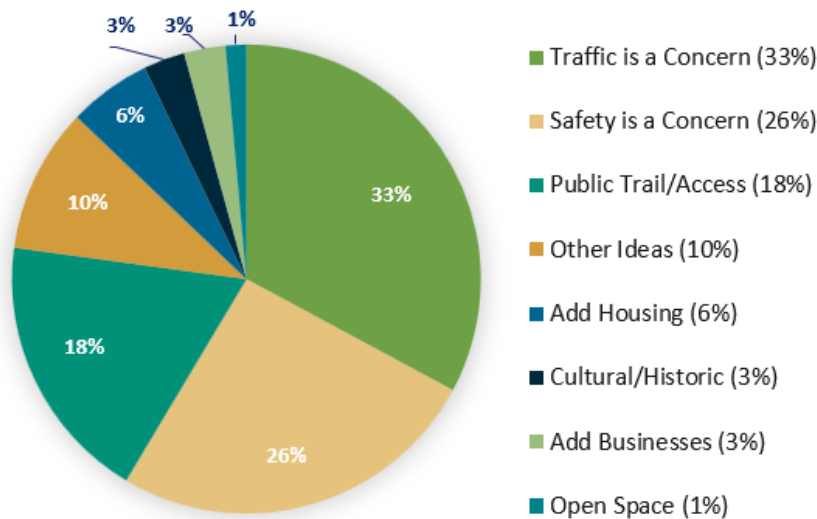
Map showing all posts contributed by participants.



Location	Total Contributions	% Contributions
96150, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California, United States	40	57.14%
Lake Valley, 96150, Meyers, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California, United States	6	8.57%
96150, Meyers, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California, United States	5	7.14%
Meadow Lake, 96150, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California, United States	5	7.14%
Rolling Wood Heights, 96150, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California, United States	2	2.86%
96142, Meeks Bay, Tahoma, El Dorado County, California, United States	1	1.43%
96142, Pomins, Tahoma, El Dorado County, California, United States	1	1.43%
96142, Rubicon Properties, Tahoma, El Dorado County, California, United States	1	1.43%
96142, Tahoma, El Dorado County, California, United States	1	1.43%
Angora Highlands, 96150, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California, United States	1	1.43%

## OVERVIEW OF RESPONSES PER TOPIC

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## TRANSCRIPTION OF COMMENTS ON THE COMMUNITY MAP

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### TRAFFIC IS A CONCERN (33%)

- The section of the road from basically Bliss to Tahoma lacks speed limit signs except for caution speed signs around turns. It creates traffic issues because tourists don't know the speed limit and drive either way too slow or way too fast.
- Dead-end road maintained by FS cabin lessors, highly vulnerable to degradation, with no public parking at terminus. Needs adamant signage to discourage public use. FS business, probably?
- A true shuttle to Emerald Bay and various trailheads would do wonders to improve traffic. It could have stops along 89 at Camp Rich, Fallen Leaf Rd, Tallac trailhead, the beach, and the Emerald Bay parking areas. It would need to be frequent (every 20 minutes max), but I know many tourists who would rather take that than fight for parking and traffic.
- Provide a sign stating that there is no public parking beyond the sign and that only residents are allowed. We have had visitors entering our driveway, trying to turn around, and damaging the driveway (which is on a steep hill)
- We need to reimagine how we access our properties and the basin in general
- Everybody uses Blitzen as a shortcut. ELDO DOT, CHP, Caltrans, US Forestry Dept.
- The traffic on Fallen Leaf Road far outstrips the capacity of the road. As a result, the road is deteriorating, the shoulders are eroding into the lakebed, pedestrians and bikes are often pushed to precarious positions by drivers unfamiliar with the conditions, the traffic patterns, or common courtesy.
- Speeding is a concern. The long and straight nature of both 10th and 7th streets allows speeds to well exceed the 25-mph limit. Add a speed hump(s). Stop signs would slow speeds too, but they are an outdated traffic calming option.
- Speeding mt. bikers down Lily Lake and FLL road a danger to pedestrians, illegal parking/camping is noticeably deteriorating the roadways, garbage, and black water dumping seen at Lily. This is a box canyon, not a suitable area for heavy visitor/vehicle use.

- Single lane road for residents with poor maintenance yet with high traffic volume by unfamiliar visitors and without public parking at most scenic destinations in the basin
- Fallen Leaf Rd. is very narrow and poorly maintained. The traffic during the summer is particularly bad as visitors go to the Glen Alpine trailhead and the waterfalls. There is not enough parking at either of those sites. I would not want to see a plan that increases traffic on this road.
- I will add my voice to those who have already suggested a parking reservation system and/or shuttle to the Lily Lake trailhead to alleviate some of the traffic on Fallen Leaf Road
- To the best of my knowledge, the road has not been widened, or much improved in over 50 years. It is carrying much more traffic than it was designed to, causing major problems.
- The increase in visitor trips to the waterfalls and Desolation Wilderness have had major negative impacts on the safety of locals and visitors alike in the flow of traffic on the road which includes pedestrians, cyclists, and cars (often driving too fast) all trying to navigate a road with blind curves and precipitous drop-offs.
- Too many cars, not enough parking, no indication at far end of road that no parking is available
- Soil and shoulder erosion, displacement of protective rocks and shrubs lining the road due to cars going off the paved roadway, especially when two cars need to pass
- At the intersection of the bottom of Tahoe Mtn. Road and Fallen Leaf Road headed south to Fallen Leaf Lake the left side of the road has become a chaotic "parking lot" with cars randomly parking in the forest where there are "clearings" off the side of the road. Those drivers leave trash and damage the natural environment, and it sends a message to others unaware that this area is okay to park a car in, which it is not.
- Have an area entrance post staffed to greet visitors. They would advise them on the road/traffic situation, parking issues, Glen Alpine Falls, private property rules, and other considerations as appropriate.
- Let's create a Meyers park and ride to give people a safe, plowed place to park in the winter to consolidate cars and carpool for trips to Kirkwood, Sierra, or Backcountry skiing
- Backup traffic from people trying to skirt chain check- big trucks going around chain controls- GPS showing NUT a is the way to go
- Make parking for handicaps/ special permit only and add shuttle/ trolley service for vista points and trailheads
- F Street and Hwy 50 is a blind intersection with 45 mph in residential zone. No merger or turn lanes.
- Map won't allow a marker for BLACK BART AVE. People driveway to fast and get killed on 3rd busiest street at so shore. Wildlife crosses at several locations and the street is too narrow for the speeds. Stop signs are needed.
- Speed is 50 for a small portion of Pioneer- right where everyone is trying to cross to get to the bike/hiking trails!
- Create a shuttle system from Y to Camp Richardson area, and on to Emerald Bay that is frequent enough to encourage use.

## **SAFETY IS A CONCERN (26%)**

- Need improved walking/crossing signage in Emerald Bay area. There can be pedestrians walking on both sides of the road- perhaps limit it to one to minimize drivers trying to pull into the center to miss them. Also identify clear walking areas and areas where pedestrians cannot walk.
- Need clearly marked pedestrian crosswalks in neighborhood areas WITH flashing lights for crosses. It can be hard to see pedestrians and some run across the street without looking.
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- Please consider an underpass along the river for cyclists and pedestrians to access South Upper Truckee and Christmas Valley safely
- Consider limiting electric scooters outside of the South Lake Tahoe City limits. They are left on the side of the road and their batteries are a fire hazard, especially when left in the hot sun on Red Flag days. They are also a safety issue when used by tourists not used to driving them. On this section they go on the main road with a higher speed limit, look behind them, and turn the scooter into traffic like a new driver/biker does.
- Extend bike/multiuse path farther south. And I don't mean a rock-filled side of the road where drivers are focused on beautiful views - a real bike/multiuse path that will improve road safety for bikers, runners, hikers getting to trailheads, and vehicles.
- Ideally, we'd like to see robust monitoring of illegal campfires/encampments along the entire northeast forested side of FLL due to the extreme fire hazard for the entire basin. We find abandoned campfires/garbage while picking up trash along and off the road every year, it's literally a free-for-all back there and we don't see any evidence of USFS enforcement.
- Looking to represent the Lake Valley Fire Protection District on matters regarding public safety
- During the high season (June through September) please consider using a combination of parking reservations/ enforcement and a timed shuttle service from town to deliver visitors to Lily Lake / Desolation Trails area to better manage traffic and safety on Fallen Leaf Road. The increase in visitor trips to the waterfalls and Desolation Wilderness have had major negative impacts on the safety of locals and visitors alike in the flow of traffic on the road which includes pedestrians, cyclists, and cars (often driving too fast) all trying to navigate a road with blind curves and precipitous drop-offs down embankments. A Ranger booth set up along FLL Road would also be quite helpful, especially on the weekends, to give live updated status reports on the parking spots available at the Marina and Lily Lake which would reduce the vast number of cars which drive all the way down the road only to find there are no open parking spots. What usually follows is one of two scenarios: those same cars end up parking on private property, half blocking the road or someone's cabin entrance, or they then must drive back out contributing to unnecessary congestion on the road. Improved dissemination of information for visitors to Fallen Leaf would be greatly appreciated. These traffic concerns and the safety of everyone are inseparable.
- Please place No Parking signs along areas of Tahoe Mountain Road. Dedicated parking areas and No Parking elsewhere - and enforcement - would be helpful. Folks park in the dirt or grass, on side streets, and on or half-on/half-off the pavement all along Tahoe Mtn Rd to have easier access to different aspects of the Tahoe Mtn Trail network during all seasons. (This is also now happening on Lake Tahoe Blvd.) It is especially dangerous to sweep corners with impeded vision. Bikers use the pavement to rip down (or ride up) the road and walkers (sometimes with dogs) are also on the pavement that increasing vehicle traffic is using. Navigating around

potholes, people and animals, bikes, and cars parked along the road creates a hazard for everyone, especially when they all happen at the same time on the sweeping corners stretches and at the rises in the road, both with impeded view. Might be nice to post signs to encourage bikers to ride with caution, and not multiple riders across the road, as well.

- Repave the streets so they are not hazardous for bicycles and vehicles
- Better pedestrian crossing for Highway 50. Crossing the road to get to D-Sky or Paradise Park can be very dangerous.
- Pioneer is highly unsafe for bicycles. Please consider a designated bike lane to make our community more accessible and safer for cyclists.
- The speed limit is too fast for a residential street. Please consider reducing the limit to 25mph for the safety of our neighborhood.
- There is a rise here that makes it hard for vehicles and pedestrians to see each other. Also, the 35MPH speed limit means cars can zoom up this hill too fast to see anyone crossing the street.
- Reducing the speed limit on Golden Bear and/or speed bumps would be appreciated!
- Speed limit on Golden Bear Trl is the same as parts of Hwy 50! Please lower to match other residential streets in the area. At 35mph, any vehicle-pedestrian incident is likely to result in a fatality. 35 is too high for a residential street.
- Add flashing lights/pedestrian crossing sign to the crosswalk by the AG inspection station in Meyers. During periods of heavy traffic, crosswalk users can stand and wait while tourists fly past ignoring them. Often, AG station staff attempt to stop traffic, and they continue to drive by.

### **PUBLIC TRAIL/ACCESS (18%)**

- Access to Desolation Wilderness via Lily Lake is a wonderful experience and should be expanded. However, nature needs to be protected too! It shouldn't be all about how many people we can cram into the parking lot or at Glen Alpine Falls. Initiate a day-use only reservation system for the parking lot at Lily Lake and add a lot near the campground with a designated shuttle that only runs from the parking lot to the trailhead and back. And please add bathrooms at the parking lot near the road.
- Consider a bike/multiuse path for Fallen Leaf but given the tight road and the fact there isn't space on the existing/main eastern road, build one around the unbuilt/open space on the western side of the lake. If it can't go all the way around the lake, it could still provide a nice experience and ease traffic on the main road.
- Extend the bike path to Emerald Bay, perhaps going behind Cascade to allow for a flatter path or staying along the shore. But please never build something across Emerald Bay.
- Not enough parking, restrooms to support the number of people using the area at peak season
- Tourists to the Lake Tahoe region seek out many various places to enjoy and currently when they visit FLL, they either need to park near the campground area and walk to the lakeshore or drive to the south end where there is limited parking and an increasingly crowded roadway. An alternative would be to provide formal public access to the north end of the lake with ADA accessible pathways, improved bike paths, and parking for vehicles, similar to what is present at the Lake Tahoe Visitor's Center on the opposite side of Hwy 89. This would allow visitors easy access to FLL via many modes of transportation, an ability to document their visit, and remove many vehicles, hikers, bikers, etc. off of Fallen Leaf Lake Road south of the campground. There could also be the ability to tie it in with a proposed ferry service as previously suggested if so desired.

- The access to Lily Lake and the Glen Alpine Trailhead are inadequate for the traffic. Parking is very limited. A reservation system for parking and some degree of enforcement should be established to prevent the degradation of the natural area by rogue parking and camping near the trailhead and on Fallen Leaf Road.
- The area at the end of Winton serves as access to a key section of public land in the neighborhood. However, the parking is extremely limited. Particularly in the winter, when the zone is used for snowshoeing, Nordic skiing, sledding, dog walking, and back country skiing, parking fills quickly, limiting access spilling into the neighborhood and creating disruption for snow removal or residents. We should expand that parking area to allow for better access with less impact on residents who live nearby.
- Continue bike path beyond Baldwin beach. Connect to pedestrian/bike bridge that runs across the inlet of Emerald Bay. Also continue the bike path into Emerald Bay that gets to the bottom of the trail at Vikingsholm.
- Add a trail and/or shuttle service to get around Fallen Leaf Lake to the Glen Alpine trailhead.
- Develop public transit station in Meyers, near Holiday Market/post office area. Connect Lake Link and public transit to Reno/Sacramento. Increase number of buses to those locations
- Complete separated bike trail from Meyers to town along 50
- Add separated paved bike trail along Pioneer
- Add a developed trail to circumnavigate Fallen Leaf Lake

#### **OTHER IDEAS (10%)**

- Perhaps business and resident needs, which are the stated goals of TED misses a significant point: is there not a goal to protect "the environment" locally and Earth in general; more specifically the effect of County actions on its neighbors from Desolation Wilderness to the urban wilderness interface, and the air, water, ground and wildlife. Do these things have no independent voice here? Omitting this element seems to beg the question: Is TED anything different than the BBB or Chamber of Commerce?
- We love our neighborhood, but THE ROADS are a disgrace!!! My kids get hurt constantly trying to have fun outside! ROADS ROADS ROADS
- The biggest issue in the Fallen Leaf Lake (FLL) community right now is increased unrestricted use. This issue has been building for years but the Covid 19 pandemic, and the rise of social media have only made it a more urgent problem that must be addressed immediately. There is unlimited access to our community with no infrastructure and no enforcement. Fallen Leaf Road is very narrow and dangerous, especially for bicyclists, yet more and more cars and bikes are traveling on this road every year. The only public parking at FLL is at the store/marina and at the Desolation Wilderness trail head. These 2 parking areas are inadequate for the number of people that visit the lake. There is also very limited parking signage, so people park off road and destroy sensitive areas and also block access for emergency vehicles. There are restroom facilities in the Desolation Wilderness parking lot but they are not open year-round, so people defecate in the bushes and leave toilet paper and feces just off the side of the road. Trash is also a big issue, there is little respect or understanding of the concept of "pack it in, pack it out/pack your trash. There is 1 public dumpster in the Desolation Wilderness parking lot but there is always litter on the side of Glen Alpine road and where people park. Visitors also routinely leave trash sitting outside of full dumpsters, which adds to our bear problem. The issue of increased unrestricted use/unlimited access is having a detrimental impact on the Fallen Leaf Lake community, and it urgently needs to be addressed.

- Add a ferry service like on Echo Lake to get people from Campground to the Marina without adding to road traffic
- Increased recreational and visitor use has a detrimental impact on the quality of life for locals and visitors as well as negative impacts on air and water quality. Traffic and parking result in a negative visitor experience as well as frustration for locals in high seasons. The Area Plan needs to balance competing these competing needs with thoughtful and practical solutions such as a shuttle system, limiting day use to the store-marina, waterfalls, lily lake, Glenn Alpine Springs, and the back country; increase safety and enforcement activities by the responsible agencies to safeguard the unique nature of Fallen Leaf and the surrounding environmentally sensitive land.
- Visitors to Glen Alpine Falls add traffic to the road, navigate limited parking, and leave a human impact on the area. Trash/garbage is left. There's no place to go to the bathroom other than the forest. The region cannot sustain unrestricted access.
- Storm drains in the Lower Apache neighborhood in Meyers. Full re-pave on every street of the Lower Apache neighborhood in Meyers.

### **ADD HOUSING (6%)**

- Again, for sale signs along north Sawmill? Can these be used for multi-unit housing?
- There are for sale signs along the north side of Sawmill. This would be ideal for apartments or affordable housing units.
- Close to the city but not in it
- Streamline process for tiny homes and ADUs to increase housing without big ugly apartment buildings

### **CULTURAL/HISTORIC (3%<sup>1</sup>)**

- Historic rustic cabin in the Fallen Leaf area forest. This area, the Fallen Leaf Basin, is ecologically sensitive and requires protection to preserve its natural beauty and wildlife for generations to come.

### **ADD BUSINESSES (3%)**

- Reopen and revitalize the old visitor center. Put in new Pay toilets (tokens or a quarter per use). Add better parking, picnic tables, vending machines, and local visitor information. Include trash regulations, bear info, anything to help tourists feel more welcome AND be better visitors.
- Clean up vacant parcels and make available for more local business

### **OPEN SPACE (1%)**

- Acquire private land along Meyers Grade to add to Public open space

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<sup>1</sup> Data in this category is off because there was one additional entry that was entered by mistake. That entry, which didn't contain any information, was removed from this summary. Results for Cultural/Historic should actually be 1 percent.

## 3. COMMENT BOX

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

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- The community itself, its remoteness and compactness, its mix of affluent homes and primitive FS cabins, and the single beauty that unites you
- I love that it's quiet and peaceful, and I want to keep it that way - no new businesses or new houses/new construction
- A giant dose of the wonder-filled non-urban realities of our world
- Abundance of recreational opportunities
- We love our neighborhood, but THE ROADS are a disgrace!!! My kids get hurt constantly trying to have fun outside! ROADS, ROADS, ROADS.
- There is a spirit of Fallen Leaf that balances community and respect for the surrounding mountains. We are only stewards of the region.
- Peace, quiet, ability to hike. Can see stars at night. Swim in clean waters.
- Fallen Leafers have protected the quality of the Lake.... boat programs. The road limits the numbers of people who can drive in. Boxed canyon.
- It's peaceful, beautiful, friendly
- I love everything about Fallen Leaf Lake as it is- we cannot put more on the road -it will not work
- I love the Fallen Leaf Lake area (and the Lily Lake above it) and have for over 50 years. I like seclusion and nature and want to keep it.
- Tahoma and Meeks Bay have an 'old Tahoe' feel. Commercial and residential projects, until recently, addressed this quality.
- Fallen Leaf is a rare, beautiful gem; an historic, multi-generational community bordering wilderness, cherishing, protecting life with nature
- The access to the open spaces to the west, access to the lake, and mostly the bike paths to avoid getting in the car
- Within scope of community to adjust and compensate to new challenges, through TED (for instance) and through Community District government
- Times when I can hear myself think without so many automobiles on the road. Fallen Leaf Road should have a shuttle for non-property owners.
- I love sailing on Fallen Leaf and hiking in the local area. I want to share it with others, but I worry that too much use will damage it.
- We love Fallen Leaf for the tranquility, beauty and collaboration of helpful neighbors. Peace and awesome people reign supreme!
- We are a democracy, and mountains are for the people not just for those privileged enough to have a home at Fallen Leaf. So do come and enjoy.
- Residents who help each other
- This TED thing is giving me 15-minute city vibes & WEF agenda type stuff. Scary to say the least. Don't trust alphabet agencies as far as.
- Increase bicycle safety throughout SLT and county with more dedicated bike lanes and dividers on pioneer trail
- Quiet, access to trails and hey 50



- I love the easy access to trails and the State Park
- What I love about the County is the vast openness. Maintaining that has had its challenges through my lifetime alone. Preserve.
- Love the outdoor activity options. Love the music in the summer especially. So much more!
- The stunning beauty of Lake Tahoe.