



Round Hill Pines Access Project

US Highway 50

Public Scoping Meeting | April 23, 2019 | US Forest Service Office - South Lake Tahoe



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AGENDA

- ≡ Project Overview
- ≡ Introduce the project team
- ≡ Discuss existing conditions
- ≡ Introduce the purpose and need for the project
- ≡ Explain the process
- ≡ Obtain your input

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Proposed Action is to improve safety for visitors entering and exiting the Round Hill Pines Resort from U.S. Highway 50 in Douglas County near Zephyr Cove, Nevada.

- ≡ Relocating resort access.
- ≡ Constructing improvements to US Highway 50 to better accommodate resort visitor traffic.



PROJECT TEAM



FHWA-CFLHD

Provides transportation engineering services for planning, design, construction, and rehabilitation of the highways and bridges that provide access to and through federally owned lands.



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PARTNERS

U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and the Nevada Department of Transportation.



WHO IS FHWA-CFLHD?

Fed-Aid Division Offices

Provide stewardship and oversight of the Interstate Highway system.

Facilitate disbursement of federal funds to State and local governments.

Comprised of HQ and 52 offices located in each state.

Federal Lands

Provides program stewardship and transportation engineering services for planning, design, construction, and rehabilitation of the highways and bridges that provide access to and through federally owned lands.

FLH is at forefront of delivering distinctive, sensitive, and sound engineering projects.

Resource Center

Provides expertise and resources to State, local, and Federal partners.

5 offices located in San Francisco, Denver, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore.

FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION OFFICES

Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) consists of 14 central, western, and southwestern states and Pacific Territories.





WHAT DOES FHWA-CFLHD DO?

Project Delivery

Project Management

Project Development

- Design
 - Survey, Mapping, Right-of-Way
 - Environment/NEPA
-

Technical Services

- Safety
 - Geotechnical
 - Hydraulics
 - Pavements
 - Materials (Laboratory & Independent Assurance)
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Construction Management

Program Administration

Planning and Programs

- Alternative transportation/community planning
 - Federal Lands Transportation Program
 - Federal Lands Access Program
 - ERFO/Scoping, Inventory, GIS
 - Agreements
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Administrative Programs

- Acquisitions
- Finance
- Administrative Services
- Information Technology

EXISTING CONDITIONS

US HIGHWAY 50

- ≡ 48-foot wide paved width, includes four 12-foot lanes with varied width shoulders.
- ≡ 2020 Average Daily Traffic is 20,812 vehicles (average/seasonal) with 3% trucks.
- ≡ Nevada DOT reported 9 crashes between July 2009 to July 2017.



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ROUND HILL PINES RESORT ACCESS

- ≡ One 12-foot wide travel lane with narrow shoulders
- ≡ Curves make travel difficult for recreational vehicles, buses, and trailers.
- ≡ Sight distance issues at intersection with US 50



ROUND HILL PINES RESORT IMPROVEMENTS

- ≡ Phase 1 Improvements completed in 2018 and consisted of relocating parking areas and building improvements.
- ≡ Phase 2 Improvements consist of relocating the connector roads, parking areas, and maintenance roads, as well as realigning the existing multi-use path.



US HIGHWAY 50 PROJECTS

- ≡ Nevada Department of Transportation is currently in the planning phase for the following US 50 projects:
 - ≡ 2020: Pedestrian Improvements at Warrior Way and US 50
 - ≡ 2023-2024: US 50 Pavement Rehabilitation Project



Purpose

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Need

- ≡ Safety
 - Limited Sight Distance
 - Unprotected turning movements across US 50
 - Vehicle queuing in the eastbound inside lane of US 50 during peak visitation periods
- ≡ Accessibility
 - Current access road geometry
 - Bike/pedestrian accommodations

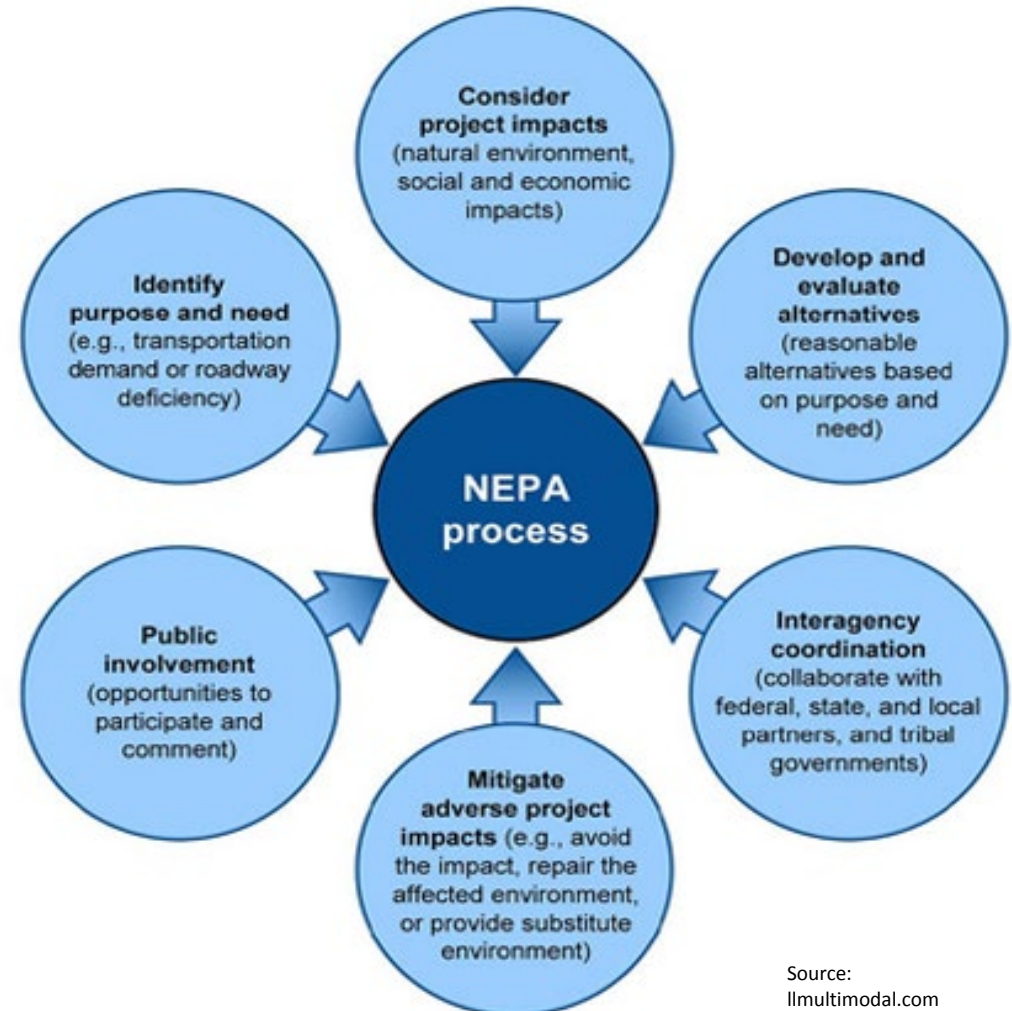
Objectives

- ≡ Minimize environmental and scenic quality impacts
- ≡ Construct permanent water quality improvements

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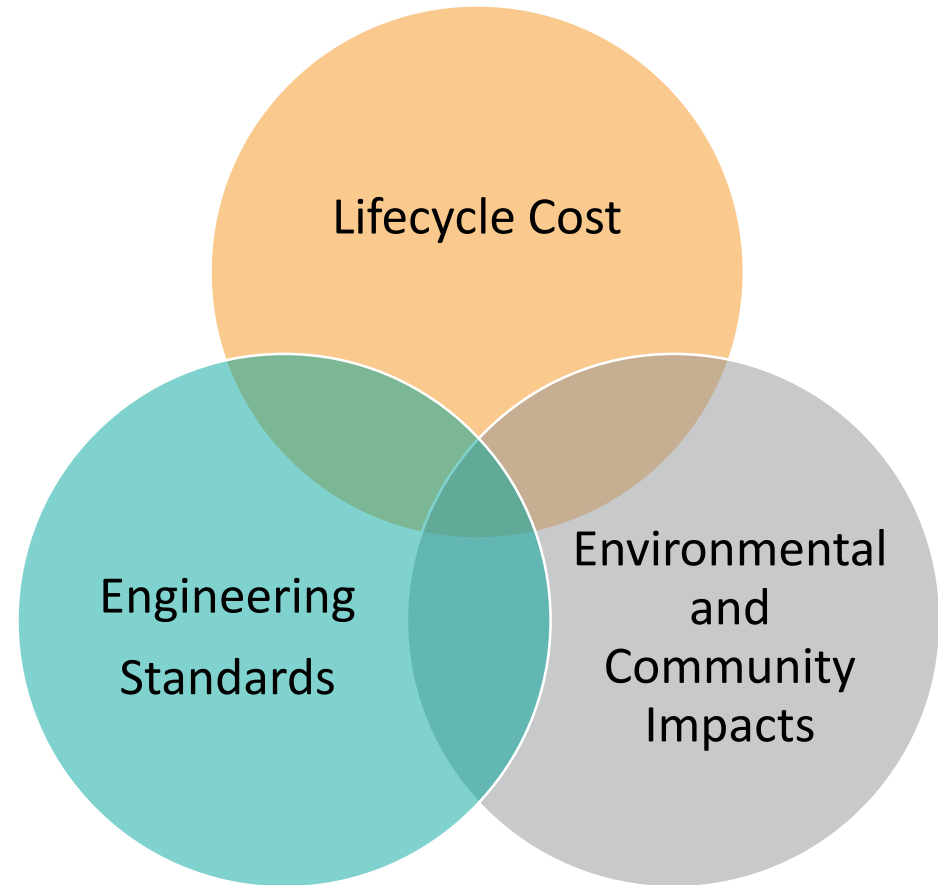
- ≡ Project scoping
- ≡ Goals and objectives
- ≡ Purpose and need
- ≡ Alternatives analysis and development
- ≡ Resource analysis
- ≡ Environmental documentation



Source:
llmultimodal.com

WHAT ARE THE KEY CONSIDERATIONS?

- ≡ Relocate/reconstruct entrance road
- ≡ Turning lanes
- ≡ Acceleration lanes
- ≡ Permanent water quality structures
- ≡ Minimize environmental impacts
- ≡ Constructability
- ≡ Cost
- ≡ Others?



WHAT ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS?

“Environment” means the natural and human environment.

- ≡ Biological resources
- ≡ Cultural resources
- ≡ Visual resources
- ≡ Noise
- ≡ Socioeconomic impacts
- ≡ Water quality
- ≡ Wetlands
- ≡ Hazardous materials
- ≡ Land use
- ≡ Recreation
- ≡ Air quality
- ≡ Right of way
- ≡ And others. . .

NEXT STEPS

- ≡ Public scoping comments received and considered during preliminary design
- ≡ Begin environmental field surveys
- ≡ Begin alternatives analysis
- ≡ Draft Environmental Assessment released for public review and comment
- ≡ Continue public outreach and input



SCHEDULE

- ≡ Public meeting #1/NEPA scoping – April 23, 2019
- ≡ Begin field surveys for wildlife, cultural resources, noise and visual analysis – May 2019
- ≡ Preliminary Concepts – May 2019
- ≡ Refined Concepts – September 2019
- ≡ Draft EA release for public comment/public meeting #2 – Fall 2019
- ≡ Environmental Approval – December 2019
- ≡ Final design – Summer 2020
- ≡ Begin Construction – 2021

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE?

How to Provide Input



Ask a question or make a statement at tonight's meeting



Fill out a comment form



Speak with a project team member



Visit the project website:

<https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/nv/round-hill-pines/>

Possible Topics

- Your biggest concerns with the project?
- What is the most important project element?
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- What community groups should we talk to?
- Are there important aesthetic, historic, community, natural, or cultural resources we should know of?

Boards, but not in the presentation



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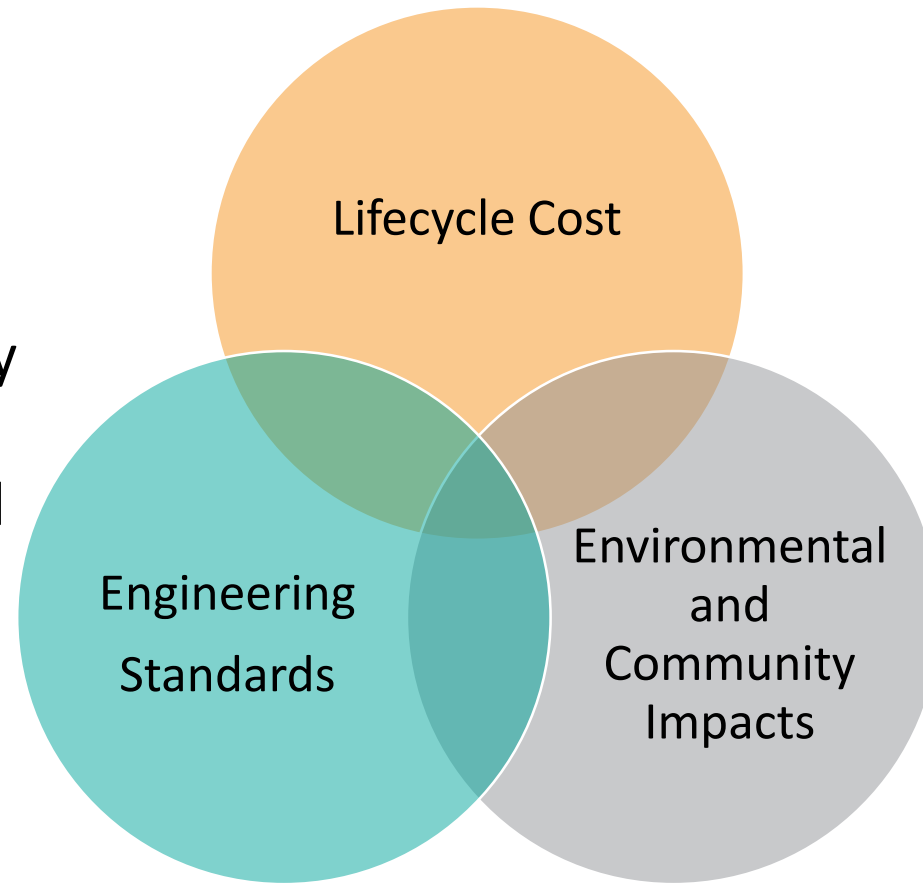
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