

'Mini-Mousehole' to benefit Truckee pedestrians, cyclists



A tunnel for non-motorized traffic will improve safety in Truckee on Highway 89.
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There's a "light in the tunnel" for the Truckee-Tahoe area's numerous bicyclists and hikers, who have long had to negotiate Truckee's 25-foot-wide, 1928 Mousehole tunnel on Highway 89.

A smaller tunnel just for them was punched through east of the Mousehole last week, and a paved pedestrian/bike trail through it, connecting West River Street and Deerfield Drive, is expected to be finished early next summer.

Although the tunnel phase is now completed, Truckee and Caltrans officials advise that much work still needs to be done before it will be safe for the public to travel through.

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