

# Development fees to pay for Placer road improvements

Placer County is on a quest to improve traffic flow in the North Lake Tahoe region with a renewed focus on meeting those needs through improvements to public transit, and pedestrian and cycling paths.

Supervisors this week updated the project list.

Transportation infrastructure improvements throughout the county are partly funded through fees charged to developers, whose projects create a need for those improvements. The approved update also increases traffic mitigation fees for the North Lake Tahoe area by 9.1 percent, from \$4,986 per dwelling unit to \$5,540, effective Aug. 28.

Concerns were raised by board members as well as the public regarding Caltrans' desire to widen Highway 267 between Truckee and Tahoe.

"I am not a fan of road widening as it does not address traffic capacity issues," said Chairwoman and District 5 Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery. "I am looking forward to working with the community and county staff to help identify smart solutions for how North Tahoe moves, preferably by public transit, bicycle or on foot."

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