MOUNT ROSE AND WASHOE VALLEY
SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR
MANAGEMENT PLANS

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CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

PURPOSE:

• Identifies the corridor’s most valuable intrinsic qualities

• Establishes goals to manage and preserve valued qualities

• Address issues related to safety, access, visitor experience, aesthetics and environmental gain

• Identifies opportunities for wayfinding and signage

• Creates marketing and promotion strategies

• Identifies implementation and management strategies to achieve the goals and vision
MOUNT ROSE BYWAY
RECOMMENDATIONS

**PRESERVE THE SCENIC QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

- View preservation
  - Preserve mountain views
  - Maintain outdoor advertising standards to prohibit billboards
  - Manage new cell towers + wind turbines to not detract visual quality
- Landscape treatments
- Natural resources
  - Forest health & weed removal
- Wildlife
  - Identify, maintain and enhance wildlife crossings
  - Provide passages in barrier rails for small animals
BALANCE RECREATION ACCESS WITH TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY NEEDS

- Recreation Access
  - Off-highway parking
  - Trail enhancements

- Transportation + Mobility
  - Old Hwy 431 as bike path and emergency access
  - Pedestrian crossings
  - Bike lanes
  - Park-n-ride locations
  - Slow vehicle turn-outs
  - Decel/accel lanes
  - Center turn pockets
  - Emergency turnouts
MOUNT ROSE BYWAY
RECOMMENDATIONS

CONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE CORRIDOR

• Overlooks/Vista Points
  • Off-highway viewpoint of Lake Tahoe
  • Photo-op pullouts at Thompson Lane and Mountain Ranch Road

• Signage
  • Corridor monument signage
  • Digital signage for transit/rec parking

• Visitor Center
  • Utilize and promote Galena Creek Visitor Center as a gateway to the Byway
MOUNT ROSE BYWAY RECOMMENDATIONS

PROMOTE TOURISM

• Utilize Technology to Provide Information
  • Off-highway viewpoint of Lake Tahoe
• Market the Corridor and Its Relationship to the Reno/Tahoe Byways
WASHOE VALLEY BYWAY RECOMMENDATIONS

PRESERVE + ENHANCE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Wildlife
  - Actively manage wildlife and their migration routes
  - Identify and enhance crossings (overpasses or underpasses)

- Natural Resources
  - Manage and maintain forest health
  - Utilize livestock for fuels reduction, pasture management and noxious weed management
  - Maintain and enhance fire breaks
  - Promote and support noxious weed removal, defensible space and fire safety
WASHOE VALLEY BYWAY RECOMMENDATIONS

PROTECT THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY

• Preserve Views + Scenic Vistas
  • Manage development
  • Manage new cell towers + wind turbines to not detract visual quality

• Preserve Open Space
  • Consider acquisition and preservation of open space
  • Consider acquisition of Winters Ranch House – Visitor Center
  • Preserve Washoe/Allen’s Canyon & V&T Corridor

• Aesthetics
  • Native and low water use landscape materials
  • Snow fencing
WASHOE VALLEY BYWAY
RECOMMENDATIONS

ENHANCE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

• Enhance Bike and Pedestrian Facilities
  • Bike lanes along old U.S. 395
  • Bike lanes or separated path on Eastlake
  • Road diet with buffered bike lanes/separate paths through Old Washoe City (in consideration of the use of the road as an alternate to I-580 in certain conditions)
  • Ped/bike connection between Bower’s Mansion, Davis Creek Park and Washoe Lake, etc.
  • Connect eastern Washoe Lake Trails and Washoe Lake State Park
  • Create trail and trailhead through Washoe/Allen’s Canyon
WASHOE VALLEY BYWAY RECOMMENDATIONS

PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC VITALITY – USER EXPERIENCE

• Develop Pull-offs and Vista Points
  • Wildlife viewing
  • Historic markers and sites
• Enhance Recreation Resources
• Enhance Corridor Signage
  • Corridor monument signage
  • Signage from I-580
• Encourage revitalization and reinvestment into commercial sites that foster walkability and family-friendly, healthy lifestyles
WASHOE VALLEY BYWAY RECOMMENDATIONS
PROMOTE ECONOMIC VITALITY – GEOTOURISM

• Utilize Technology to Provide Information

• Communicate the Value of Washoe Valley as a Regional Resource

• Communicate the Valley’s rich history and resources

• Communicate the Corridor’s Relationship to the Reno/Tahoe Byways
WHERE CAN YOU FIND A COPY OF BOTH PLANS?

https://www.washoeCounty.us/parks/planning_and_development/corridor_management_plans.pdf

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THANK YOU!