

Community Focus Statement A: Provide a unified downtown area that is active and thriving.

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Action Statement A.1: Provide additional public amenities such as restrooms, seating areas, open space areas, and lighted pedestrian paths, walkways, and crosswalks in the Lake Drive area.

Benchmark: A completed comprehensive plan or mobility plan that outlines proposed public amenity improvements in the area to be used for grant funding opportunities.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$2 million



The City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County have created a new Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan for the Lake Tahoe South Shore areas. The Master Plan represents a coordinated effort to align recreation resources and obtain community support. Photo source: City of South Lake Tahoe

Amenities in areas with open space, parks, and trails can keep areas clean and modern, as well as increase the number of users. Upgrades and inclusions such as restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, and wayfinding signs can often be donated by a local business or organization or paid for with grant funding. Maintenance will be an ongoing cost for such amenities, however. The sponsorship of a particular amenity by a donor or business can encourage community buy-in and cover the cost of maintenance, and organizations such as schools, youth groups, churches, and volunteer teams can help with keeping rest areas and restrooms clean and stocked.

Providing new amenities without proper pedestrian pathways to them would not have the desired results. For this reason, the addition of

amenities calls for adequate pedestrian paths/walkways that residents and visitors can use to better enjoy the community’s new additions. Preparing and adopting a comprehensive plan or a mobility plan for County review and potential adoption is away to move forward, but residents can speed up and contribute to this process in a number of ways. A strong interest expressed by residents, backed by local community groups and businesses, can show the importance of and commitment to a plan, demonstrating that the County will have support and backing to implement the plan. Ongoing input from the community regarding needs for facilities, connections to existing paths and trails, and safe streets to travel on will be invaluable to the County in best serving the needs of the area.

Beyond completing a comprehensive plan, development of new amenities, bicycle paths, and pedestrian facilities can require design, construction, operational, and maintenance costs. The table below includes a range of facilities and typical costs for design and construction.

Estimated Infrastructure and Amenities Costs

Type	Typical Cost
Comprehensive Plan	\$50,000–\$100,000
Street Signs	\$800–\$1,000 per sign
Striped Crosswalks	\$1,000–\$5,000 per crosswalk
Traffic Signal	\$300,000–\$400,000 per signal
Sidewalk	\$20 per square foot
Multipurpose Trail	\$140–\$190 per linear foot
Restroom	\$200,000–\$300,000 per restroom structure
Bench	\$500 per bench

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Organize a committee of community members and business owners to develop a draft plan.	Champion	Months 1–6	Adopt-a-bench program http://www.losgatosca.gov/1687/Adopt-A-Bench-Program
2. Engage with community to understand what types of public amenities are needed in the Lake Drive area	Mobility Plan Community Group	Month 2	http://www.centralparknyc.org/about/about-cpc/womens-committee/adopt-a-bench.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/
3. Draft a comprehensive plan and/or mobility plan that outlines proposed public amenity improvements for the area and identifies a palette of public streetscape furnishings.	Mobility Plan Community Group	Months 6–18	Corporate sponsorship guidance http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Parks-and-Recreation/Parks-and-Recreation-Funding/Corporate-Sponsorship-and-Naming-Policies.aspx
4. Submit draft plan to County Public Works for review and potential incorporation into the 5 year CIP	Mobility Plan Community Group	Month 18	Federal grant funding resources http://reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/
5. Reach out to local businesses and organizations about donating or sponsoring the cost of various public amenities (e.g., adopt-a-bench program).	Mobility Plan Community Group	Months 12–18	California grant resources http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/ http://www.ca-ilg.org/funding-opportunities
6. Apply for grant funding for public amenity improvements.	Crestline/Lake Gregory Chamber of Commerce	Months 12–18	Bicycle and pedestrian facility grant resources http://www.calbike.org/funding_sources
7. Install new and/or improved public amenities in the Lake Drive area.	Mobility Plan Community Group	Month 18–Year 5	San Bernardino County Public Works http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/home.aspx
8. Prepare a plan for ongoing maintenance of public amenities and reach out to organizations such as schools, youth groups, churches, and volunteer teams to help with maintenance.	Mobility Plan Community Group	Years 2–5	