

**TOWN OF TRUCKEE
CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION 2022-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE,
CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF NEVADA TO CONSOLIDATE A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON JUNE 7, 2022, WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE
ELECTIONS CODE**

WHEREAS, in 2014 Truckee voters approved Measure R to establish a dedicated source of funding to expand, repair and maintain Truckee's trail system; and

WHEREAS, dedicated funding for trails has allowed the Town to construct projects like Truckee River Legacy Trail as well as maintain and repair existing trails so they are kept in good condition all year; and

WHEREAS, maintaining trails, multi-use paths, bike lanes, and trail amenities throughout the year helps local kids walk or bike to school more safely and reduces daily vehicle trips; and

WHEREAS, trails and bike lanes allow people to get around without driving a car, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions, improves air quality, helps combat climate change, and promotes active and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Truckee is a special place enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and a well-developed and maintained network of integrated trails helps keep it that way by providing access to natural open space, creating recreational opportunities, and providing safe, green transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Truckee's trails connect neighborhoods with downtown and connect Truckee to regional trail networks and public lands; and

WHEREAS, continuing locally-controlled funding for trails, multi-use paths, and bike lanes will help ensure bicyclist and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, continuing to use proceeds from a dedicated local sales tax will ensure that visitors and second homeowners pay their fair share to support construction and maintenance of Truckee's trails; and

WHEREAS, essential purchases like groceries and prescription medicine are exempt from sales tax, which helps ensure the cost of funding trails is not a burden to those on fixed or limited incomes; and

WHEREAS, every penny raised by Truckee's trails measure stays local and can only be used to construct, improve and maintain trails, multi-use paths, bike lanes, and trail amenities in and around the Truckee community and this funding cannot be taken away by State or used for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Truckee called a Special Municipal Election to be held on June 7, 2022 for the purpose of the placing a measure on the ballot as requested by the Town Clerk; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Council is submitting to the voters the question of whether the existing ¼ % sales tax shall be renewed and increased to ½ % to continue funding for trail construction and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the special municipal election be consolidated with the statewide primary election to be held on the same date; and that within the Town the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the county election department of the County of Nevada canvass the returns of the special municipal election and that the elections be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Truckee intends that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Section 10418; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Article XI of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53724, the Town Council of the Town of Truckee desires to submit to voters a measure renewing and extending the existing ¼% special tax at a rate of ½% to continue to raise funds for construction and maintenance of trails in and around Truckee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the special municipal election with the statewide primary election on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the voters the question of whether a sales tax shall be enacted to continue to raise funds for trail construction and maintenance in and around Truckee.

SECTION 2. That a measure is to appear on the ballot as follows:

Truckee Trails Renewal Measure. Shall the Town of Truckee measure to continue protecting open space along trails; constructing the Truckee River Legacy Trail; building, repairing and maintaining trails, multi-use paths, and lanes for walking, hiking, biking and winter access; and providing safer routes to schools; by renewing the existing ¼% trails sales tax at a rate of ½%, providing approximately \$3,000,000 annually until ended by voters with independent oversight and all funds staying local to benefit Truckee, be adopted?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

SECTION 3. That the proposal submitted to the voters is further described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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SECTION 4. That the county election department of the County of Nevada is authorized to canvass the returns of the special municipal election together with the returns of the statewide primary election. The elections shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used.

SECTION 5. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada is requested to issue instructions to the county election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 6. That the Town of Truckee recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County of Nevada by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County of Nevada for any costs.

SECTION 7. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the county election department of the County of Nevada.

SECTION 8. That the Town Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

SECTION 9. The Town Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure as authorized by Election Code Section 9280.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced by Vice Mayor Romack, seconded by Council Member Klovstad, at a Regular Meeting of the Truckee Town Council, held on the 11th day of January 2022 and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Mayor Romack, Council Member Klovstad, Council Member Polivy, Council Member Zabriskie and Mayor Henderson.

Noes: none.

Absent: none.

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Courtney Henderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Judy Price, MMC, Town Clerk

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Exhibit A**

Findings

In 2014 Truckee voters approved Measure R to establish a dedicated source of funding to expand, repair and maintain Truckee's trail system.

Dedicated funding for trails has allowed the Town to construct projects like Truckee River Legacy Trail as well as maintain and repair existing trails so they are kept in good condition all year, including providing routine snow removal.

Maintaining trails, multi-use paths bike lanes and sidewalks throughout the year helps local kids walk or bike to school more safely.

Trails allow people to get around without driving a car, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions, improves air quality, helps combat climate change.

Truckee is a special place and a well-developed and maintained network of trails helps keep it that way by providing access to natural open space, creating recreational opportunities, and providing safe, green transportation alternatives.

Truckee's trails connect neighborhoods with downtown and connect Truckee to regional trail networks.

Continuing locally-controlled funding for trails, bike lanes and sidewalks will help ensure bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

Continuing to use proceeds from a dedicated local sales tax will make sure that tourists, second homeowners pay their fair share to support Truckee's trails.

Essential purchases like groceries and prescription medicine are exempt from sales tax, which helps ensure the cost of funding trails is not a burden to those on fixed or limited incomes.

Every penny raised by Truckee's trails measure stays local and can only be used to improve and maintain trails, bike lanes and sidewalks in and around the Truckee community and this funding cannot be taken away by the State of California or used for other purposes.

The Truckee Town Council has approved placing a measure before the voters to renew the existing ¼% sales tax at a rate of ½% for the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of paved and dirt trails, multi-use paths, and bike lanes as described in more detail below, and for no other purposes.

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Exclusive Purpose of Funding: The funds generated from this revenue source shall be used exclusively for the construction and maintenance of paved and dirt trails, and bike lanes, as described in the most recently adopted Town of Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan or as identified through other public process deemed appropriate by the Truckee Town Council, including the ancillary expenses described below, and for no other purpose.

Trail construction includes planning, design, right-of-way acquisition or easement, environmental review, permitting, and other ancillary tasks and items as necessary to allow for the construction of paved or dirt trails and associated appurtenances, including large structures, such as bridges or railroad crossings and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and trailhead improvements, including parking lots and other support facilities and amenities. Funds may also be used for trail amenities such as benches, maintenance stations, trash and recycle cans, and restrooms and improvements to bike lanes, including striping, marking, regulatory and wayfinding signage, signals and related expenses for bicyclist safety that are both on and off the State Highway System.

The goal of the generation and use of funds from this measure for routine maintenance activities is to provide coordinated high-quality maintenance on all network trails in and around Truckee. Trail maintenance includes pavement sealing and overlays; drainage repair and erosion control; sweeping and litter removal; vegetation maintenance; trash removal; snow removal and other winter maintenance to provide for on-snow recreational activity; repairs or replacement of ADA facilities, fences, bridges, regulatory and wayfinding signs, bike racks and maintenance stations, sanitation facilities, trailhead parking, and other appurtenances; and such other treatments as are necessary to provide for ongoing public use of trails as determined by the Truckee Town Council.

Eligible construction and maintenance expenses include payment to construction contractors and other third party trail maintenance and construction entities; payment to trails planning, design and environmental professionals; purchases of equipment, material, and supplies; reimbursement of direct Town staff expenses; expenses associated with land acquisition or easement necessary for trail construction; and other ancillary expenses related to the design, environmental clearance, permitting, construction or maintenance of paved or unpaved trails and appurtenances as determined by the Truckee Town Council. Acquisition of open space directly related to trail corridors or immediately adjacent to trail corridors is also an eligible expense.

The Town commits to continue to pursue all other funding opportunities for trails such as grants and developer funding. Funds from the trails tax may be used to fund trail construction or maintenance outside the Town of Truckee so long as those trails provide a direct benefit to the Town of Truckee community.

Trail planning, design, construction, and maintenance, whether paved or dirt, will address stormwater runoff with current best management practices, to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP). In addition, to the MEP, trail corridors shall avoid, minimize, or adequately mitigate impacts to aquatic and terrestrial habitats or wildlife corridors while maintaining consistency with the implementation of the most recently adopted Town of Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan.

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Allocation of Funding: The Town will actively solicit the involvement of the public through its annual budget process to allocate the funds generated from this revenue source to specific trail maintenance and construction projects.

Independent Oversight Committee: The Town Council shall continue the existing Citizens' Oversight Committee that shall continue the responsibility of auditing the trail maintenance and capital projects funded by this measure to ensure that the use of the funds is in accordance with the approved ballot measure. The timing of this review shall generally coincide with the annual audit of the Town's finances.

Term: This ballot measure shall become effective immediately upon approval by the voters, with collection of the additional sales tax commencing as soon as possible, on a date to be determined in consultation with the State Board of Equalization. The additional sales tax shall be collected until ended by voters.