

Comments sought on plans for Hwy. 28

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit is seeking public input regarding a proposal to improve an eight-mile section of the Highway 28 from Spooner Summit to Sand Harbor.

This proposal incorporates the third phase of the Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway along with a planning effort to improve highway safety and enhance the corridor's scenic quality, and access to East Shore recreation destinations.

The project proposes the construction of a Class-1 shared-use pathway from Spooner Junction to Sand Harbor, installation of retaining walls and slope stabilization measures and construction of connections from the pathway to parking lots and recreational facilities.

Proposed highway improvements would include expanding the existing parking areas at Secret Harbor and Chimney Beach, constructing two parking areas at Skunk Harbor and the south corridor park-n-ride, creating safe highway pull-outs along the entire corridor that would include cultural, historical and natural resource interpretive signs and vista points for photo opportunities. In addition, new restroom facilities would be constructed at each parking area and bicycle racks and seating would be installed where feasible.

Proposed utility improvements would include relocating electrical and communication utility lines and the current sewer export pipeline, and installing fire hydrant connections at strategic locations.

Comments are being taken until Dec. 23. The scoping letter and proposed plan is **online**.