



The Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) is in a unique position to be able to contribute significantly to an inter-connected system of user-friendly trails in the area. With professional polls of the community over the past 15 years consistently ranking new and connected trails as the highest unmet recreational need among residents, new trails would create a vibrant draw to airport grounds. And, with the recent passage of Measure R and renewed interest in trail connectivity among local governmental and non-profit entities in our area, the time is right for the TTAD to become an active player in the trails renaissance in Truckee.

The Truckee Trails Foundation (TTF) has been working to facilitate and build a family-friendly, inter-connected system of trails in and around Truckee for the past 12 years and is therefore keenly interested in assisting the TTAD in the development of a trails master plan that will amount to a win-win effort for the airport and the community.

We envision a master plan that incorporates both soft-surface and paved trails, with options that appeal to different ages, interests, and skill levels. TTF's guidance will ensure that the trails on TTAD's property are efficiently aligned with, and connected to, trails outside of airport property.

To ensure the greatest outcome, development of the master plan will require the coordination and facilitation of several other governmental and non-profit stakeholders. In addition to Tahoe Truckee Airport and the Airport Community Advisory Team (ACAT), working closely with the Town of Truckee, Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District, Truckee Donner Land Trust ("Land Trust"), Army Corps of Engineers, and the Truckee Bike Park Project will be critical.

We envision that key steps in this master planning process will include the following:

- Stakeholder kick-off meeting
  - Identify core master plan principles/values
  - Identify goals/objectives
  - Discuss possible project constraints
  - Discuss planning framework
  - Discuss preliminary design options
  
- Research & Documentation
  - Conduct fieldwork to assess suitability of trails options
  - Research other area master plans to assess opportunities for local and regional trail connectivity (Placer County, Truckee, Waddle Ranch, Martis Creek Lake, etc.)
  - Develop initial maps of proposed master plan trails

- Hold 2-4 additional meetings with TTAD staff, ACAT, and key organization stakeholders as goals, objectives, and trail plans are refined.
  - Provide an opportunity for public comment. Possibilities include a comment option on the TTAD website, flyers, or a public open house.
  - Assess options for trail signage and interpretive kiosks
- Master Plan Development
    - Finalize goals and objectives
    - Develop final maps
    - Finalize plans for trail signage and interpretive kiosks
    - Incorporate citizen comments
    - Prepare draft trails plan, including a trail development priority list and timeline
- Approval
    - Conduct final stakeholder meetings
    - Present final master plan to TTAD Board of Directors for approval

## Qualifications

Although this will be an intensive process, the Truckee Trails Foundation is uniquely qualified to take on the master planning effort. TTF has been active in the Truckee community since 2002. Through our efforts we have developed solid working relationships with Town of Truckee council members and staff, the Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District, local Army Corps of Engineers, United States Forest Service, and major businesses in town. As well, for the past five years we have partnered closely with the Land Trust in trail building and maintenance. Our board and staff have been actively involved as trails master planning committee members on every iteration of the Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan, and we are currently working with the USFS on a master plan for dirt trails in Placer and Nevada Counties. Through all of our efforts, our main goal has been community connectivity through trails and bikeways.

More specifically, work on this effort will involve the following individuals:

**Allison Pedley, Executive Director.** Allison has been with the Truckee Trails Foundation for six years. As ED, she created TTF's dirt trails program, working closely with the USFS and Truckee Donner Land Trust. Allison also worked with the Town of Truckee on completion of the Truckee River Legacy Trail to Glenshire and Brockway Road Trail. As well, she actively advocated to get a trails tax measure on the June 2014 ballot and subsequently volunteered countless hours to help guide the Measure R for trails campaign to a major victory. Prior to moving to Truckee, Allison worked for Ross Strategic, a consulting firm in Seattle. Here, she helped guide several innovative long-term federal and state environmental policy efforts, including the Environmental Protection Agency's Pollution Prevention in Permitting program, and Idaho's Lower Boise River Effluent Trading Program. Through all of her work, Allison has become practiced in working with multiple and diverse stakeholders to reach consensus and favorable results.

**Kevin Starr, Trails Coordinator.** For four seasons Kevin has been helping run a trail program in conjunction with the USFS, TTF, and TDLT. The main focus is contacting, recruiting, and maintaining a volunteer base of different trail users, while guiding in trail building and maintenance in the Truckee area. Kevin is also actively engaged in trail planning processes with TTF, USFS and the Land Trust, and is well versed in environmentally sustainable recreational trail design.

**Paco Lindsay, Board Member.** Paco will be volunteering his expertise to assist with this effort. Paco has been a strong advocate for trails in Truckee for over twenty years and holds a unique familiarity with the key players and the variety of trails issues in our town.

### **Cost**

TTF proposes to complete this master planning process at a rate of **\$65 per hour**, plus material expenses. GIS mapping will be an additional \$750 flat fee.

We look forward to working with TTAD on this effort to further connect the Truckee area by trails and bikeways.