



January 24, 2023

Truckee Tahoe Airport District  
10356 Truckee Airport Road  
Truckee, CA 96161

Dear Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comments for item #8.

The opportunity to lease space to Lift Truckee is an exciting way to continue TTAD's community stewardship in the region. Lift Truckee provides small businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits essential business services and community support.

MAP is a beneficiary of Lift Truckee's stewardship, which provides us with Board meeting space in the perfect sized room for us as an in-kind gift! Additional growing space for Lift Truckee will also support a thriving business community. Thank you again for fostering community benefits through the district's operations and programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexis Ollar".

Alexis A. Ollar, MS & GISP  
MAP Executive Director

*MAP is a grassroots environmental non-profit established by concerned residents of the Truckee-Tahoe region. Since our inception in 1987, MAP has worked to preserve, protect and enhance the region's natural environment for present and future generations. MAP is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization. Please retain this letter for income tax purposes. Tax ID 68-0148964*

**From:** [Matthew Kaufman](#)  
**To:** [Comments](#)  
**Subject:** vehicle parking fees  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 3:58:25 PM

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As a general aviation pilot with a home in Santa Cruz County and a home in Truckee who regularly commutes between the two and has a child in the Northstar Ski Teams program, \$500/year is fairly easily justified in the savings on Uber/Lyft rides each way plus a little extra for the convenience of having a vehicle at the airport. But four times that is definitely not something our family can justify. I have never seen the long-term parking lot full, so I find it hard to imagine that the new rates are necessary to discourage use and I would not be surprised if the number of non-renewals due to this increase actually completely offsets the increased per-vehicle revenue.

I urge the board to reconsider this drastic fee increase, and suggest a more modest increase that is tied to CPI at the very most, if indeed more revenue from aviation-related vehicle parking is necessary.

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**From:** [Matthew Kaufman](#)  
**To:** [Comments](#)  
**Subject:** new tie-down rates  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 10:40:59 AM

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The general manager update for the upcoming meeting regarding tie-down rates says "I've eliminated the monthly rate and increased the annual rate to better reflect market rates closer to our daily rate and impact / past utilization. The monthly rate <5,500lbs MTOW was only \$95 and was used during the summer months by about 40 aircraft."

This is 40 small GA aircraft that paid \$95/month for (presumably) about 1-3 months but who will now be expected to pay \$600/month. Like the long-term vehicle parking rates I commented about previously, this is a breathtakingly large increase for a small GA pilot and feels like it will do more to discourage longer-term visits to the area by GA aircraft owners than it will to increase overall revenue to the airport. I have never seen the GA tiedowns completely full, so I don't believe that a rate increase is required to assure availability to other transient small aircraft.

Please reconsider this rate increase and continue offering a realistic discount for GA pilots who wish to visit the area for more than a night or two. The benefits of longer-term visits go far beyond the airport itself.

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**From:** [Quentin Helgren](#)  
**To:** [Comments](#)  
**Subject:** New fee schedule  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 10:49:02 AM

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Hi,

If the new fee schedule goes through, I'll no longer be visiting your airport on a regular basis. The new costs are going to be way too high for me.

Please reconsider.

Quentin Helgren

**From:** [Glenn Steiner](#)  
**To:** [Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Auto Parking Prices  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 10:52:07 AM

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Hello,

Just saw your huge price increase for annual auto parking. Please keep the price as it was with a modest increase for inflation. Unfortunately, with the increase, I will need to remove my car and start using Hertz. This will only benefit Hertz at the cost of less revenue for the airport district. Ultimately I will save money at the cost of my time.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sent from my phone. Please excuse typos.

Regards,  
Glenn

**From:** [Matthew Kaufman](#)  
**To:** [Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Re: vehicle parking fees  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 6:24:48 PM

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To follow up to my verbal comments:  
monthly vehicle parking at South Lake Tahoe: \$28, Minden: \$50, Placerville: \$30,  
Watsonville: \$75, Reid-Hillview: \$78, Napa: \$150

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A follow-up to my public verbal comment on tiedown rates:

Nightly tiedown for small GA: Minden \$15, Placerville \$8, Watsonville \$10, Reid-Hillview \$12, Napa \$10, Truckee \$20

Monthly tiedown for small GA: Minden \$75, Placerville \$66, Watsonville \$90, Reid-Hillview \$163, Napa \$75, Truckee \$600(!)

I reiterate that Truckee's rates are far above market, especially monthly.

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