



Experience and References

64-ACRES INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION STUDIES

PROJECT LOCATION
Tahoe City, California

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A coalition of public agencies, including the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the U.S. Forest Service, Placer County, and North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, have long been working toward the provision of a transit center on the "64 Acre Parcel" immediately south of the Truckee River along State Route 89 in Tahoe City. LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. (LSC) was originally retained to develop the program for the site on U.S. Forest Service land, including the required number of bus bays, building amenities and size, and parking requirements, as well as to develop conceptual site layouts. LSC was subsequently retained to prepare detailed parking and traffic studies for the program, and to prepare the pertinent sections of an Environmental Impact Report (under CEQA requirements), Environmental Impact Statement (under NEPA requirements), as well as under the Environmental Impact Statement requirements of the TRPA.

A key element of the work has been planning for the transit center as part of the Lake of the Sky Interpretive Center. This center has long been a goal of the U.S. Forest Service to enhance public access and interpretation to the millions of annual visitors that access the Lake Tahoe region through the SR 89 corridor. The transit center access roadways and parking lots have been designed to also serve the Interpretive Center.

The initial environmental document has been adopted by the TRPA and used as the basis for a Record of Decision by the U.S. Forest Service, but approval by the Placer County Board of Supervisors was delayed. Community controversy required changes to the project description, which in turn required a subsequent environmental document to which LSC contributed. This subsequent document has been unanimously accepted by the Placer County Board of Supervisors, and detailed engineering of the project is now under way.