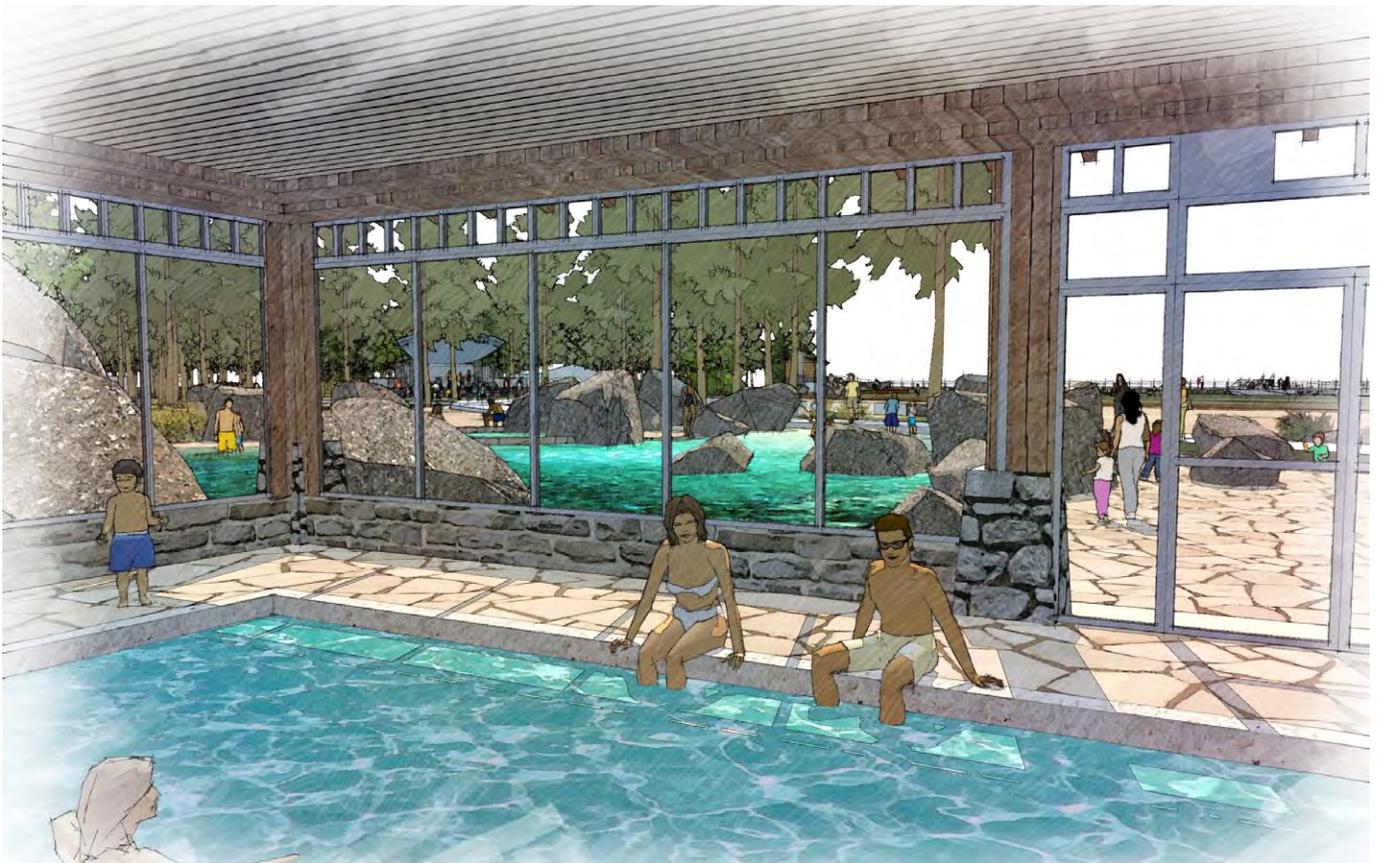


Beach Center

A beach center could be incorporated as part of a complete recreation experience at the Kings Beach State Recreation Area. The facility is envisioned as including an outdoor pool/water play area and indoor/heated pool. The facility could create winter destination activities as visitors may visit the beach center after a day of skiing. Lake views and a range of complementary activities, such as ice skating, could be included.

Highlights would include the following:

- Outdoor water play areas
- Indoor, heated pools
- Lake views
- Winter destination recreation activities



Indoor heated pools with views of Lake Tahoe can establish a desirable winter recreation destination.



A beach center located in the Kings Beach State Recreation Area can provide additional recreation facilities and community resources.



Outdoor pool areas could include shallow pools and water elements to create a family environment.



Diagram of potential public pier and water transit location.



The existing North Shore Water Shuttle could connect to Kings Beach.



Relocating the public pier to the end of Coon Street would separate motorized boating from swimming areas.

Public Pier & Water Transportation

Over the years water transit has been considered to serve the Kings Beach area. This could include either a regional system (connecting the north and south shore Lake Tahoe communities) or a local system (connecting to other north shore and east/west shore communities).

In order to provide regional or local water transportation, the pier length would need to be about 550' in length, more than double the existing public pier. The location of the extended pier could be near the existing pier, at the end of Coon Street, or elsewhere along the area beach front. The vision plan illustrates the pier at the end of Coon Street. This location has the following benefits:

- Separates motorized boating from non-motorized boating and swimming areas and
- Provides nearby parking for transit users.

Key elements of the public pier & water transportation concept include the following:

- Potential relocation of motorized boat launching and use of existing boat ramp for primarily non-motorized boat use,
- Use of pier as a public facility – potential nearby commercial/dining uses,
- Development of a bandshell to formalize performance areas and allow attendees to view Lake Tahoe while enjoying a performance, and
- Incorporation of existing recreation activities as part of the overall facility design (e.g. providing basketball courts and keeping boulder outcroppings for crawfish hunting).



The existing boat launch could be relocated and re-used primarily for non-motorized launching.



A bandshell and formalized performance area should allow for views of Lake Tahoe.



High-intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) signals can aide safe pedestrian movement across SR 28 and SR 267.



A suite of new improvements will occur in Kings Beach as part of the commercial core improvement project.

Road Improvements

The Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project plans to revitalize Kings Beach through stormwater management programs, fresh and new streetscape design and traffic calming measures, and place-specific pedestrian amenities. The project will transform the existing four-lane roadway to a “hybrid” three-lane arrangement that includes roundabouts and limited on-street seasonal parking.

The permitted and funded improvements provide a new baseline condition for additional vision elements to be achieved. Identified project benefits include the following:

- Improved clarity of Lake Tahoe;
- Safe walking and bicycling routes;
- Attractive business core with sidewalks, seating, lighting, and bike racks; and
- Enhance local and visitor experience.

Road Crossings

Pedestrian crossing enhancements are planned as part of the commercial core improvement project. The project intends to improve safety for pedestrians crossing SR 28, especially those crossing to go to the beach and/or adjacent commercial areas.

Additional crossing enhancements could be provided to improve walkability. A safe crossing of SR 267 should be developed to connect western neighborhoods to schools and business areas. Likewise, additional crossings may be incorporated along SR 28 to connect destinations. Enhanced crossings could include striping, signage, flashers, and/or high-intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) signals.

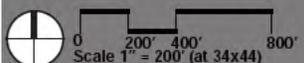


Improved pedestrian crossings should occur with the commercial core improvement project. Additional crossings should be evaluated along SR 267 and SR 28.



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Transit

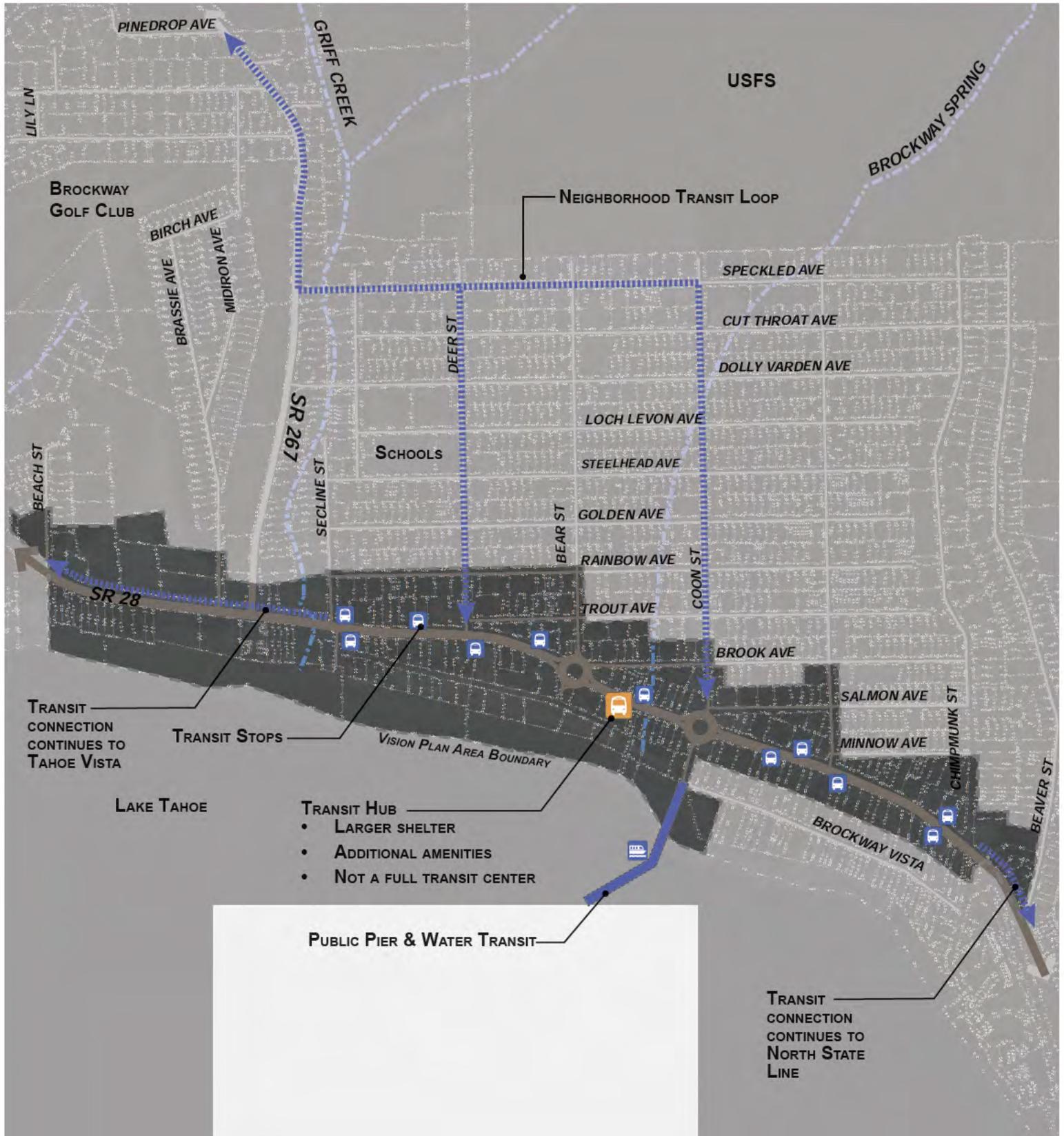
Transit serves both residents and visitors. A number of new bus stops are planned with the commercial core improvement project. These stops include seating and shelters. Technology should continue to be integrated with transit, such as the existing “Next Bus” technology and other potential real-time information to enhance the transit experience.

The vision plan identifies a bus hub in the center of Kings Beach. Rather than creating a large transit center, this hub would include a larger shelter and additional amenities to serve riders. It would be centrally located for beach access, connection to water transit, and proximity to area businesses.

In addition to potentially shortening headways, a local neighborhood bus shuttle could circulate within residential areas to connect the community to local and regional resources. Transit connections should continue both to the east to connect the state line area to Kings Beach and to the west to connect Tahoe Vista and other communities.

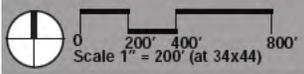


Transit can connect regional destinations as well as provide local service to improve neighborhood connectivity.



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Identified and signed on-street parking areas can help meet area-wide parking needs.

Parking

The primary parking concepts for Kings Beach include:

- Decentralized parking, and
- Park once and walk.

Decentralized parking involves the creation of a number of small, dispersed lots throughout the commercial core area. No central parking structure would exist. A number of lots have been identified and will be developed as part of the commercial core improvement project.

An overall parking management strategy should identify shared-parking opportunities and locate additional parking areas, such as other on-street locations, to meet needs. In-lieu parking fees could be evaluated for the purpose of developing public parking and helping small parcel owners comply with parking requirements.

A well-developed signage program should accompany the decentralized parking concept to direct visitors to appropriate parking areas and relieve the burdens felt on adjacent neighborhood streets. Technology could be incorporated to distribute real-time information on parking locations and availability.

Overall, the intent is for visitors to park once and walk or bike to explore Kings Beach. A complete system of signage, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, and shared-use paths must accompany the dispersed parking to make it successful.

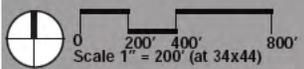


A number of small parking lots can address parking needs. Technology and signage can help improve their effectiveness as users have real-time information on parking locations and availability.



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Bike lanes and bike routes can be defined to improve community circulation.

Trail System

Kings Beach has both beach activities and mountain activities. However, the connection between the two is limited. Therefore, trail system vision plan improvements include the following:

- Bike routes and sidewalks along key streets to connect the commercial core to USFS lands to the north,
- Shared-use paths where appropriate to connect users to both water and mountains,
- Trailheads to define trail connection points,
- Highlighted connection to Tahoe Rim Trail,
- Trail loop in USFS parcel north of Speckled Avenue, and
- Neighborhood sidewalks and bike route connections to facilitate movement from homes to schools and community resources.



Trailheads can connect the commercial core to mountain recreation opportunities.



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