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#	Question	Asker Name	Answer(s)
1	How is the speed of traffic along 89 going to handle this...these are common concerns: "It is becoming an everyday thing.. We spent an hour dead stopped on 89 this Saturday due to a head on collision. There were two more major accidents since. Pretty crazy!"	Jackie	Thank you, we have received your question.
2	I see that there is an alternate EV2 bridge rather than the EV2 bridge that comes out of Silver Creek Campground. This much smaller bridge is away from private property, is closer to Bullshead, Big Chief & Little Chief, it is a more open area for an EV2 vehicle, there is a left turn lane with in short distance, there are no TTSA TRI lines and it is away from the congestion of the highway parking overflow at Silver Creek Campground. Will the costs of this bridge vs. the much larger bridge out of Silver Creek Campground be a consideration in the route chosen? Will OVPSD and TTSA be involved in the route chosen and will their responses be made public in the EIR?	Erin	Thank you, we have received your question.
3	Will the power point be available online for subsequent public review?	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
4	Is today's NOP for the bike path project or the TRRAP?	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
5	Please clarify project level vs programmatic level of review	Sean	Thank you, we have received your comment.
6	Can you provide a link to the project webpage where docs are posted	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
7	how do we raise our hands for oral comments?	helena	Towards the top of your screen (or bottom) there's a hand shape. You can select that.
8	thank you!	helena	
9	This study is clearly focused on recreational uses and environmental impacts, mainly on the East side of the river. Is traffic along Highway 89 a part of this study? The recreational access and link from Squaw to Truckee is great but there needs to be something done about the traffic on H89. Are modifications to H89 going to be studied as part of this?	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your question.
10	Who are the Placer County decision makers? First Planning Dept approval then Board of Supervisors?	Erin	Thank you, we have received your question.
11	As a property owner along the proposed route there is a few main concerns I wish for the panel to be aware of.	Scott	Thank you, we have received your comment.
12	1) Increased traffic to an already busy highway with limited traffic.	Scott	Thank you, we have received your comment.
13	If a bridge is put in, what kinds of vehicle access is planned for it in the summer? Winter?	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
14	My house is between the road and the river, and across the river from us there is a cliff with very little river bank. How would you create space for the trail in this situation?	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your question.
15	2) There could be some increase in unwanted "drifters". We have not had issues not with people wanting to hike or looking for a trail but homeless people setting up camps.	Scott	Thank you, we have received your comment.
16	3) Fire risk increase	Scott	Thank you, we have received your comment.
17	If the bike path is on 89, how much land will be cleared to make room and what will the noise pollution mitigation be? Will there be any replanting of trees to recreate the natural noise barrier?	Caroline	Thank you, we have received your question.
18	If the project does not go forward for good reasons, would you consider that a successful outcome?	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your question.
19	What are the aesthetic mitigation aspects planned for where the path runs along the river and in sight of homes?	Caroline	Thank you, we have received your question.
20	USFS law enforcement does not have the resources to address the illegal camping & campfires that are happening currently in plain view along in the riverside pullouts just north of Cabin Creek rd. How will they possibly address the illegal camping/campfires issues this trail plan will produce out of view? For example last Friday 7/16/21 there were 7 different groups illegally camping, 3 groups had illegal campfires.	Bonnie	Thank you, we have received your comment.
21	Can you please put the maps back up?	Jackie	Thank you, we have received your question.
22	Some Questions and comments: 1. Some of the owner names are outdated in the July TTRAP Draft. We haven't got any notice yet (on Bridge 10). Can we please update the owners names / contacts ? 2. TTRAP Draft Sheet 6,7,8 - Alternate Primary Trial Alignment cuts across our primary water source. This was brought up in the April meeting but we want to make sure it is noted and studied in the EIR. This is going to be a major source of pollution to property owner's drinking water. 3. Sheet 8: There is no protected left turn to Bridge 10. If we add a Bike/Pedestrian Crossing Under HWY 89 can we add a protected left turn into Bridge 10. 4. Sheet 9: Can we make the bridge across the river in Sheet9 able to be vehicular load bearing - This allows the current residents on Bridge 10 to use this new bridge as their primary access but it also allows Snow plow equipment for winter maintenance and emergency services access to the trail. 5. Do we need a trail on both sides of HWY89 on Sheet 8,9, 10? Can we pick one primary?	Anush	Thank you, we have received your questions and comments.

23	yes they are	helena	Thank you, we have received your comment.
24	Comment: I'm a homeowner on River Road (Highway 89), along the Truckee River. The trail is proposed for the opposite side of the river from our house. The mountain is steeply sloped, and my concern is that a pathway would have to be cut into the mountain with retaining walls OR would be elevated over the riverbank -- either way could be subject to rockslides and would be very detrimental to water and habitat quality.	Audrey	Thank you, we have received your comment.
25	Since the plan proposes to establish a kayak put in and landing area north of goose meadows, how will you formalize and enforce the stated disallowance of commercial river rafting northward? How will you stop people from renting inflatable rafts and putting them into the river at Goose Meadows? The river area between Tahoe City and Alpine Meadows road is now severely impacted by commercial and/or unorganized river rafting during the summer, and the current plan seems to unintentionally enable similar rafting north of Goode Meadows. How will you prevent large scale river rafting from Goose meadows and all of the environmental impacts that entails?	Michael	Thank you, we have received your question.
26	Will this project work to improve internet and cell service for this area? These lacking utilities are necessary for safety and access yet for this neighborhood sorely lacking.	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
27	Does the plan deal with the existing damage to deer creek with the increased traffic that will occur?	Bruce	Thank you, we have received your question.
28	Does "primary trail alignment" or "alternate primary trail alignment" imply likelihood of what will happen in any way?	Caroline	Thank you, we have received your question.
29	Why isn't public sewer and water for our neighborhood part of such an ambitious construction project?	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
30	What flood standard is used for planning purposes for bridges over the river and creeks? My concern is that large storms and very rapid melts that have not occurred in the last 100 years may exceed cause bridges to fail.	Bruce	Thank you, we have received your question.
31	I request the scope of the EIR for the TRRAP trail include the following analyses: Shorelines of the river representing wildlife accesses and corridors between the Truckee River and undeveloped areas of the Sierra ecosystem be inventoried, and the disturbance of these accesses/corridors be minimized by placement of the pathway. This represents the east side of the river on sheets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (part), 7, 8(part), 9, 11(part), 11 (part), and 13 (part). As designed, the path may block wildlife access on sheets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 (part) and 11 (part). This represents a block of 2.8 miles and 0.2 and 0.3 miles, respectively.	Chuck	Thank you, we have received your comment.
32	I request the scope of the EIR for the TRRAP trail include the following analyses: 2)Riparian areas, especially those immediately adjacent to the Truckee River, be undisturbed. These provide actual habitat for mink and beavers, and nesting or shelter habitat for such waterfowl as common mergansers (Mergus merganser), mallards, and Canada geese, and dippers (Cinclus mexicanus). Especially in very steep areas, and below talus slopes, the riparian area seems to be very narrow, and a path could completely destroy it, or put it entirely in a zone of intolerable disturbance from bikers and hikers to wildlife.	Chuck	Thank you, we have received your comment.
33	Have the Washoe Tribe been involved? There are many ceremonial artifacts & Metake along the currently Pristine East side of the Truckee River between Cabin Creek Rd. & West River Rd.	Bonnie	Thank you, we have received your question.
34	I request the scope of the EIR for the TRRAP trail include the following analyses: 3)Alternative trails should be added to be near Sawtooth Ridge trail (sheets 1-6) traversing Jeffrey Pine forests (similar to new trail system in off the North Tahoe Regional Park in Tahoe Vista, CA) and along SR-89 from "Secondary Trail" (Sheet 5) to bridge EV2 (now removed) on Sheet 6. 4)Increased number of people along the river, plus longer floats by each person, will necessitate established and well-marked restrooms by the river. Any increase in bike or raft rentals with concessions will also require trash services to haul away disposable beverage bottles, snack wrappers, and toy packaging. 5)The current pull-out just east of the SR-89 and West River Street junction, just downstream from the Donner Creek confluence, is already congested and should be considered accordingly under increased usage.	Chuck	Thank you, we have received your comment.
35	Please prioritize public recreational access to the river over private property owners concerns. The existing path upstream from Tahoe City to Squaw Creek is exceptional, and having connectivity to Truckee would make it world class. All Placer County residents, neighbors and visitors deserve to have easy access to the river, not just those lucky enough to own land on the banks.	Josh	Thank you, we have received your comment.
36	6)The stretch of SR-89 marked 'too many driveways' between 8700 River Road and 9000 River Road has actually only five driveways, and this section should not be eliminated as a possible route	Chuck	Thank you, we have received your comment.
37	What is the current volume of recreational use on the east side of the truckee? How much is expected to increase?	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
38	Rather than trying to squeeze a bicycle highway on the east bank of the Truckee River to avoid longstanding residences, would it not be cheaper and quicker and easier to maintain to build the path along Highway 89 in front of the home clusters and then pick up along the river where there are easements/campgrounds? (See: West Shore, Highway 89)	Audrey	Thank you, we have received your question.
39	Will the affects on the "scenic aspects" of homeowners land/views (in addition to the scenic aspects of the area) - as was just mentioned - be considered when finalizing the route?	Caroline	Thank you, we have received your question.
40	Please consider the path slopes. The pathway from Incline to Sand Harbor has a very steep portion that many bikers have safety issues.	Peter	Thank you, we have received your comment.
41	Do you have enough long term environmental data (ie. water quality, macroinvertebrate, fish habitat, water flow) within this at project scale to properly determine a baseline to determine against any sort statistical significance impacts? Related can you please be transparent with how you specify model parameter, define assumption, and explore uncertainty for the assessment.	Scott	Thank you, we have received your question.
42	Will the USFS be maintaining the trail that run through the forest? I recently drove through the Silver Creek Campground and the asphalt was full of potholes.	Erin	Thank you, we have received your question.

43	Has there been a study on property tax implications to the county? If a bicycle highway is built across from our house along the river, I assume our property value will decrease materially, which would also decrease our property tax.	Audrey	Thank you, we have received your question.
44	6464 6420 and 6400 have driveway rights not currently used. Have they been considered?	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
45	Have you considered the west side of 89? Fewer houses and driveways, further from homes.	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
46	This is Jan Holan, Placer County Small Business Owner, Board member of Truckee Trails and the Truckee River Legacy Foundation. My comments are my own and not officially endorsed by the boards. I can say both organizations are very supportive of the completion of this trail. E-bikes are class from motor dirtbikes As a property owner within close proximity of the future phase 4 of the Legacy Trail in the Town of Truckee, I can certainly understand the concerns raised by nearby property owners. I would expect many property owners will come out in force to oppose this trail. We love having the river largely to ourselves, but wearing a community-first hat, the trail will make a key asset more accessible to people that simply aren't fortunate enough to own property on the river. Change is difficult. The trail is certainly going to create more public access to our amazing Truckee River. We should support this trail.	Jan	Thank you, we have received your comment.
47	Question? I commute from Glenshire to town of truckee every day. Will the EIR consider lower GHG from bike commuters?	Jan	Thank you, we have received your question.
48	SR89 used to be 45 mph, at 55 mph people travel much faster. They pass double yellow lines and in bike lanes.	Jackie	Thank you, we have received your comment.
49	As Mr. Levitan stated. There should be an alternative route in Phase 1 section. So as to not disrupt the pristine forest & wildlife on the east side of the river. My home is located on the HWY side of the river directly across from Cabin Creek Rd. The transformer sits here. We think it a better, safer plan to have the trail located on the HWY side of the river. Even if it impacts our homes. We would much prefer the forest/wildlife on the East side of the river were protected.	Bonnie	Thank you, we have received your comment.
50	Project level review should be completed for both project phases. How can impacts to sensitive resources be sufficiently analyzed at a programmatic level? Site specific studies should be prepared where any impacts to drinking water may occur.	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
51	Will homeowners be granted any special access rights over bridges that the general public may not?	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your question.
52	If there are problems resulting from the bike path, littering, parties, etc, who do we call? We are in an unincorporated area of placer co.	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your question.
53	The east shore bike path cost approximately \$40 million dollars to go 2.5 miles, I am hoping that cost will be considered	Kim	Thank you, we have received your comment.
54	Alternatives analysis should include a revised path much further west of highway 89 from Pole creek to silver creek campground	Sean	Thank you, we have received your comment.
55	Have we considered west side of 89 for the entire length or portions?	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
56	Is the money allocated for this project allowed to be reallocated to other community and infrastructure needs (i.e. low-income housing, sewer, schools, teacher salaries etc.) or must it be used only for a bike path?	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your question.
57	To pick up on Kip Martin's question, are there alternatives under consideration near Bridge 9 other than a bike trail up above our properties? Thank you.	Rebecca	Thank you, we have received your question.
58	When the rafters come down the river from public zones into the private zones and their raft pops and they have no choice but to get out of the river on to private property what are we suppose do? tell them to jump back in the river! We have no choice but to let them pass and walk through our property back up onto the highway? Will there be any education/signage explaining private property rights regarding the river and high water mark etc. this has been a highly contentious issue with us along the river front. What we dont want is this lower section of the of the Truckee River to turn into the Upper section. Do you anticipate the same level of use from rafters, fisherman, sunbathers etc. ?	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your question.
59	The illegal camping & campfires I spoke of are 90 % Recreational usage, 10% vagrant	Bonnie	Thank you, we have received your comment.
60	Can you elaborate on why you feel there has to be an EV2 bridge or pedestrian bridge needs to come out of Silver Creek Campground?	Erin	Thank you, we have received your question.
61	Everyone is a fan of the bike trail from Tahoe City to Squaw Valley. That portion of trail is along the highway the entire section and is an amazing bike path. Please consider doing the same thing for the new section continuing to Truckee. It will have the least impact on the environment and will still provide an amazing trail access for bikers, fisherman, rafters, etc.	Patrick	Thank you, we have received your comment.
62	Bicyclists fart alot! This can contribute to greenhouse gasses!!	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your comment.
63	When did enviornmental concerns become so Human focused? Why are the forest, wildlife & waterways conservation concerns dicussed so little?	Bonnie	Thank you, we have received your question.
64	Winter time plowing should be incorporated in GHG analysis	Sean	Thank you, we have received your comment.
65	What is the grade of the trail that would come off of the EV2 Bridge at Silver Creek Campground	Erin	Thank you, we have received your question.
66	If winter use on the trail is being considered, then sun exposure as an assistant to plowing and maintenance should be considered in the analysis.	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your comment.

67	In the current draft of the TRRAP released in July 2021 by Lumos & Associates & Ascent Environmental, there is no mention or mapping of the hydrology & natural springs in the area that provide natural spring water for the current residents & property owners. Our reliance on this water as the only viable water source for our parcels has been recognized by the USFS. The proposed trail alignment is sufficiently adjacent to these naturally occurring springs that potential impacts need to be studied at the project level vs. the programmatic level. There are many residents in the corridor who rely on natural spring water since there is no provision for piped county water.	TS2	Thank you, we have received your comment.
68	All driveways should have center turn lanes, turning on/off the highway is not safe!	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your comment.
69	Will the population of river otters be studied? They seem to be very rare and only seen occasionally.	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you, we have received your question.
70	Does the EIR make recommendations on one route or another or just provide mitigations?	Erin	Thank you, we have received your question.
71	AB52!	Anonymous Attendee	
72	Is there legislative process associated with the plan? SB18 applicability?	Sean	Thank you, we have received your question.
73	This is Audrey. Thank you so much for responding to my question about considering a route in front of highway 89 homes instead of behind. I appreciate it.	Audrey	Thank you, we have received your comment.
74	Hi Stacy, once again, to pick up on Kip Martin's question, are there alternatives under consideration near Bridge 9 other than a bike trail up above our properties? Thank you.	Rebecca	Thank you, we have received your question.
75	Thanks for your answer, Kansas. Will be interested to learn more about the specifics of the challenge you mention.	Rebecca	Thank you, we have received your comment.
76	Thank you Kansas for addressing Bridge 9. I would be nice to look at the Big Chief Lodge/ Hotel, How long this project has be under permit and construction. I believe this Lodge has been under construction for 25+ years and this "pinch point" will:	Kip	Thank you, we have received your comment.
77	1. Seperate the Trail from the River. 2. Add tremendous cost if a Trail is on the side of the hill under Big Chief 3. Create Public use behind our land on the hillside along with Public use of the River (That should be in Place). Thank you again.	Kip	Thank you, we have received your comment.
78	Is it possible to contribute physically on biological studies on the area? For example walking with EIR specailists to point out specific areas of concern? Many of us have extensive experience/ knowledge of the natural areas around us.	Bonnie	Thank you, we have received your question.
79	could not agree more about the lodge project near bridge 9. thank you	Rebecca	Thank you, we have received your comment.