

X. MAINTENANCE

The Lake Tahoe Region's climate is very favorable for bicycle and walking in the summer and fall months. However, during the winter and early spring months, utilizing the systems can be very difficult to heavy snow and ice. Currently, the existing paths and lanes are not regularly cleared of snow during the winter months. This forces both pedestrian and bicyclist to either share the road with automobiles or not use the system at all. During winter months, regular snow removal should be considered by the appropriate agency. Snow removal can enhance use of the existing transit system and ensure mobility to those who are transit dependent. Promotion of Class I / Shared Use Paths to snow sports enthusiast activities such as, cross country skiing and snow shoeing should also be considered during the winter months.

More important than snow removal maintenance, is maintenance of the overall existing and proposed system. The existing bicycle system in Lake Tahoe is in need of a variety of improvements in regards to maintenance. This type of maintenance can include repair work to pavement, clearing of paths, landscape maintenance, litter removal, sign replacement, fence replacement, painting, repair/replacement of drainage inlets, repair to lighting, and repainting of striping and pavement markings.