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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Michael Woodman, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

DATE: November 18, 2026

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 8 – FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

On June 22, 2026, the Nevada County Transportation Commission, in coordination with Nevada County and Nevada City with the assistance of the transportation consulting firms Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. and GHD Inc., submitted Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 grant applications for the Rough and Ready Highway Multimodal Project (Nevada County) and the Zion Street-Sacramento Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Project (Nevada City).

On November 2, 2026, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) released the staff funding recommendations for Cycle 8 of the Active Transportation Program for both the Statewide Funding program component and the Small Urban & Rural program component. The 2027 ATP Cycle grant program received 317 project applications requesting $2.9 billion, almost five times the available amount ($574 million). For this funding cycle the recommended project award cutoff for funding was an application score of 93.

Nevada County was awarded $4,424,000 of ATP funding for the construction phase of the Rough and Ready Highway Multimodal Project, with a score of 93. Right of Way activities are scheduled to be completed in FY 2026/27, with the construction phase scheduled to begin in FY 2027/28.

The Zion Street-Sacramento Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Project (Nevada City) was not awarded for funding in this cycle with a score of 87.5. NCTC and Nevada City staff intend to schedule a debrief with CTC staff to identify how to strengthen the application for resubmittal in ATP Cycle 9.

The ATP Cycle 8 staff funding recommendations will be presented to the CTC for consideration and adoption at their December 3-4, 2026 Commission meeting.

Rough and Ready Highway Multimodal Project Overview

The proposed project is located in unincorporated Nevada County approximately 0.75 miles west of the City of Grass Valley along Ridge Road from the City/County line to the intersection of Rough and Ready

Highway/Ridge Road and Rough and Ready Highway/Adam Avenue. The Project will close a 1.1 mile gap in the bicycle network on Ridge Road by constructing a combination of Class I multi-use path and Class II bike that will provide a continuous 1.6 miles of bikeways on Ridge Road, allowing residents and students access to Yuba River Charter School on the western terminus of the project and the Nevada Union High School, Sierra College Grass Valley Campus, and other bikeways in the City of Grass Valley east of the project terminus. To enable cyclists to transition between the Class I multi-use path and Class II Bike lanes, a high visibility crosswalk will be installed to safely navigate between the facilities.

The intersection of Rough and Ready Highway/Ridge Rd and Rough and Ready Highway/Adam will be reconfigured from two three-legged intersections to a single-lane roundabout. The intersection is the entrance to the rural residential neighborhood, has a history of high-collisions, high speeds, and is located next to the Yuba River Charter School (K-8). An eight-foot-wide sidewalk from the intersection will extend to the Yuba River Charter School on Adam Avenue. The roundabout will slow traffic, provide safe crossing locations at a single location, redirect drivers' focus and attention to the crosswalks, and create a facility that will enable residents to opt for active modes of transportation to school and local destinations.