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## MINUTES OF NCTC MEETING January 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 in the Grass Valley City Hall Council Chambers, 125 E. Main Street, Grass Valley, California. Notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance and was scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Joe Bonomolo (alternate)  
Doug Fleming (alternate)  
Jay Strauss  
Duane Strawser  
Robb Tucker  
Jan Zabriskie

Members Absent: Susan Hoek

Staff Present: Mike Woodman, Executive Director  
Aaron Hoyt, Deputy Executive Director  
Dan Landon, Executive Advisor  
Kena Sannar, Transportation Planner  
Carol Lynn, Administrative Assistant

Standing Orders: Vice Chair Tucker convened the Nevada County Transportation Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code, § 54957(b)(1))  
Employee: Executive Director
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code, § 54957.6)  
Title: Executive Director  
Agency Designated Representative: Board Chair

Reconvene from Closed Session: There was no reportable action taken during the Closed Session.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Financial Reports  
October 2025
2. NCTC Minutes  
September 17, 2025 NCTC Meeting Minutes – Amended
3. NCTC Minutes  
November 12, 2025 NCTC Meeting Minutes
4. Nevada County Transit STA Capital Claim  
Resolution 26-01
5. Town of Truckee STA Capital Claim  
Resolution 26-02
6. FY 2025/26 Overall Work Program Amendment 1 Correction  
Resolution 26-03
7. Amendment 1 to the Subrecipient Agreement with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to Update the Rural Counties Task Force Administrative Support Manual  
Resolution 26-06

**ACTION:** Approved Consent Items by roll call vote

**MOTION:** Strawser / **SECOND:** Bonomolo

**AYES:** Bonomolo, Fleming, Strauss, Strawser, Tucker, Zabriskie

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Hoek

**ABSTAIN:** Zabriskie (September 17 2025 NCTC Meeting Minutes – Amended)

## **ACTION ITEMS**

8. Election of Officers

It is the Commission's policy to elect a chair and vice chair at the first meeting of the year. Vice Chair Tucker opened the floor for nominations for the chair and vice chair for 2026.

Commissioner Robb Tucker was nominated to be Chair of the Commission, and Commissioner Lou Ceci was nominated to be Vice Chair of the Commission. The motions passed with a unanimous vote of the commissioners present.

9. Amendment 2 to the FY 2025/26 Overall Work Program  
Resolution 26-04

The Commission approved Amendment 2 to the FY 2025/26 Overall Work Program. This amendment includes an increase to the staff salary and benefits budget in preparation for the planned retirement of NCTC's Administrative Services Officer at the end of the calendar year. This action increases the

NCTC staff budget by \$133,375 and will facilitate the hiring and training of new staff, along with adjustments to various minor budget items.

**ACTION: Approved Resolution 26-04 by roll call vote**  
**MOTION: Strawser / SECOND: Bonomolo**  
**AYES: Bonomolo, Fleming, Strauss, Strawser, Tucker, Zabriskie**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: Hoek**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

10. Consideration and Approval of Amendment to Executive Director Employment Agreement with Mike Woodman  
Resolution 26-05

The Commission approved an amendment to Executive Director Mike Woodman's employment agreement, extending his term to January 2031 with provisions for compensation adjustments and annual cost-of-living increases. The cost-of-living adjustments will be in accordance with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics City Average index.

**ACTION: Approved Resolution 26-05 by roll call vote**  
**MOTION: Strauss / SECOND: Fleming**  
**AYES: Bonomolo, Fleming, Strauss, Strawser, Tucker, Zabriskie**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: Hoek**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

11. Correspondence
- A. Malia M. Cohen, California State Controller, Fiscal Year 2025-26 First Quarter State of Good Repair Program Allocation, File 370.2.1, 11/13/2025
  - B. Malia M. Cohen, California State Controller, Fiscal Year 2025-26 First Quarter State Transit Assistance Allocation, File 1370.0, 11/13/2025
12. Executive Director's Report

NCTC Executive Director Mike Woodman reviewed the Executive Director's Report which focused on the State Route 49 Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project. In December NCTC staff presented an overview of the project at the Nevada City Council meeting, with a summary of the comments that were received from the public Open House that was hosted by Caltrans and NCTC in October. Concerns had been raised about increased traffic on Orchard Street resulting from the project, and construction cost estimates indicated that the construction phase of the project is \$5 million above the grant funding approved. Mike outlined plans to seek scope adjustments from the California

Transportation Commission, including eliminating the roundabout at Maidu Avenue and reducing improvements at the Coyote Street intersection.

There was discussion by the commission about recent accidents on Highway 20 between Rough and Ready Highway and State Route 49, expressing interest in obtaining accident reports and conducting another safety assessment with Caltrans. Mike noted that while statistics are available, full reports may be limited due to ongoing investigations. He will follow up with the California Highway Patrol and Caltrans Safety Department to clarify what reports or other information can be obtained.

It was brought up that there is a need for more robust road safety measures, particularly median barriers, on Highway 20 due to the increased speed of drivers on that stretch of road. It was observed that there has been an increased CHP presence on Highway 20 in response to accidents.

Praise was given by the commission regarding the responsiveness of NCTC staff in addressing community concerns in regard to projects, expressing appreciation for staff’s willingness to schedule meetings, meet with citizens, take their calls, and engage with stakeholders, in an effort to respond to their feedback.

13. Project Status Report

Sam Vandell, Caltrans District 3 Project Manager for Nevada County, was not in attendance at the meeting, however commissioners shared thoughts on the January Caltrans Project Report provided. Appreciation was expressed by the commission to Sam for the merge arrows that have been installed on State Route 49 past the Wolf/ Combie intersection. However, the material used for the merge arrows is deteriorating, so a request was made to replace the material with something more permanent.

A request was made for an update from Caltrans on the resurfacing project for Highway 20 between Rough and Ready and Highway 49, including any schedule changes due to funding shortfalls.

A request was made to schedule a future agenda item regarding evacuation route clearing within Grass Valley's jurisdiction, including coordination with the upcoming Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no commission announcements.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the NCTC has been scheduled for March 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grass Valley City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Lynn, Administrative Assistant

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robb Tucker, Chair  
Nevada County Transportation Commission