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TOM IVY – Grass Valley City Council
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DUANE STRAWSER – Member-At-Large
ROBB TUCKER – Nevada County Board of Supervisors, Chair
JAN ZABRISKIE – Town of Truckee



MICHAEL WOODMAN, Executive Director
AARON HOYT, Deputy Executive Director

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MINUTES OF NCTC MEETING July 15, 2026

A regular meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, in the Truckee Town Hall Council Chambers, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, California, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance.

Members Present: Doug Fleming
Susan Hoek
Tom Ivy
Jay Strauss
Duane Strawser
Robb Tucker
Jan Zabriskie

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

Standing Orders: 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.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Financial Reports
April, May 2026
2. NCTC Minutes
May 20, 2026 NCTC Meeting Minutes
3. TDA Allocation Request from Nevada County
Resolution 26-16
4. TDA Allocation Request from the City of Grass Valley
Resolution 26-17

5. TDA Allocation Request from the City of Nevada City
Resolution 26-18
6. Grass Valley, Nevada City, Town of Truckee, and Nevada County Local Participation Subrecipient Agreements for FY 2026/27
Resolution 26-20
7. Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Program of Projects
Resolution 26-21

ACTION: Approved Consent Items by roll call vote

MOTION: Hoek / **SECOND:** Strawser

AYES: Fleming, Hoek, Ivy, Strauss, Strawser, Tucker, Zabriskie

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION ITEMS

8. FY 2024/25 Fiscal and Compliance Audits
Resolution 26-22

Auditor Ingrid Shepline of Richardson & Company LLP presented the annual fiscal and compliance audits for NCTC and its partner jurisdictions. The results were positive, showing a clean audit for all jurisdictions with no findings or compliance issues, and no matters considered to be material weaknesses.

In the NCTC audit the auditor highlighted healthy fund balances across multiple transportation funding sources and praised NCTC's administrative staff for maintaining strong financial practices. Commissioners unanimously adopted Resolution 26-22 accepting the audits.

ACTION: Approved Resolution 26-22 by roll call vote

MOTION: Strawser / **SECOND:** Zabriskie

AYES: Fleming, Hoek, Ivy, Strauss, Strawser, Tucker, Zabriskie

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. FY 2026/27 State Budget Overview Presentation by Chris Lee, Politico Group
Comments provided

Chris Lee of NCTC's state advocacy team Politico Group provided an overview of the newly adopted California budget and several transportation related bills moving through the Legislature.

Key statewide issues include:

- A balanced state budget through FY 2027–28, with long term deficits still projected.
- Unresolved status for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which supports programs such as the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.
- Continued flexibility for transit agencies struggling with post pandemic ridership and farebox requirements.
- Active legislation aimed at improving rural transportation planning, including reforms to Vehicle Miles Traveled analysis (AB 2059) and updates to the Active Transportation Program (AB 2168). Several bills were amended specifically to ensure rural counties like Nevada County are not disadvantaged by statewide policy changes (AB 2560, SB 1423)

Chris concluded with a preview of November 2026 ballot measures, including Prop 43 (restoring two thirds voter approval for special taxes) and Prop 45, a CEQA reform imposing strict timelines and limiting alternatives analysis for transportation, housing, energy, broadband, and water projects. Commissioners asked for clarification about transit lanes, CEQA timelines, and rural applicability. No formal action was taken, this was an informational presentation only.

10. Sierra Express Bicycle Club Presentation by Katherine Thompson
Comments provided

Katherine Thompson, president of Sierra Express Bicycle Club, presented the club's strategic plan and shared results from a countywide cycling survey with more than 500 responses. The findings show strong interest in biking but significant concerns about safety. The club's vision is for Nevada County to have safe, accessible, and connected bikeways between Grass Valley, Nevada City, and nearby communities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. The club's goal is to have, by the end of 2028, a shared map of local bicycle routes developed collaboratively with planners, engineers, and decision-makers.

Key survey findings included:

- 80% of respondents feel unsafe biking on local roads.
- Many residents live within 5 miles of town centers—ideal for short bike trips.
- Infrastructure gaps, poor shoulder maintenance, and lack of connected routes were top issues.
- The most requested improvement is a safe, connected corridor between Grass Valley and Nevada City.

Katherine emphasized that cycling is not just recreation, it is a practical transportation option that can reduce congestion, improve health, and support local climate goals. Commissioners discussed data collection challenges, difficulties in reliable accident reporting, the importance of building infrastructure to increase demand, and opportunities to better integrate cycling needs into future planning. It was noted that work done to improve shoulders in the Truckee corridor is an example of cycling participation increasing exponentially after infrastructure improvements. A study was cited showing that improved walking and biking trails increase adjacent economies more than 95% of the time. A local cycling organization, Bonk, was suggested as a potential partner for Eastern County outreach. Staff noted that Nevada City and Town of Truckee are currently updating their active transportation plans, and that recent planning efforts reflect growing momentum. NCTC staff

committed to continuing coordination with Sierra Express Bicycle Club in future active transportation planning processes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Project Status Report

A. Caltrans District 3 – Sam Vandell, Caltrans District 3 Project Manager for Nevada County.

Sam Vandell, Caltrans District 3 Project Manager for Nevada County, provided updates on several major projects:

- Ongoing grinding and paving in progress on Highway 20 from 5 Mile House to the intersection with I-80 with one-way traffic control in effect causing up to 10–15 minute delays.
- Highway 20 Yuba Pass bridge replacement project, with eastbound Highway 20 closed, westbound Highway 20 open, and a detour via Route 174.
- The Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Project moving into design phase with construction expected in 2028.
- Vision Zero shoulder widening project in design phase, targeting 2028 construction.

These projects aim to improve safety, mobility, and emergency evacuation routes across the region.

B. Truckee Transportation Program Update – Alfred Knotts, Assistant Public Works Director for Town of Truckee

Alfred Knotts, Assistant Public Works Director for Town of Truckee, delivered a comprehensive update on Truckee’s transit, microtransit, trails, capital projects, and tax measures. Highlights included:

- TART Connect microtransit continues to exceed expectations, carrying about 500-600 passengers per day and over 600,000 riders since launch, a five time increase over the number of passengers carried before the program began.
- BCycle E-bike Share Program is entering its fourth year funded through alternative sources including supplemental funding from NCTC.
- Van pool program slowly expanding with support from Carbon Reduction Program funds.
- Launch of a new Transit app integrating TART Connect and fixed route, providing real time ETAs.

Major capital projects include Active Transportation Plan updates to Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan; Donner Lake safety improvements; Mobility Hub Phase 2B construction; Transit maintenance garage; Guardrail Replacement Project; paving, drainage, trail, and striping projects; roadway vegetation removal project; public art installations at roundabouts; maintenance of the Town’s 16 bridges; and Reimagine Bridge Street project including traffic signals, quiet zone, ADA-accessible sidewalks, crosswalks, and vehicle/pedestrian gates at railroad crossing.

Truckee voters recently renewed multiple transportation related tax measures with strong support, providing long term fiscal stability.

12. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mike Woodman provided an overview of NCTC activities.

NCTC submitted two major Active Transportation Program (Cycle 8) grant applications:

- \$4.3 million for the Rough & Ready Multimodal Roundabout Project construction phase
- \$2 million for Nevada City's Zion Street Mobility and Accessibility Improvement Project, project approval environmental documentation and design phase

The Active Transportation Program grant program is very competitive, but in coordinating with the local jurisdictions and conducting initial planning efforts, NCTC and the jurisdictions have been successful in the last several cycles in getting projects awarded. They hope to be successful in this upcoming cycle as well. Statewide Active Transportation Program recommendations will be released in November with final adoption on December 3, 2026.

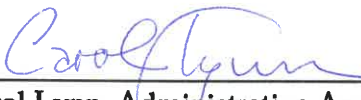
Deputy Executive Director Aaron Hoyt was recognized for completing his 2-year term as Chair of the Rural Counties Task Force, a statewide advisory committee to the California Transportation Commission representing 26 rural regional transportation planning agencies. Mike praised Aaron for doing a masterful job representing not only NCTC, but the Rural Counties Task Force in state transportation policy and funding decisions.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no commission announcements.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the NCTC has been scheduled for September 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grass Valley City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

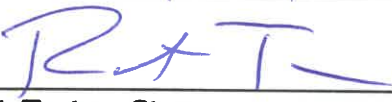
Respectfully submitted by:


Carol Lynn, Administrative Assistant

Approved on:

Sept 16, 2026

By:


Robb Tucker, Chair
Nevada County Transportation Commission