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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Michael Woodman, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

DATE: March 18, 2026

STATE ROUTE 49 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Pre-construction work began in early February with tree clearing in the project limits and initiation of utility relocation activities. Tree removal work is anticipated to be completed by the end of March. The main construction activities are scheduled to start in June 2026. Caltrans is the lead agency for the construction project and Granite Construction, Inc. of Sacramento is the prime contractor for the project. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2029. The purpose of this project is to improve safety, operations, and evacuation readiness.

The SR 49 Corridor Improvement Project scope of work includes the construction of both a southbound and northbound truck climbing lane, resulting in two lanes in both directions between McKnight Way Interchange and the signal at SR 49 and La Barr Meadows Road, 10' shoulders, a 16' wide continuous two-way left turn lane, southbound right turn lanes at Bethel Church Way, Smith Road, and Crestview Drive, and construction of a new entrance on SR 49 to the new Nevada County Transit Operations Center. Other safety features include enhanced wet night visibility striping, rumble strips, and pavement edge treatments. A wildlife undercrossing with fencing will also be installed as part of this phase to help reduce deer strikes in this segment of the corridor.

REVISIONING TRANSIT IN WESTERN NEVADA COUNTY / COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) in coordination with the Nevada County Transit Services Division has contracted with the consulting firm Toole Design to conduct a planning effort to complete a comprehensive operational analysis of the existing transit services and to determine how to best serve residents of Nevada County. The improvement analysis will consider all options, including enhancements to the existing traditional fixed route and paratransit systems, as well as alternative transit delivery options, such as micro transit and general public dial-a-ride. The purpose of the study is to determine if and how transit services can be improved to provide greater system coverage, frequency, and operational efficiency within funding constraints.

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The consultant team has been collecting and analyzing data on the existing transit services and conducting public outreach efforts. Outreach efforts to date have included an online community survey, pop-up in-person engagement tables at the Madelyn Helling Library on February 11, 2026, and at the Tinloy Transit Center on February 23, 2026, and an in-person public workshop was held at the Madelyn Helling Library on February 25, 2026. Input from the public will be documented and considered in the development of potential service improvements/modifications. Following the development of the draft recommendations, the consultant team will hold another public workshop that will be held later this summer. Input received from the public will be considered in the development of the draft report that is scheduled to be completed in July 2026. The draft report will be presented to the Transit Services Commission, Grass Valley City Council, Nevada City Council, and the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.