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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Michael Woodman, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

DATE: September 16, 2026

NEVADA COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) staff will be releasing a Request for Proposals in October of 2026, seeking proposals from transportation planning consulting firms to assist NCTC in the preparation of an update to the countywide 2019 Nevada County Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The planning effort will evaluate active transportation needs, identify and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian improvements in coordination with the County of Nevada, City of Grass Valley, City of Nevada City, and Town of Truckee. The timing of the update is in coordination and in conjunction with the following related planning efforts being conducted by the Town of Truckee, City of Nevada City, and City of Grass Valley:

- Town of Truckee: Currently underway with a planning effort to update the [2015 Trails and Bikeways Master Plan](#) through development of a new Town of Truckee ATP
- City of Nevada City: Currently underway with the development of a Nevada City Active Transportation, Trails, and Complete Streets Master Plan
- City of Grass Valley: (1) Future Paths Grass Valley: Everyday Mobility Connecting People and Places (Request for Proposals released August 12, 2026, with submittals due September 15, 2026); (2) Trolley Trail Planning Study (Release of Request for Proposals anticipated September 2026)

Public involvement and outreach activities (i.e., community and stakeholder meetings, public forums, on-line surveys, etc.) will be an integral component of this study. Preparation of the update will provide an opportunity to build upon the previous Nevada County ATP and make revisions and additions based on local jurisdiction and community input. The Nevada County ATP serves as a blueprint to help secure funding to implement active transportation needs and support the development of accessible, safe, and connected bicycle and pedestrian networks. The recommended projects and priorities will be tied to measurable goals and objectives that will be developed based on both community input as well as technical considerations throughout the process.

The ATP update will also provide all of the necessary information and analysis required by the California Transportation Commission's state guidelines for the development of ATPs. By recommending prioritization of improvements, the Plan shall guide and assist local agency efforts to secure funding to implement active transportation improvements.

RE-ENVISIONING TRANSIT IN WESTERN NEVADA COUNTY - COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

NCTC in coordination with the Nevada County Transit Services Division are underway with a transit planning study to analyze the existing transit system in western Nevada County. The study will utilize existing ridership, travel trend, performance, and demographic data with community input to identify potential modifications to existing services that could be made within existing funding constraints, and future potential enhancements that could be made if additional funding was available. Feedback from residents, transit users, and stakeholders is being gathered to identify priorities and potential transit system improvements that could better serve the community.

The second Public Open House for the Re-Envisioning Transit in Western Nevada County project took place on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The in-person meeting was held in the Gene Albaugh Community Room at the Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City. An online option was also available for the presentation portion of the meeting via Zoom. A total of 10 community members attended the meeting in person, along with representatives from the Nevada County Transit Services Division, Nevada County Transportation Commission, and the consultant team.

The purpose of the workshop was to share details about proposed transit service alternatives in Western Nevada County and gather feedback on service priorities to help refine the final transit plan. The meeting included a presentation by Omar Peters of Toole Design Group, covering the current status of Western Nevada County's transit system and proposed service adjustments. The presentation also highlighted transit goals, community engagement activities, proposed service scenarios based on available funding and resources, trade-offs between service priorities, potential changes to core and regional routes, and future service options such as microtransit.

Additional outreach efforts are being planned for the communities of Penn Valley and North San Juan. The consultant team is scheduled to provide a presentation to the Transit Services Commission (TSC) at their regularly scheduled September 16, 2026 meeting providing an overview of the study progress to date. The consultant team is currently working on scheduling presentations to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, City of Nevada City, and City of Grass Valley over the next couple of months. The draft report is anticipated to be available for review and comment in October.