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MINUTES OF NCTC MEETING May 20, 2026

A regular meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, in the Grass Valley City Hall Council Chambers, 125 E. Main Street, Grass Valley, California, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance.

Members Present: Lou Ceci
Susan Hoek
Tom Ivy
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
January, February, March 2026
2. NCTC Minutes
March 18, 2026 NCTC Meeting Minutes
3. Revised Findings of Apportionment for FY 2026/27
Resolution 26-12
4. Federal Fiscal Year 2025/26 Regional Surface Transportation Program Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2026/27 Bid Targets
Bid Target table approved

ACTION: Approved Consent Items by roll call vote
MOTION: Hoek / **SECOND:** Ceci
AYES: Ceci, Hoek, Ivy, Strawser, Tucker, Zabriskie
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION ITEMS

5. Final FY 2026/27 Overall Work Program Resolution 26-13

The Commission approved the Final FY 2026/27 Overall Work Program, which incorporated comments from Caltrans, Nevada County, and the Town of Truckee. The Final OWP includes the update of the Nevada County Active Transportation Plan, as well as \$50,000 in planning funds for Town of Truckee's Active Transportation Plan.

A concern was raised about growing congestion along Brunswick Road, suggesting a corridor-level planning study. Executive Director Mike Woodman agreed that proactive planning would be beneficial and offered to explore grant opportunities.

In response to a request for updates, Executive Director Mike Woodman reported on ongoing work with Caltrans regarding rural VMT methodologies, including legislative efforts such as AB 2059, which would exempt rural evacuation projects from VMT mitigation. Regarding airport land use, Mike stated that recent project reviews were deemed compatible with the land use compatibility plan. Concerning congestion at the Donner Pass Road interchange, Mike stated that he could coordinate with Truckee and Caltrans on the issue and that the OWP's regional coordination tasks are broad enough to support NCTC involvement.

ACTION: Approved Resolution 26-13 by roll call vote
MOTION: Ceci / **SECOND:** Ivy
AYES: Ceci, Hoek, Ivy, Strawser, Tucker, Zabriskie
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. Bryce Consulting Compensation Survey Resolution 26-14

Shellie Anderson of Bryce Consulting presented findings and recommendations from a compensation study conducted in accordance with NCTC's 2016 compensation policy, which calls for a survey approximately every five years. Eight comparable agencies were surveyed. The study evaluated total compensation, including base pay, deferred compensation, auto and cell allowances, and insurance. Anderson reported that NCTC falls behind the market on total compensation primarily because health insurance contributions have not increased since 2015, while health insurance rates have risen 85% over that period. Anderson recommended increasing the health contribution based on the Silver PPO

plan, with 100% for the employee and 75% for dependents, and setting total compensation 5% above market to account for NCTC's lack of a CalPERS defined benefit retirement plan.

Commissioners discussed the inclusion of Placer County in the comparison group due to its larger size and budget. Anderson recalculated figures without Placer County, showing that NCTC would be slightly above market in total compensation rather than 9.41% below market. Executive Director Mike Woodman noted that employees on the family health plan pay approximately \$1,700 out of pocket per month, and commissioners acknowledged that the health insurance gap was a significant concern. Mike confirmed that the current budget can accommodate the recommended increases. The Commission voted 4–2 to adopt Resolution 26-14 as recommended.

ACTION: Approved Resolution 26-14 by roll call vote

MOTION: Zabriskie / SECOND: Ceci

AYES: Ceci, Hoek, Strawser, Zabriskie

NOES: Ivy, Tucker

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and Carbon Reduction Program
Project Funding Recommendations for FFY 2025/26
Resolution 26-15

Deputy Executive Director Aaron Hoyt presented CMAQ funding recommendations for FY 2025/26. Aaron explained that CMAQ funds are available to Western Nevada County only due to federal ozone non-attainment status, while Carbon Reduction Program funds are available countywide. A joint call for projects was issued May 1 for approximately \$2.5 million. Four CMAQ projects totaling \$823,165 were recommended: the Rough and Ready Highway/Ridge Road/Adam Avenue intersection, the Searls Avenue sidewalk project, the SR 174/49/20 roundabout/ATP safety project, and SR 49 video detection. A remaining CMAQ balance of \$1.37 million will be loaned to another RTPA or MPO for use this fiscal year.

For the Carbon Reduction Program, \$341,000 was recommended for the SR 49 Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project. The Commission unanimously approved Resolution 26-15, and the Executive Director was authorized to negotiate a loan agreement for remaining CMAQ funds with another RTPA or MPO.

ACTION: Approved Resolution 26-15 by roll call vote

MOTION: Ceci / SECOND: Ivy

AYES: Ceci, Hoek, Ivy, Strawser, Tucker, Zabriskie

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Project Status Report

Sam Vandell, Caltrans District 3 Project Manager for Nevada County, was not present, however his written report was provided. No commissioners raised specific questions.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mike Woodman provided an overview on several projects and community engagement activities.

NCTC and Caltrans presented updates on SR 49 projects at a community forum to provide project information and respond to public questions.

A final public workshop for the Zion/Sacramento Street Mobility Project was held April 2 at the Miners Foundry. Business owners and residents expressed concerns about parking loss. The project team revised designs to preserve parking and is coordinating with the school district. Nevada City Council authorized NCTC to submit an ATP Cycle 8 application.

Updated cost estimates for the SR 49 Multimodal Corridor Project revealed a \$5 million shortfall. To stay within budget and address community concerns, the project removed the roundabout at Maidu Avenue, and the left-turn pockets at Coyote Street. Pedestrian-activated crossings and trail connections will remain. The California Transportation Commission staff approved these modifications.

Commissioners discussed potential wildlife undercrossings, shoulder improvements, and future bicycle connectivity between Alta Sierra and Grass Valley. Mike confirmed that a wildlife undercrossing is planned and discussed the possibility of a future pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing at an estimated cost of \$5 million. He agreed to schedule a meeting with Caltrans representatives to review plans. Mike also noted that the update to the Nevada County Active Transportation Plan could incorporate potential trail connections. Commissioner Zabriskie commended NCTC for its responsiveness to community input on both the SR 49 Multimodal Corridor project and the Zion Street project.

10. Correspondence

- A. Katherine Thompson, President, Sierra Express Bicycle Club of Nevada County, Vision and Goals for Safer Bicycling in Nevada County, File 71.0, 3/27/2026
- B. Michael Woodman, Executive Director, Nevada County Transportation Commission, AB 2059 (Wilson): California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impacts: vehicle miles traveled: mitigation – As amended on April 22, 2026 – SUPPORT, File 570.0, 4/28/2026
- C. Michael Woodman, Executive Director, Nevada County Transportation Commission, AB 2168 (Wicks) – Active Transportation Program: guidelines – As amended on March 16, 2026 – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED, File 570.0, 4/9/2026

- D. Michael Woodman, Executive Director, Nevada County Transportation Commission, SB 1423 (Stern): Transportation funding: State Transportation Improvement Program: Active Transportation Program – As amended on March 25, 2026 – OPPOSE, File 570.0, 4/9/2026
- E. Malia M. Cohen, California State Controller, Fiscal Year 2025-26 Third Quarter State of Good Repair Program Allocation, File 370.2.1, 5/11/2026
- F. Malia M. Cohen, California State Controller, Fiscal Year 2025-26 Third Quarter State Transit Assistance Allocation, File 1370.0, 5/11/2026

The Sierra Express Bicycle Club submitted a letter requesting an opportunity to present their vision and goals for cycling in Nevada County at the July NCTC meeting.

Executive Director Mike Woodman highlighted several legislative position letters aligned with NCTC's legislative platform, including support for AB 2059, which would exempt rural projects from VMT mitigation when focused on safety or evacuation. NCTC opposed AB 2168, which would make changes to Active Transportation Program guidelines that would not prioritize regional needs, and SB 1423, which would place constraints on State Transportation Improvement Program funding. Mike noted the importance of maintaining flexibility in efforts to secure funding for local projects.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Lou Ceci announced his retirement effective June 30 and expressed appreciation for his time on the Commission and for the professionalism of NCTC staff. Commissioners also discussed the future of transportation funding in California, including the status of a potential transition from gas taxes to mileage-based user fees, a topic that is scheduled to be addressed in a presentation by NCTC's state advocate at the July meeting.

Staff will provide alternative travel route information for the July 15, 2026 meeting in Truckee due to construction on Highway 20.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the NCTC has been scheduled for July 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Truckee Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Carol Lynn, Administrative Assistant

Approved on:

July 15, 2026

By:



Robb Tucker, Chair
Nevada County Transportation Commission