



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 15, 2026  
**To:** Nevada County Transportation Commission  
**From:** Alfred Knotts, Assistant Public Works Director  
**Subject:** Truckee Multi-Modal Transportation Program Fiscal Year 2025/26 Update

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This memorandum provides the Town of Truckee's Fiscal Year 2025/26 update on transportation and transit program initiatives, active transportation planning, the Railyard Mobility Hub, and other transportation related capital improvement projects. The Town continues to advance a multimodal transportation system that improves mobility options, supports regional connectivity, reduces single-occupant vehicle trips, and strengthens access for residents, employees, and visitors.

The following update is organized to highlight current transportation and transit program initiatives first, followed by the Active Transportation Plan, the Railyard Mobility Hub, other transportation capital projects, and the local funding measures that help support these investments.

### Transportation and Transit Program Initiatives

#### TART and TART Connect Growth

The Town continues to see strong growth in overall transit use, driven largely by the continued success of TART Connect. Since launching as a pilot program in 2022, TART Connect has transitioned from a temporary demonstration service into a core component of Truckee's public transit system and is now funded primarily through Measure E, a local ½% sales tax for Town Essential Services.

TART Connect has significantly expanded access to transit in neighborhoods and areas not well served by fixed-route service, helping connect riders to downtown, employment, services, recreation, and regional transit connections. The service has helped grow annual transit ridership from approximately 35,000 trips prior to launch to roughly 200,000 trips per year, with TART Connect carrying an average of approximately 500 passengers per day compared to approximately 95 passengers per day on the Truckee TART fixed-route and Dial-A-Ride system.

#### Consolidation of TART Services Under One Contractor

As of July 1, 2026, the Town consolidated its Truckee TART services under one transit operations contract. This is an important operational milestone that brings fixed-route, Dial-A-Ride/ADA paratransit, and TART Connect microtransit services under a single contract structure.

The consolidation is intended to improve coordination across service types, streamline contract administration, create more consistent customer service and dispatch practices, and better integrate fixed-route and on-demand service. This approach also positions the Town to manage service performance, data reporting, operator coordination, and future service adjustments more efficiently as demand for local and regional transportation options continues to grow.

## Real-Time Fixed-Route Tracking

In early 2026, the Town implemented real-time vehicle tracking for the Truckee TART fixed-route system through the Swiftly platform. Riders can now view real-time bus locations, arrival predictions, and service alerts through commonly used trip planning tools, including Transit App, Google Maps, and Apple Maps.

This improvement is intended to make fixed-route transit easier and more predictable to use, particularly for riders making time-sensitive trips or connecting between services. By reducing uncertainty around bus arrival times, real-time information supports rider confidence, improves the customer experience, and helps make fixed-route transit a more attractive transportation option.

## Vanpool Program

The Town's vanpool program, which provides an \$800 subsidy monthly per vanpool, through the Carbon Reduction Program, continues to grow as part of the broader effort to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips and support Transportation Demand Management strategies in the Truckee-Tahoe region. The program now has three vanpools in service, providing a practical commute option for employees traveling to and from Truckee and surrounding employment centers.

Vanpools help reduce parking demand, traffic congestion, vehicle miles traveled, and emissions while providing participants with a more affordable and reliable shared commute option. The expansion to three active vanpools demonstrates increasing interest in commuter-focused transportation solutions that complement the Town's fixed-route, microtransit, bike share, and regional transit services.

## Bike Share Program

The Truckee pedal-assist e-bike share program, known as Truckee BCycle, continues to serve as an important first- and last-mile mobility option and a key component of the Town's Transportation Demand Management strategy. Since launching in summer 2023, the program has provided a convenient, low-emission option for short trips, connections to transit, and access to downtown, recreation, housing, and community destinations.

Since launch, the program has generated over 14,000 e-bike trips, more than 86,000 miles ridden, and an estimated 80,000 pounds of carbon offset. The Town is continuing the program in 2026 using identified grant and local funding resources while evaluating longer-term options for ownership, operations, funding partnerships, and potential future expansion.

## Truckee Bike Month

The Town also continued to expand local active transportation programming through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Truckee Bike Month. The 2026 program included a full calendar of events designed to encourage biking for transportation, recreation, school trips, and everyday errands, including Bike to School Day, a combined Bike Kitchen and helmet decorating event at the Truckee Branch Library, Bike Everywhere Day, and a month-long Bike Month Bingo Challenge.

The Bike Month Bingo Challenge drew about 35 completed submissions, including participation from elementary-age riders, and encouraged activities such as replacing car trips with bike trips, riding with friends, and exploring new trails. Local businesses and community partners supported the effort through prizes, discount cards, water bottles, gift cards, and raffle donations. The positive response and increased participation demonstrate growing community interest in biking as a practical, healthy, and sustainable transportation option.

## Active Transportation Plan Update

In June 2026, the Town Council authorized a Professional Services Agreement with GFT for development of the Town of Truckee Active Transportation Plan in an amount not to exceed \$255,806. The plan will update and replace the 2015 Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan, which is now more than ten years old and has seen many of its high-priority recommendations implemented.

The Active Transportation Plan will establish an implementation-focused framework for improving walking, bicycling, rolling, shared micromobility, and other active transportation options throughout Truckee. The effort will evaluate emerging mobility trends, including e-bikes, scooters, and other micromobility devices; identify active transportation network gaps and safety concerns; assess year-round accessibility needs; address wayfinding and policy needs; and improve connections between neighborhoods, schools, Downtown, commercial areas, transit, and recreation destinations.

The project builds on the Town's significant active transportation investments to date, including approximately 25 miles of Class 1 multi-use paved trails, 30 miles of Class 2 bike lanes, and 39 miles of Class 3 bike routes. It also directly supports the 2040 General Plan Mobility Element, including goals and policies related to pedestrian and bicycle facilities, regional coordination, and implementation of an updated active transportation planning framework.

The scope of work includes existing conditions analysis, GIS and data compilation, field review, a focused Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress analysis for Downtown Truckee and the Donner Lake area, a technical needs assessment, community and stakeholder engagement, project and program recommendations, project prioritization, development of a crosswalk policy and evaluation matrix, planning-level cost estimates, funding strategy, and draft and final plan preparation. The Town intends to use the ATP to guide future grant applications and advance implementation-ready projects.

Public engagement will be a central component of the process. The effort is expected to include internal Town coordination, a community stakeholder committee, workshops, pop-up events, surveys, interactive mapping tools, and targeted outreach to ensure participation from a broad cross-section of the Truckee community, including disadvantaged and underserved communities. NCTC has identified \$50,000 in Rural Planning Assistance funds in the NCTC Overall Work Program to support development of the ATP.

## **Railyard Mobility Hub Project**

The Railyard Mobility Hub remains one of the Town's most important multimodal capital investments. Located in Downtown Truckee, the Mobility Hub supports Truckee Local service, regional TART connections operated by Placer County, pedestrian and bicycle access, and passenger transfers between local and regional transportation services.

Earlier phases of the project established the core transit circulation and passenger infrastructure, including bus bays, passenger waiting areas, bicycle parking, a bike repair station, streetscape and landscaping improvements, utilities, stormwater improvements, snow storage, lighting, restroom facilities, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. These improvements have helped reduce inefficiencies that previously occurred at the Truckee Depot and have improved the downtown transfer environment.

The final major phase, Phase 2B, is intended to complete the overall Mobility Hub project. Phase 2B will add an approximately 1,000-square-foot climate-controlled transit passenger waiting facility, a driver break room, final streetscape and landscaping improvements, public common areas, and additional passenger amenities. These improvements will provide a safer, more comfortable, and more accessible year-round transit environment for passengers and operators.

Phase 2B was released for bid on July 1, 2026. Staff anticipate identifying a contractor in mid-August, with construction anticipated to begin as early as September 2026, subject to bid results and contract award. The project is estimated at approximately \$3.2 million and is supported by a combination of Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds, SB 1 Local Partnership Program funds, State Transit Assistance, State of Good Repair, and General Fund resources.

## **Other Transportation Capital Improvement Projects**

### **Transit Intermodal Operations Center / Transit Garages**

The Town is continuing to advance planning for a dedicated transit operations and storage facility to support fixed-route, Dial-A-Ride, TART Connect, and bike share operations. The project is intended to consolidate

transit service functions in one facility, provide dedicated vehicle storage and operational support space, expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and support other transportation programs such as e-bike share operations.

The project is anticipated to be funded through a combination of SB 125, General Fund, and future grant resources such as the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and FTA Section 5339. Construction is anticipated around 2030, subject to design progress, funding availability, and grant programming. Once implemented, the facility will improve operational efficiency, support fleet electrification, and strengthen the long-term resilience of the Town's transit system.

### **2026 Guardrail Replacement Project**

The 2026 Guardrail Replacement Project is a planned safety improvement project scheduled for construction in 2026 with an estimated cost of approximately \$1 million. The project is funded through a Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program grant and Measure V Sales Tax, including \$839,250 in HSIP grant funding awarded in December 2024.

The project will replace approximately 0.66 miles of existing guardrail at various locations to improve roadway safety, reduce hazards, and enhance protection for drivers along Town-maintained roadways.

### **2026 Paving, Drainage, Trail, and Striping Project**

The 2026 Paving, Drainage, Trail, and Striping Project is a planned infrastructure improvement project scheduled for construction in 2026 with an estimated cost of approximately \$11.6 million. The project is funded through Measure V, Measure R/U, Road Maintenance Reserve, SB 1 Local Partnership Program, and Tahoe Donner TSSA resources.

Planned improvements include approximately 13.5 miles of roadway paving, 2.6 miles of trail paving, and 11 miles of recessed striping to improve roadway conditions, drainage, trail connectivity, and overall transportation safety throughout the community.

### **2027 Bridge Maintenance Project**

The 2027 Bridge Maintenance Project is a planned infrastructure maintenance effort scheduled for construction in 2027 with an estimated cost of approximately \$350,000. Funded through Measure V Road Maintenance, the project will address repairs and maintenance needs for Town-maintained bridges based on recommendations from Caltrans Structure Maintenance and Investigations Bridge Inspection Reports.

Improvements will include repairs to key bridge components such as substructures, superstructures, decks, abutments, headers, rails, and other structural elements to extend bridge life and maintain safe transportation access.

### **2027 Roadway Vegetation Project**

The 2027 Roadway Vegetation Project is a planned maintenance project scheduled for construction in 2027 with an estimated cost of approximately \$500,000. The project will be funded through Measure V and Measure E and will focus on removing roadway vegetation along key corridors, including Donner Pass Road at Donner Lake, the Olympic Heights neighborhood, and Zone 5 (Glenshire) of the Public Works Rotational Maintenance Zones.

The project will improve roadway safety, visibility, and maintenance conditions by managing overgrown vegetation along Town roadways.

### **Church Street / Truckee Way Roundabout Art Project**

The Town completed the Church Street / Truckee Way Roundabout Art Project, adding a permanent public art feature at a prominent gateway to Downtown Truckee and the Railyard area. The project was advanced through the Public Art Commission of Truckee and integrates placemaking into a transportation facility that serves residents, visitors, and regional travelers.

In addition to enhancing the visual character of the roundabout, the project supports the Town's broader goal of incorporating public art, community identity, and high-quality urban design into transportation and public realm investments.

### **I-80 / Donner Pass Road / Coldstream Roundabout Public Art Project**

The Public Art at I-80 / Donner Pass Road / Coldstream Roundabout Project is a planned public art installation scheduled for construction in 2027. The project has an estimated art cost of approximately \$85,000, plus foundation costs, and will be funded through the Public Art Designation program.

The project will add artwork to the roundabout, enhancing the visual character and identity of the area while creating a welcoming gateway feature for residents and visitors traveling through Truckee.

### **Reimagine Bridge Street Project**

The Reimagine Bridge Street Project is a planned infrastructure improvement project scheduled for construction in 2027 with an estimated cost of approximately \$10.5 million. The project will be funded through Traffic Impact Fees, PLBP funding, SB 1 Local Partnership Program funding, and Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.

Planned improvements include interconnected traffic signals at the Bridge Street, Donner Pass Road, and East/West River Street intersections; installation of four vehicle gates and pedestrian gates at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing; connected ADA-accessible sidewalks; crosswalks at all corners; and creation of a Quiet Zone. Construction is expected to require a temporary Bridge Street closure between the railroad gates for approximately three months to complete the improvements.

### **Local Funding Measures and Fiscal Resilience**

Local self-help tax measures continue to provide a significant portion of the funding needed to deliver Truckee's transportation, trail, road maintenance, transit, and capital improvement priorities. These local funds are especially important because they provide flexible local resources, help meet grant match requirements, and allow the Town to leverage competitive state and federal funding opportunities.

Measure V, approved by Truckee voters in November 2008, extended the Town's pre-existing one-half cent sales tax for road maintenance for 20 years, with a sunset in 2028. Measure K, approved by Truckee voters in June 2026, extends this one-half cent sales tax indefinitely, which remains a critical source of funding for roadway preservation, bridge maintenance, guardrail replacement, and related transportation safety improvements.

Measure R, approved in 2014, created a dedicated funding source for Truckee's trail system and expired on September 30, 2024. It was renewed as Measure U, which became effective October 1, 2024. Measure U renewed and increased the local trail sales tax to one-half cent and is expected to provide approximately \$3.5 million annually for trail construction, trail maintenance and repair, safer routes to schools, bike lanes, and multi-use paths.

Measure E became effective April 1, 2025 and increased the local sales tax rate by one-half cent to fund essential services. The measure is estimated to generate approximately \$3.5 million annually and supports services such as wildfire preparedness, transit service for all users including seniors and people with disabilities, environmental protection, parks and community facilities, and workforce housing.

Together, Measures V(K), U, and E provide the Town with locally controlled funding that supports ongoing maintenance obligations, transit service continuity, active transportation investments, and major capital projects. This local commitment also strengthens the Town's ability to partner with NCTC and other regional, state, and federal agencies to deliver projects that improve mobility and safety across the Truckee region.

The Town appreciates the Commission's continued partnership, as well as the collaboration and guidance provided by NCTC staff. Staff would be pleased to answer any questions at the July Commission meeting. Questions in advance of the meeting may be directed to Alfred Knotts, Assistant Public Works Director, at [aknotts@townoftruckee.gov](mailto:aknotts@townoftruckee.gov) or (530) 582-2489.