



NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report for the January 21, 2015 Meeting

DATE: January 15, 2015

1. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NADO)
TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

December 3rd to December 5th I attended the NADO conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. I made presentations in two sessions of the conference. The first session was titled, "Rural and Small Metropolitan Approaches to Performance Measurement", and I provided the audience with an overview of how rural transportation planning agencies in California are utilizing the Rural Counties Task Force *Streets and Roads Performance Measurement Data Project* to integrate performance measurement into the transportation planning process. Completing this project has placed the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC), and the rural transportation planning agencies in California, at the front of agencies nationwide that are working to implement the performance management policies included in MAP-21.

The second session was titled, "Transportation Safety Planning", and I presented the planning and funding of the SR 49 La Barr Meadows Road Signalization and Widening project as a case study of a project that was not recognized as a "safety" project under statewide criteria, but was a "local safety" project.

2. RURAL COUNTIES TASK FORCE: *STREETS AND ROADS PERFORMANCE
MEASUREMENT DATA PROJECT*

On January 5, 2015, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Assessing Bridge and Pavement Condition for the National Highway Performance Program. A NPRM is a public notice issued by law when one of the agencies of the United States government wishes to add, remove, or change a rule or regulation as part of the rulemaking process. It is an important part of United States administrative law, which facilitates a process of taking public comment. The information included in the NPRM is being reviewed by our project consultant, NCE, and their analysis will be included in the final report for the *Streets and Roads Performance Measurement Data Project*. This will enable rural California agencies to make comments regarding performance measurement standards that will be adopted by the FHWA. NCE will complete the final report and deliver it to the Rural Counties Task Force by the end of January 2015.

3. INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE'S TRAILS AND BIKEWAYS MASTER PLAN AND EASTERN NEVADA COUNTY BICYCLE FACILITIES INTO THE NEVADA COUNTY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Town of Truckee is currently updating its Trails and Bikeways Master Plan and once the plan is completed, it will be amended into the Nevada County Bicycle Master Plan (NCBMP).

Fehr and Peers, in coordination with NCTC staff, has developed draft recommendations for bicycle facilities in eastern Nevada County (outside of the Town of Truckee), based on public input received during the coordinated outreach for the update of the Town's plan. Staff from NCTC and the Nevada County Department of Public Works met with bicycle advocates from eastern Nevada County/Truckee on January 14th to review and receive comment on the draft bicycle facilities. NCTC staff will present final recommendations for the draft bicycle facilities to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for their review and comment.

The updated Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan and the draft eastern Nevada County bicycle facilities will be incorporated into a proposed amendment to the NCBMP and will be presented to the NCTC for adoption in the spring of 2015.

4. MULTI-YEAR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STATUS

NCTC staff is coordinating review of the CMAQ projects submitted in response to NCTC's call for projects for FFY 2014/15 and FFY 2015/16. An initial ranking of the projects has been prepared by NCTC staff and draft recommendations are being reviewed with the jurisdictions. NCTC staff had intended to bring an amendment to the multi-year CMAQ program to NCTC in March for action, but may ask the Commission to hold a Special Meeting in February to approve the proposed projects. Approving an amendment to the Multi-Year CMAQ program at a Special Meeting would allow the jurisdictions that are proposing to complete both preliminary engineering and construction of projects in FFY 2014/15, to start their projects sooner.