



NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director *Daniel B. Landon*

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report for the May 19, 2010 Meeting

DATE: May 4, 2010

1. ADOPTION OF 2010 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

As noted in the March 17th Executive Director's Report, Nevada County's submittal for the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has been forwarded to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The Executive Director of the CTC is required by statute to present staff recommendations to the Commission, Caltrans, and regional agencies at least twenty days prior to the adoption of the STIP. The CTC staff recommendations were distributed on April 29th and will be reviewed on May 19th at the CTC meeting in Sacramento. Adoption of the STIP is scheduled for the next day, May 20th.

The publication of the CTC staff recommendations establishes a base for the final STIP adoption. The 2010 STIP has no new projects and consists primarily of rescheduling projects carried forward from the 2008 STIP. Because the cost of projects does not match the funding shares, some regions had less than their current share programmed while others had more. These imbalances will be remedied when new program capacity becomes available, whether in the 2012 STIP or earlier. When this occurs, the CTC's first priority for new programming will go to counties with unprogrammed share balances (Nevada County has a \$5 million unprogrammed share balance at this time).

The CTC staff recommendations strive to achieve as fair a distribution of reprogramming as possible, consistent with the fund estimate adopted by the CTC. CTC staff recognized NCTC's request for construction funding for the Dorsey Drive Interchange to be programmed in FY 2011/12. However, based on the fund estimate and other Regional Transportation Planning Agency requests, they are recommending that the Dorsey Drive Interchange construction funding be delayed until FY 2012/13. The recommendations note that if available funding is less than assumed, the Commission may be forced to further delay or restrict allocations. On the other hand, if available funding proves to be greater than assumed, it may be possible to allocate funding to some projects earlier than the year programmed. They also note that any advancement in funding for one project will require a compensating delay elsewhere.

2. STATUS OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING

On April 6th Caltrans confirmed that Federal Highways had directed them to not process any new projects identified for a second round of federal stimulus funding in the statewide federal project

listings. While Congress has not taken action on any further stimulus funding, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) formally kicked off a second round of Transportation Investments Generate Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grants. They have identified \$600 million in the regular FY 2010 appropriations for a new round of TIGER Grants. U.S. DOT is calling for pre-applications by July 16, 2010. Final applications are to be filed by August 23, 2010.

As with the first TIGER competition, projects applying for TIGER II must show a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. A key difference is that applications for TIGER II funds must put up at least 20% of a project's cost in non-federal matching funds. Another change is that Congress set aside at least \$140 million of the TIGER II Grants for projects in rural areas. There was no rural set-aside in the first round of funding.

3. SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT SR 20/49/UREN STREET INTERSECTION

In response to a request for information on the SR 20/49/Uren Street intersection by Commissioner Harris, Caltrans Safety Engineers have reviewed the statistics for this intersection and noted a collision pattern of cars getting hit pulling out to the left or through the intersection from Uren Street. Caltrans is working on improvements to alleviate this condition. Also, they are looking to see if the contract for the pavement improvement project that will be constructed this summer on SR 20 can be extended to include restriping of the intersection. If the restriping work cannot be added to the overlay project, Caltrans may need to prepare a minor project to accomplish the improvements.

4. WESTERN NEVADA COUNTY TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

On April 28th the consultant, Transit Resource Center, in coordination with staff from NCTC, held a second Community Mobility Summit to review the "*Western Nevada County Transit Development Plan (WNCTDP) Working Paper on Mobility Management Strategies*". Comments received at the workshop and comments from the Project Advisory Committee will be reviewed by the consultant and will be incorporated into the draft WNCTDP. The next step for the consultant is to develop the transit service and financial plan elements of the draft plan. The draft is scheduled to be presented to the Transit Services Commission (TSC) at their July 21, 2010 meeting. Because the TSC meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Truckee, NCTC staff is currently working with the Nevada County Transit Services Manager to reschedule the TSC meeting to a location in western Nevada County. The July 21, 2010 NCTC meeting will also be held at the same location.

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